

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE - 22 NOVEMBER 2017

QUESTION NO. 2 in accordance with Standing Order No.36

Tom Robinson to ask the Chair of Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee:

Reading Cycle Network Maps

I would like to ask if there are any plans for updating the various Reading Cycle Network maps with any new routes, for example NCN422. There may also be other route changes/additions I'm not aware of that need updating.

REPLY by the Chair of the Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport Committee (Councillor David Absolom):

I invite Councillor Page, the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning and Transport to make the response on my behalf.

REPLY by the Lead Councillor for Strategic Environment, Planning & Transport (Councillor Page):

I thank Mr Robinson for his question.

The Cycling in Reading Map was last updated in the Spring 2016 to reflect the delivery of a number of cycling schemes funded through the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) programme and Reading Station development. Key amendments included the addition of Christchurch Bridge, Napier Road Underpass and the cycle parking hub. Feedback from local cycling representatives was also incorporated into the revised map, including the simplification of the legend.

The development of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for the Reading urban area is expected to commence in Spring 2018 as reported to Traffic Management Sub-Committee earlier this month. This will involve the development of a network plan highlighting preferred cycle and walking routes for further investigation and a prioritised programme of infrastructure improvements for future investment, subject to funding. The Cycling in Reading Map will be updated to reflect the delivery of any revised or new routes established as part of this process as well as the inclusion of the NCN 422 route.