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## Barrow- in-Furness Cycling and Walking Consultation



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**5% of people in the Barrow-in-Furness area cycle to work, compared to the national average of 3%.**

**64% of people in the Barrow-in-Furness area travel less than 5km to work, compared to the national average of 35%.**

**36% of people in the Barrow-in-Furness area travel less than 2km to work, compared to the national average of 17%.**

**18% of people in the Barrow-in-Furness area walk to work, compared to the national average of 11%.**

**42% of children in the Barrow-in-Furness area walk to school compared to the County average of 27%.**

**2% of children in the Barrow-in-Furness area cycle to school compared to the County average of 3%.**



### Summary

We are holding a consultation on proposals to improve the cycling and walking network in Barrow-in-Furness, in order to promote more active travel and to make everyone feel confident they can walk or cycle.

Details of the proposed routes are included in this consultation document.

We want you to provide feedback on these proposals so we can develop the best possible Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Barrow-in-Furness. Please take the time to get involved, read this consultation document and provide your feedback.

### Background

Cumbria County Council and Barrow Borough Council are working together to deliver the shared ambition to increase cycling and walking in the Barrow-in-Furness area in line with the Government's 'Gear Change: A Bold Vision for Cycling and Walking' (July 2020) document. The Gear Change sets out a vision for travel revolution in England's streets, towns and communities:

“Because the potential benefits are huge: Increasing cycling and walking can help tackle some of the most challenging issues we face as a society - improving air quality, combatting climate change, improving health and wellbeing, addressing inequalities and tackling congestion on our roads. Bold action will help to create places we want to live and work - with better connected, healthier and more sustainable communities. It will help deliver clean growth, by supporting local businesses, as well as helping ensure prosperity can spread across the country and level up our nation”.

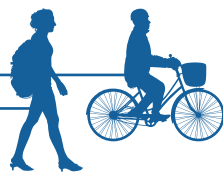
A large proportion of residents within Barrow-in-Furness live and work within the town. Barrow-in-Furness already boasts a strong culture of cycling despite the lack of modern cycling infrastructure. The compact nature of the town and small travel to work area creates ideal conditions for cycling and walking, with most trips to work occurring within the urban area to a small number of major employers.

This shows there is significant potential in Barrow-in-Furness for more journeys to be made by walking and cycling if the right conditions are put in place. The implementation of good quality cycling and walking infrastructure is key to getting more people to walk and cycle.

Many of us recognise the challenges of climate change and the urgent need to act. We know that being active is good for us and more of us have been walking and cycling throughout the Covid-19 pandemic and we would like to encourage this to continue. When asked what would make people maintain this, safe walking and cycling routes were the number one priority. The value of improved walking and cycling infrastructure in supporting communities is recognised by partners and reflected within the Brilliant Barrow Town Investment Plan.

As part of this partnership working we are developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Barrow-in-Furness. This will identify a cycling and walking network and the improvements identified will make it easier for everyone, regardless of age or ability to feel confident that they can walk or cycle.

The improvements identified in the LCWIP will be used to help to secure funding. Delivery of the improvements is subject to funding being secured.



## Development and delivery of the Plan

The Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP aims to support green growth through improving connectivity, both within Barrow and to Askam-in-Furness and Dalton-in-Furness. Suggested cycling and walking routes have been identified and a draft priority network is presented as part of this consultation. Some initial routes have been identified for phased delivery where funding is available.

