

North Somerset Cycle Forum



Tuesday 25th Nov 2025

6.00pm – 8:00pm, Tithe Barn, Nailsea

Agenda	Actions
<p>1. Attendees Ade Reed (Chair) Peter Bailey Cllr James Tonkin Chris Price Mark Gentle Andrew Gough Roger Trubridge Ben Searle NSC STARS Officer Luke Turner NSC STARS Officer Cris Fletcher NSC STARS Officer Frankie Mann NSC STARS Officer Charlotte Stokes NSC STARS Officer</p> <p>Apologies Mike Johnston Stuart Lafferty Kire Thorpe Linda Hazzard Mark Singleton Guy Buckland Nigel Sloan Kire Thorpe</p>	
<p>2. Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Policy Team working with Highways colleagues to improve approach to vegetation clearance.</p> <p>BS spoke to Maintenance team who will engage with STARS Team to feed into the new guidance for Highways maintenance procedures. Engagement expected to start in summer.</p>	

3.	<p>Updates on Standing Items Royal Sands - Sand build up at site required moving and therefore works did not happen on scheduled day. Additional budget needed to be identified in case thus repeated/ This has now been resolved and will now be re-progressed to delivery asap (and within current financial year).</p>	
4.	<p>Nailsea Active Travel Network & Upcoming Projects</p> <p>LT has been working with stakeholders to identify a network of active travel improvements in Nailsea & Backwell. Two sessions in each location. First sessions looked at carriers and second sessions focussed on improvements.</p> <p>NSC also then engaged with wider public with a stand on High St. This showed that Golden Valley Path and Festival way needed prioritising along with Queen Rd.</p> <p>Whitesfield Road linking schools and residential areas also clear ask for improvements.</p> <p>Schemes identified have been added to NSC pipeline ready for further engagement, or to be prepared for other funding routes such as developer contributions.</p> <p>See Network Map– NSC Welcome views of the cycle forum.</p> <p>Support also shown for 20mph in Nailsea. Existing 20mph only on High St and around Scotch Horn. FM noted that evidence has suggested that insurance premiums are lower in areas with 20mph.</p> <p>JT – Queens Rd speeds do not appear to have improved speeds. Requires repeater signs for 30mph and at each end of the road.</p> <p>LT- 30mph enables additional infrastructure such as crossings on Queens Road.</p> <p>NSC will feedback the ask to install repeaters and Vehicle Activated Signage on Queens Road.</p> <p>Nailsea TC & NSC have been engaging on providing improvements from new developments: S106 funding for a path from Youngwood Development NSC are also looking at a route to the Railway Station</p> <p>NSC Scrutiny Panel asked officer to look at the Causeway to improve the conditions at this location.</p>	<p>All: See Network Map Linked Welcome views of the cycle forum.</p> <p>NSC: will feedback the ask to install repeaters and Vehicle Activated Signage on Queens Road.</p>

5.	<p>Nailsea & Backwell Wayfinding</p> <p>Nailsea & Backwell have convoluted routes with some large severance at areas such as Queens Road. The Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Trust (new name for Sustrans) have been commissioned to look at improving signage in the short-term and then to sign future routes.</p> <p>WWC have resource to deliver the results of this in the next month.</p>	
6.	<p>Local Plan Consultation</p> <p>New Local Plan</p> <p>Large housing allocation from central government that NSC must provide for takes us to 2041.</p> <p>Pre-submission plan – To be approved by NSC, this will then be submitted to central government.</p> <p>New developments have to be outside flood areas and need to be close to existing services.</p> <p>JT – Northern site is in the green belt but move is being made to remove it from the green belt. Baton Farm has been withdrawn. 3.5k new homes in Nailsea and near to 8k in Nailsea and Backwell. Current number of homes – 17,000 people</p> <p>Local plan creates new opportunities: For example: New road from Station, Heading East then joining A370, thereby avoiding the Backwell section of Station Rd. Link from Backwell Bow up to edge of Nailsea to avoid the North of Station Road. This uses land owned by Walk Wheel Cycle Trust.</p> <p>Consultation open until the 12th Dec:</p> <p>Webpage Link : https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/planning-policy/our-local-plan/local-plan-2041/pre-submission-plan-2041-reg-19-autumn-2025-consultation</p>	

<p>7.</p>	<p>Update on BSIP Hubs</p> <p>Funding for approx. 150 bus stops to be upgraded. All other bus stops being rebranded</p> <p>4 Main Transport Hubs / Interchanges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clevedon • Nailsea • Portishead • Worle Interchange upgraded <p>8 smaller local hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backwell (not currently being progressing) • Cleeve • Congresbury • Long Ashton • Pill • Weston Hospital • Worle High Street • Yatton <p>First and Last Mile improvements</p> <p>Hubs will include large high-quality bus shelters with green roofs, digital information, cycle facilities, seating and planting, parcel lockers, signage, defibrillator if fundings allows.</p> <p>Encourage interchange between modes.</p> <p>RT: Are TC looking after it and would NSC be keen? Could notice of the plans at the location be put up?</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Feedback from SL relayed regarding maintenance, Portishead High St closure, parking charges.</p> <p>Celebration 30 years of NCN attended by AR & BS. John Grimshaw outlined the work he has led, challenges faced and overcome.</p> <p>High number of Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (was Sustrans) redundancies.</p> <p>Strawberry Line link opening in Cheddar – Link to article.</p> <p>Strawberry Line – NSC are working with the Historic Railway Estate to agree permissive agreement under 3 structures to support extension towards Clevedon. Route beyond Lampley Rd unclear at present due to permissions.</p> <p>Next Meeting – To be held in either Portishead or WsM</p>	