

Report to	Burwash Parish Council
Date	8th December 2020
Subject	Cycling and Walking Pathway to Etchingham
From	Traffic & Transport Working Party

1. Background

- 1.1 In July 2020 the Department of Transport (DfT) published a new cycling and walking strategy, referred to as 'Gear Change'. The strategy is focussed on providing more space for people cycling and walking by reallocating more road space for either fully segregated cycle routes or closing roads to traffic to create low traffic neighbourhoods.
- 1.2 To help support this the DfT is establishing a national funding body and inspectorate, referred to as 'Active Travel England'. The role of this body will be to:
- Provide expert advice regarding scheme design and stakeholder consultation,
 - Administer funding & review funding applications,
 - Enforce scheme design standards and time limits on scheme delivery, and
 - Publish annual reports on highway authority's performance in relation to cycling and walking infrastructure.
- 1.3 To respond to this ESCC have commissioned a study to review the opportunities for delivering these types of schemes in the County.
- 1.4 They have also produced "The East Sussex Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan" (LCWIP) which sets out proposed cycling and walking network and measures within the County and are now consulting on the initial schemes they intend to submit for Government approval and funding.
- 1.5 The consultation also invites additional schemes to be submitted for consideration and this has provided the opportunity for the Parish Council to put forward the item already contained within the Traffic & Transport Working Party workstream to provide a Cycling and Walking Pathway between Burwash and Etchingham.
- 1.6 The draft submission is attached for consideration.

2. Matter for decision

- 2.1 The Parish Council are asked to receive the draft submission from the Traffic & Transport Working Party and
- a. consider the submission document
 - b. Resolve to submit this document to ESCC before the deadline of 11th December 2020