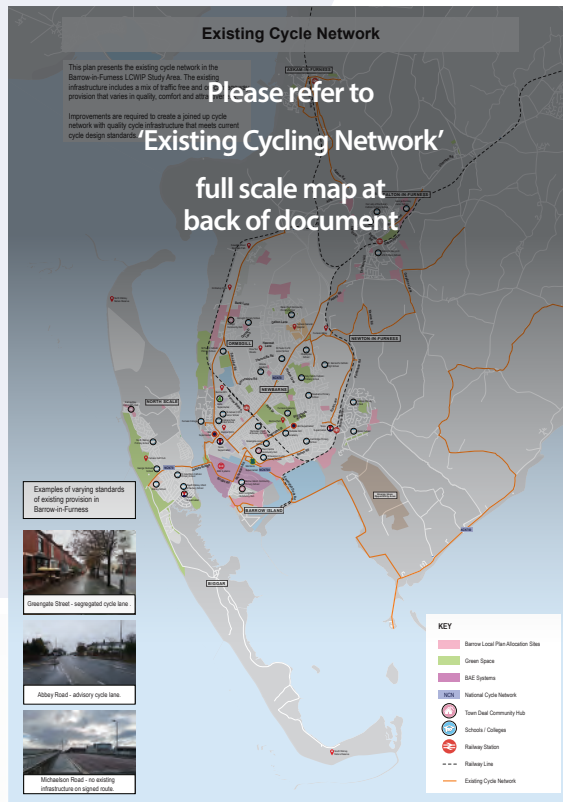
Delivery of the Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP is planned in the following phases:

- **Phase 1:** Bridge Road and Michaelson Road (Funding secured through the Active Travel Fund). Delivery by Spring 2022.
- **Phase 2:** Abbey Road, Roose Road and Town Centre Improvements (£4m funding investment identified as part of Barrow Town Deal Cycling and Walking Project with a Business Case required to release the funding). Delivery is expected to begin in 2023.
- **Phase 3:** Delivery of other improvements identified as part of the Barrow-in-Furness Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Subject to securing funding).
- **Phase 4:** Delivery of leisure routes (Subject to securing funding).

Having a clear plan for cycling and walking in Barrow-in-Furness will provide the best chance of securing funding for future phases.



## Cycling



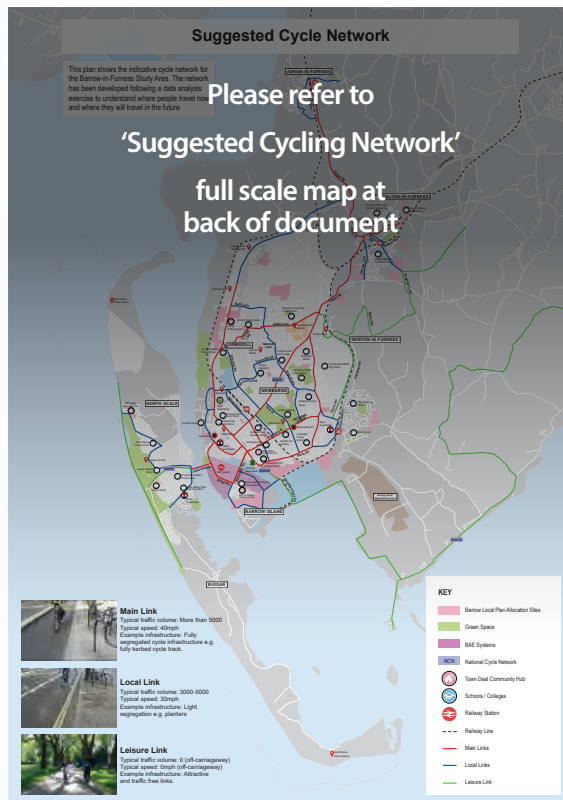
### Existing Cycling Network

As part of developing the Plan for cycling in Barrow-in-Furness the existing network has been considered.

Although there is already some existing cycling network, this may not meet the standards set out in the new government guidance.

We have also looked at where people want to travel from and to. This includes travel from residential areas to key destinations such as employment centres, rail and bus stations, schools, key services, supermarkets, green spaces and employment sites.

This plan shows key destinations and the existing cycle network. From this we can see gaps and where improvements could be made.



### Suggested Cycling Network

We have looked at where people in the Borough are currently traveling to and from and have considered future changes to the town, including new housing sites. Information has come from National Census data, school and workplace travel surveys and traffic counters.

This information was then used to identify where most people want to travel to and where they are coming from.

