Arun Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan FAQs

What is a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)?

A Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) is a long-term plan that helps identify where improvements are needed to support walking, wheeling and cycling. It brings together local insight, data and analysis to show where better routes and safer connections could make active travel easier and more accessible for everyone.

Why are we doing this?

Short car journeys make up a large proportion of everyday travel, and these trips offer the greatest opportunity for people to walk, wheel or cycle instead. These forms of active travel are low-cost, healthy, accessible and environmentally friendly, and for many local journeys they can be quicker and more convenient than travelling by car.

Encouraging more people to walk, wheel or cycle for short trips can help reduce congestion, improve air quality, support healthier lifestyles and make our towns and villages more attractive places to live and visit. It also supports wider ambitions around climate action, sustainable transport and improving access to community facilities, workplaces, education and the outdoors.

By developing an LCWIP for Arun, we can take a long-term, evidence based approach to improving the routes and connections that matter most to local people, making it easier and safer for everyone to choose active travel where they can.

What does 'wheeling' mean?

'Wheeling' refers to people who use wheelchairs, mobility scooters, pushchairs or other non-motorised wheeled aids. Using this term helps make sure the needs of a wider range of people are included in the plan.

How will the LCWIP consider the needs of horse riders?

Horse riding is an important part of travel and recreation in many parts of Arun. While LCWIPs focus on walking, wheeling and cycling, we will also consider opportunities to support safer and better connected bridleways and multi-use routes where appropriate. We encourage equestrian users to share their experiences through this consultation so their needs can be reflected in the evidence.

Why are we consulting now?

This early consultation is an extra step that is not always included in the LCWIP process. We are choosing to consult at this stage because we want stakeholders and communities to play a meaningful role in shaping the plan from the very beginning, before any routes or priorities are drafted.

By sharing your everyday experiences of walking, wheeling and cycling in Arun, what works well, what doesn't, and where the barriers are, you will help build the evidence

base that informs the draft LCWIP. Your insight will directly influence the development of the proposed network and the priorities that follow in later phases.

What kind of feedback are you looking for?

We are asking for information about:

- Places where walking, wheeling or cycling feel unsafe or difficult;
- Missing links or poorly connected routes;
- Busy junctions or roads that create barriers;
- Well used routes or areas that work well today;
- Anything that would make active travel easier for you.

This insight will be used to understand priority issues across the district at this early stage.

Who can take part in this consultation?

Anyone with an interest in travel within Arun can take part, including residents, businesses, community groups, visitors, and people who travel through the district. We welcome feedback from all ages and abilities.

How will my feedback be used?

Your responses will be reviewed and analysed to identify common themes, issues and opportunities. This analysis will help shape the draft network and potential improvements that will be shared in a later consultation.

Does this consultation commit to delivering new routes or infrastructure?

No. This phase is about gathering information. The LCWIP identifies potential improvements over the long term, but delivering any option would depend on funding, feasibility and further detailed design.

What types of journeys does the LCWIP focus on?

The LCWIP focuses on everyday journeys such as travelling to school, work, shops, transport hubs, leisure facilities and local services, where walking, wheeling or cycling can be a practical and healthy choice. It also considers leisure and recreational trips, including journeys to seafronts, parks, countryside and the South Downs National Park, supporting safe and sustainable access for both residents and visitors.

Will the LCWIP include other forms of travel?

The LCWIP centres on walking, wheeling and cycling. Certain other forms of travel, such as powered scooters, are governed by national regulations and are not included unless permitted under future transport policy.

How long is this consultation open?

The consultation will remain open until the date specified on the consultation hub. Please share your views before the closing date so they can be included in the analysis.

What if I cannot take part online?

If you are unable to use the online form, please contact the project team. Paper copies or alternative formats can be provided on request to make participation accessible to as many people as possible.

Will there be another opportunity to comment later?

Yes. Once we have developed a draft LCWIP, including proposed routes and priorities, there will be a second public consultation, due in early summer 2026. This will give you the chance to comment on specific proposals before the plan is finalised.

What area does the Arun LCWIP cover?

The LCWIP covers the entire Arun district, including its towns, villages, rural areas and coastline. It aims to understand active travel connections across the district as a whole.

What happens after this consultation closes?

Your feedback will be analysed and used to shape the next stage of the LCWIP. This includes developing draft walking, wheeling and cycling networks, which will be shared for public review in Phase 2.

Who is preparing the LCWIP?

Arun District Council is developing the LCWIP with support from specialist transport consultants. The work is being carried out in partnership with West Sussex County Council, who are the Highway Authority responsible for the road network.

How will this work be coordinated with West Sussex County Council?

West Sussex County Council is the Highway Authority, and we will work closely with them throughout the process. Their involvement ensures that the LCWIP aligns with county wide transport policies and that any potential improvements identified are consistent with highway standards and could be considered for future delivery.

Will the LCWIP duplicate the Arun District Active Travel Network Plan?

No. The LCWIP will build on and complement the Arun District Active Travel Network Plan (2020). That plan provides valuable high-level evidence on key desire lines and opportunities. The LCWIP will refine and develop this information with updated data, local feedback and detailed analysis. The aim is to add value, not repeat work that already exists.