

## **Crewkerne & Ilminster LCN Active Travel working group**

### **Recommendations to the LCN**

The following recommendations, when agreed by the LCN, to be progressed by the LCN Officer and working group members, with Somerset Council's Executive Lead Member, Lead Officer and any other relevant Officer, National Highways and any other relevant party.

#### **1. Improve Active Travel safety and connectivity between Ilminster Town Centre and Southfields roundabout**

The Southfields roundabout on the A303/A358 is a dangerous barrier for walkers and cyclists. We want National Highways to make improvements, including reducing the speed limit from 60mph to 30mph and a staggered crossing of the A303 Honiton arm.

Station Road from the Stonemasons roundabout to Southfields roundabout is intimidating for cyclists. There is carriageway width to accommodate an extension of the shared path from Rose Mills Lane up to the zebra crossing near Home Farm Way, with a cycle lane from there to the Stonemasons roundabout. This could be funded by the Horlicks site s106 or CIL or by applying for UK Government AT funding.

#### **2. Maintenance of the Chard-Ilminster Shared Path**

The two Town Councils have agreed a programme of cutting back vegetation for 2024-25, and Persimmon have agreed to give £81k for resurfacing and new connections to the path from their site off Canal Way.

Somerset Council Estates have not engaged at all with this issue, despite owning the northern section. We demand that an Officer from Somerset Council plans and coordinates future maintenance and improvements, including asking for contributions from developments in Parishes neighbouring the Path.

#### **3. Create a safe and direct Shared Path from the Taylor Wimpey site to Crewkerne Town Centre**

Given Crewkerne's challenging topography and road network there is a one-time opportunity to create a good quality cycling and walking route from the town centre out to the major Taylor Wimpey development and onwards to Misterton.

A strategic Active Travel route features in the town's Neighbourhood Plan and the Town Council's Strategy.

The Town Council, Taylor Wimpey and a landowner are in discussions about a path starting in East Street. This is not safe or direct for cyclists.

The route needs to lead into the town centre car parks, which is the shopping destination. A Shared Path (to LTN1-20 standard) from the Henhayes Recreation Ground to the Taylor Wimpey site is required. All options for the route should be discussed.

Major funding could be from the s106 with Taylor Wimpey or from Sustrans Paths For All or similar. We suggest a working group is setup with representatives from the Town Council, Taylor Wimpey, Sustrans and Space4Crewkerne.

#### **4. Promote Walking in our area**

All LCN members should share information about walking activities and routes in our area.