By applying these journeys to the existing network, a suggested network has been mapped. This is shown on the plan.



## Draft Priority Cycle Network

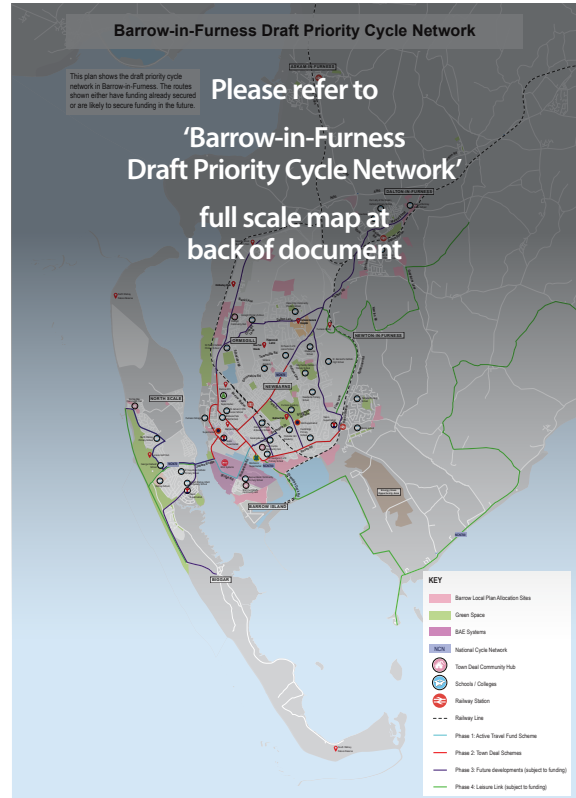
We have held workshops with partners and stakeholders to help identify a draft priority network based on the suggested network identified from the data.

This has enabled us to identify a draft priority cycle network that either has funding secured or is likely to secure funding in the future.

This includes the first two phases for delivery through the Active Travel Fund and Towns Deal Funding.

In addition, the draft priority network provides connectivity from residential areas in Barrow to key destinations such as workplaces, schools, community hubs, railway stations and green spaces; all important to the strategy set out within the Brilliant Barrow Town Investment Plan. The network also links in Dalton-in-Furness.

The improvements would include segregated cycleways into the town centre and improved access to green spaces and the coast.



## Phase 1 Delivery Michaelson Road and Bridge Road Improvements

Cumbria County Council have received £886,000 from the Department for Transport Active Travel Fund. This funding is in place to try and embed walking and cycling as part of long-term habits and to secure the associated health, air quality and congestion benefits.

The scheme which this funding has been allocated to is on Bridge Road and Michaelson Road. The proposed scheme includes segregated cycleways, pedestrian crossings and junction improvements for both cyclists and pedestrians. The new protected bike lanes are the first phase of town-wide transformative measures that will create a more connected future for everyone with cleaner air, safer and improved walking and cycling routes.

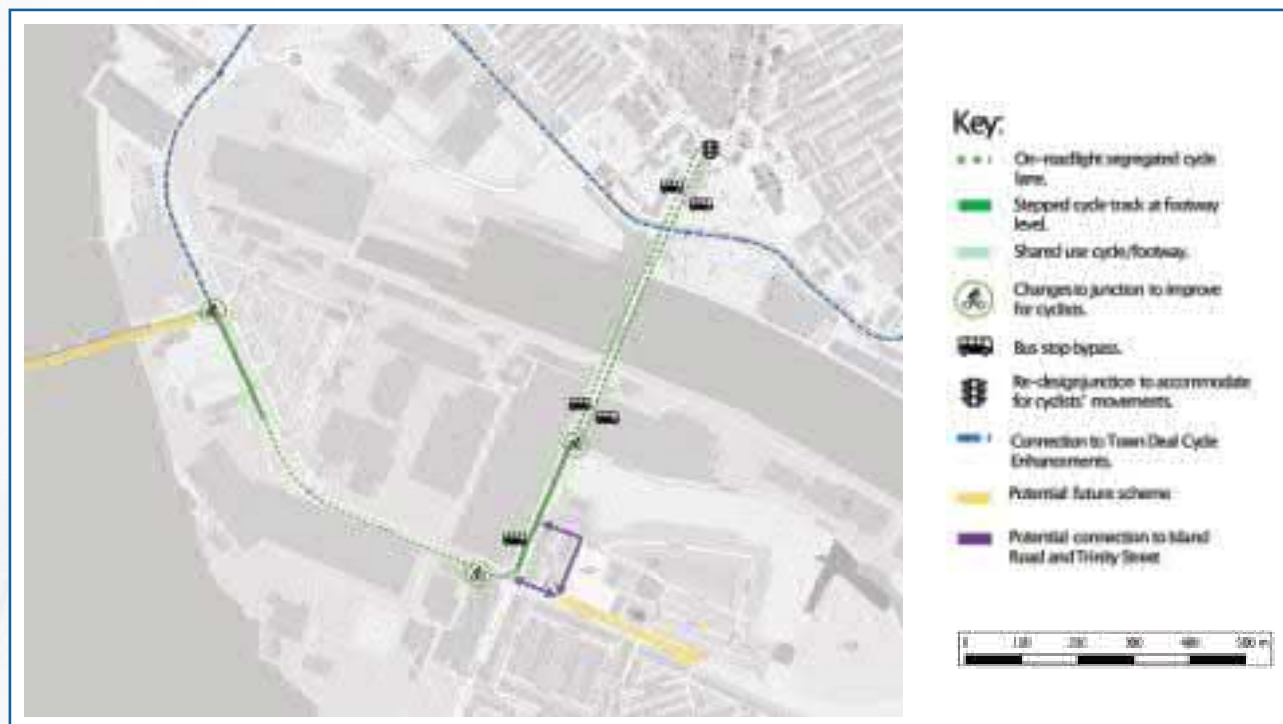
The new infrastructure will be following the updated guidance from the Department of Transport. This guidance emphasises the requirement of inclusive cycling so that people of all ages and abilities are considered.

There are five fundamental design principles for all cycle infrastructure that will ensure it is accessible to all. When people are travelling by cycle, they need networks and routes that are:

- **Coherent** - part of a wider strategic network that provide access to key destinations;
- **Direct** - reach their destination as directly as possible;
- **Safe** - of a high quality and designed to standards that meet safety requirements;
- **Comfortable** - accessible and attractive for all abilities;
- **Attractive** - contribute to good urban design by integrating with and complementing their surroundings.

Designs following these guidelines should provide infrastructure that is accessible to all, and the standards and other features set out in this guidance should help ensure that their designs deliver a network that is safe, ensuring more people feel able to cycle.

As part of this consultation we want you to have your say on the proposed improvements.





The concept plan shows a range of what the improvements could include in line with the cycling guidance. This includes one-way or two-way cycle lanes, suggested locations of enhanced crossings and required removal of car parking spaces to accommodate the improvement.

We are in the process of appointing a designer to work on new designs, these will take into consideration the thoughts and opinions of the stakeholders we have consulted, and any feedback we receive from this consultation.

We would welcome your feedback on the concept plan and ideas for how we develop the improvement.

## Phase 2 Delivery

### Abbey Road, Roose Road and Town Centre Improvements

The Barrow Town Deal Board has come together to champion future growth and investment. The Board represents the public, private and voluntary sectors and we recognise the value in the collective strength of our partnership to realise the potential of Barrow-in-Furness.

The Brilliant Barrow Town Deal has seven shortlisted priority projects that comprise the actions of the Barrow Investment Plan; these priority projects include new Walking and Cycling Infrastructure.

The Brilliant Barrow Town Deal will capitalise on a number of opportunities for further development within the town, bringing more jobs and education. This will undoubtedly bring more demand for travel in the town. These schemes to transform Barrow for future generations have secured £25 million from the government's Towns Fund.

The seven projects included in this funding package are designed to help shape development and growth in the town for years to come. They are:

- **Barrow Learning Quarter** - a new University Campus providing higher level skills alongside advanced academic and technical skills.
- **Community Wellbeing Hubs & Earnse Bay Outdoor Centre** - a network of hubs used by local people to develop skills and access services. A new outdoor facility providing access to open spaces and outdoor education.
- **Business Enterprise and Support** - A programme of bespoke business support provided to residents, entrepreneurs and SMEs to harness economic opportunities in Barrow.
- **Housing Renewal** - a programme of renewal and renovation to improve residential properties alongside investment in public realm.
- **Marina Village** - remediation of a major strategic housing site which will enable the private sector to come forward and deliver the Masterplan for the site.
- **Place Development** - of a calendar of events and festivals to attract residents, businesses, investors, students and visitors.
- **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure** - a transformative programme of walking and cycling infrastructure improvements to put Barrow at the forefront of active travel in the UK.

The proposed LCWIP will look to link these schemes within the town through new cohesive, coherent, and connected infrastructure designed to the latest standards, encouraging greater uptake in cycling and helping to address the high levels of deprivation and poor mental and physical health.



The proposals will deliver three strategic cycle routes along key arterial routes in Barrow:

- Abbey Road - Hollow Lane to the town centre.
- Roose Road (A5087) - from Roose to the town centre.
- Walney Road (A590) - southern end to Hindpool Road.

These proposals are shown on the draft priority cycling network plan.

The next phase of progressing the Town Deal is underway, and designs are being developed to inform a business case that will be appraised locally and reported to the Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government. Following this and subject to funding confirmation, detailed designs would be produced in 2022, with delivery commencing in 2023.

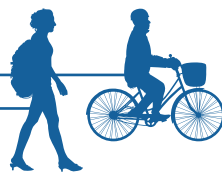
### **Future Phases:**

#### **Delivery of other improvements identified as part of the Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP and delivery of leisure routes (Subject to securing funding)**

Future Phases of the delivery will aim to expand the network from the initial networks being built in Phases 1 and 2. This is where the feedback of local people is critical to establishing what should be in the network.

Funding could come from a range of sources, including the Department for Transport Active Travel Fund Capital Funding allocations for LCWIPs. It is key that any funding bids demonstrate local support.





## Walking

Walking forms part of most daily journeys in Barrow-in-Furness and in developing a Plan, local walking routes and improvements to encourage walking have been considered.

How much people may enjoy walking can vary significantly based on their ability, confidence and circumstances, for example a missing dropped kerb can become a serious barrier for those with a pushchair or those with mobility difficulties; likewise uncontrolled crossings or a lack of tactile paving can prove a major barrier for the visually impaired.

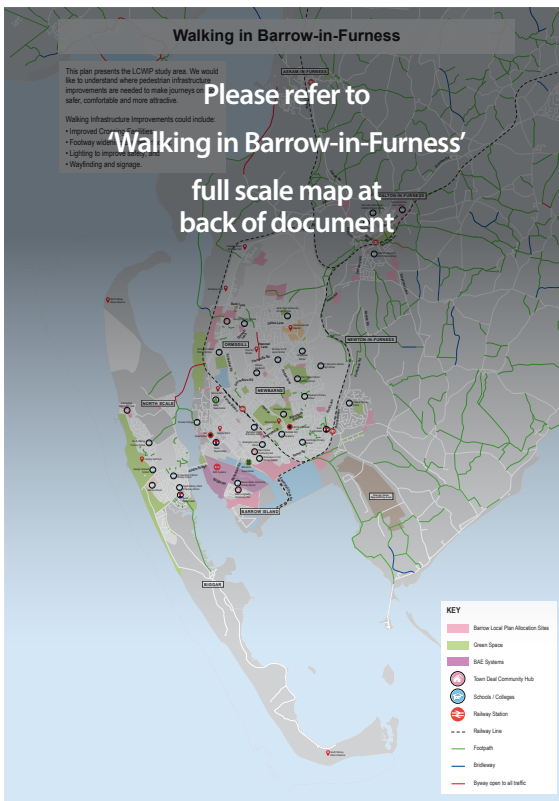
A plan has been produced to help gauge opinion on the existing walking routes and any required improvements that people think are needed.

The plan features residential areas, employment sites, rail stations, bus stops, supermarkets, local community hubs, local parks and green spaces, access to the coast as well as key features such as controlled and uncontrolled crossing points.

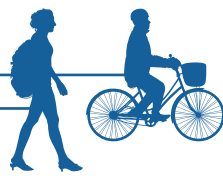
We would like to understand what improvements are needed to encourage more walking; features such as bridges, road crossings, pavements, dropped kerbs and places to rest, as well as improvements to the environment of the route.

The responses from the public will help us to understand the range of very localised issues across the study area which can become major barriers for people to travel by foot for their daily journeys.

We will use the consultation to identify the issues and opportunities to remove barriers that currently stop more people walking in Barrow-in-Furness.







## Have your Say

We want your feedback on the proposals for cycling and walking in Barrow-in-Furness. Please let us know:

- Does the cycling network connect the places you want to go to?
- Where would you like to see improvements to walking routes?
- What would encourage you to cycle and walk more?

If possible please respond at: **[cumbria.gov.uk/cyclingandwalking](http://cumbria.gov.uk/cyclingandwalking)**

If you do not have internet access, please complete the following questionnaire and return FREEPOST CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL by 28 May 2021.

Paper copies of this consultation document are available, please see our webpage for further details.

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## Next Steps

Feedback from the consultation will be shared on Cumbria County Council's Cycling and Walking web pages and used to inform the networks we take forward as part of developing the Local Cycling and Walking Plan for Barrow-in-Furness.

Feedback on the Michaelson Road/Bridge Road scheme will be used to inform the design development.

Further Public Consultation on the cycling network and proposed improvements in Barrow-in-Furness, including Phase 2 Delivery proposals as part of The Brilliant Barrow Town Deal Cycling and Walking Project, is planned for Summer of 2021.



# Questionnaire

# Barrow- in-Furness Cycling and Walking Consultation



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The suggested and draft priority cycling and walking plans demonstrate how the networks can connect people with the places they travel to on everyday journeys including employment, schools or leisure.

We would like to know if our plans have connected the right places and, if they have not, give you the opportunity to tell us and share your ideas with us. We would like to hear about your own cycling and walking trips and tell us about the barriers that you face that may prevent you from cycling or walking, and how you would change the places you live to remove these barriers. Your responses will help us to identify and develop the cycling and walking schemes that will be included in the LCWIP.

Before completing this questionnaire, please read the consultation document and look at the cycling and walking network plans. This will provide you with information to answer the questions.

## About you

### 1 Which of the following best describes the reason for your interest in this consultation? (please tick all boxes applicable)

- I live here    I work here    I study here    I live nearby  
 I own a business here    I do the school run here    I commute here  
 I do my shopping here    I'm here for leisure    My children go to school here  
 I am a visitor here    I cycle in this area for commuting/leisure    Other

### 2 What is Your Postcode?



### 3 a) Do you currently make journeys by cycling and if so how often?

- Yes every day    Yes every week    Yes occasionally    No

### b) Do you currently make journeys by walking and if so how often?

- Yes every day    Yes every week    Yes occasionally    No

### c) For what purpose are the journeys you make by cycling and walking?

(Please describe the purpose and tick the way you travel)

Purpose	Cycling	Walking

## Your local cycling and walking network



**4** Do the existing cycling routes connect you with the places you wish to go?  
 Yes  Partially  No



**5** a) Do the routes shown in the draft priority cycling network plan, connect you with the places that you wish to cycle?  
 Yes  Partially  No

b) If you have answered 'Partially' or 'No' to the above question, please provide further feedback.

Location	Comment



**6** a) Do the existing walking routes connect you with the places you wish to go?  
 Yes  Partially  No

b) If you answered 'Partially' or 'No', please provide further feedback on where and what improvements would you like to see.

Location	Improvement



**7** Would you like to see more money spent on cycling and walking in Barrow-in-Furness?

Yes  No  Don't know



## Barriers to cycling and walking



### 8 Do any of the following make it difficult for you to cycle? (Please select your top 3)

- Quality of routes
- Busy roads
- Feeling unsafe
- Difficult junctions to cross
- Lack of cycle parking
- Quality of street scape and public space
- Poor air quality
- Lack of street lighting
- Not enough information on possible routes / lack of wayfinding
- No access to a bike
- Confidence
- Indirect Routes
- Unsuitable terrain / geography
- Other, please state



### 9 Do you experience any barriers which prevent you from walking? (Please select your top 3)

- Quality of route
- Busy roads
- Feeling unsafe
- Difficult junctions to cross
- Quality of street scape and public space
- Poor air quality
- Lack of street lighting
- Confidence
- Indirect Routes
- Unsuitable terrain / geography
- Other, please state

## Changing to cycling or walking



### 10 a) Do you make any journeys by car to places that are within walking or cycling distance?

- Yes  Partially  No

### b) If yes, for what purpose do you make journeys by car to places that are within cycling or walking distance?

- To or from work
- To or from school, college or adult education
- To or from the shops
- To transport children or other people
- To or from a leisure/sports activity
- For leisure
- Other - please specify





## 11 What would encourage you to cycle more?

(Please select your top 3)

- Cycle routes separated from other modes of travel
- Traffic free neighbourhoods - including road closures
- Greater priority for cyclists at junctions and crossings
- Direct cycle routes
- Better wayfinding / signage
- Cycle training, information and initiatives
- More secure and convenient cycle parking facilities
- The cycling routes proposed in this consultation document
- Lower speed limits
- Less traffic on the roads
- Higher costs of motoring
- Higher public transport fares
- Better driver attitudes towards cyclists
- Nothing would encourage me to cycle more
- Better air quality
- Other, please state



## 12 What would encourage you to walk more?

(Please select your top 3)

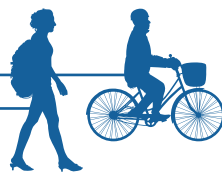
- Better maintained pavements / footways
- More road crossings
- More CCTV cameras
- Less traffic on the roads
- Lower speed limits
- Having more time available
- Higher costs of motoring
- Higher public transport fares
- Better air quality
- More direct walking routes
- Nothing would encourage me to walk more
- Other - please specify



## 13 Would improvements to cycling and walking routes encourage you to walk and/or cycle more often?

(Please select all that apply)

- Yes, I think I would cycle more often
- Yes, I think I would start cycling
- Yes, I think I would walk more often
- Yes, I think I would start walking
- No



## Phase 1 and Phase 2 delivery in Barrow

**14** Do you support the improvements on Michaelson Road and Bridge Road being planned as the first phase of delivery in 2021?

- Completely support
- Partially support
- Neither support or not support
- Partially not support
- Completely do not support

**15** Do you have any comments on the type of improvements presented in the concept design for Michaelson Road/Bridge Road?

**16** Do you support the proposed improvements on Abbey Road, Roose Road and Walney Road being planned as the second phase of delivery in 2023?

- Completely support
- Partially support
- Neither support or not support
- Partially not support
- Completely do not support

**17** Do you have any comments on the type of improvements presented in the proposals for Abbey Road, Roose Road and Walney Road?

## Consultation feedback

Did we provide enough information for you to properly respond?

- Yes  Partially  No

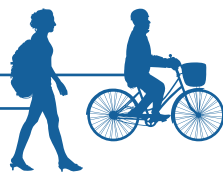
Did the questionnaire allow you to express your opinions fully?

- Yes  Partially  No

**Thank you for engaging in the consultation**

We really value your feedback, please use this space to tell us more about cycling and walking in Barrow-in-Furness.





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