

**FULL COUNCIL****8<sup>th</sup> August 2022****ACTIVE TRAVEL**

A meeting was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> July to discuss the current approach to Active Travel. This was in part triggered by the school application to the east of the town, and the need to ensure all opportunities in that area are maximised.

The notes from the meeting follows along with the key points at the end for this Council to consider.

**Summary of meeting to discuss  
East End Active Travel Infrastructure in Ivybridge  
28/07/2022**

Present: Graham Wilson (PL:21), Cllr Tony Rea (Ivybridge Town Council), Cllr Tom Holway (Ugborough Parish Council and SHDC), Cllr Joan Fletcher (Ugborough Parish Council), Cllr Vic Abbott (Ivybridge Town Council and SHDC)  
In attendance: Jonathan Parsons (Ivybridge Town Clerk)

GW introduced the meeting as an opportunity with the proposal for the school coming though for planning, a chance to ensure the right decisions are made to support the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan that he had developed with PL:21 and Sustrans (attached). Street design needs to meet LTN1/20 and 50% of all journeys should be by walking or cycling by 2030. To do that people need to feel safe and for that we need good road design for all users.

TR highlighted that Woolcombe Lane was not highlighted on the Street Design Study map but Filham Moor Lane was. GW explained that the Woolcombe Lane path was poorly designed and does not fully meet modern standards. Filham Moor Lane would not be perfect either but would offer a safer route with fewer junctions. The new paths on Exeter Road were a better example of what should be delivered.

GW went on to explain that he had gained funding working with TH to take the Ivybridge to Bittaford route to the next stage – this would allow a detailed study and design work to take place to have a project to take to the DfT for funding. It would provide an off road 3m shared path and a trotting strip for horses. The Rutt Lane/Godwell Lane/Rugby Club/Railway Station junctions would be at the western end of this project (sketch attached)

TR clarified that the School planning application included a £20k request from DCC towards a toucan crossing between Godwell Lane and St Peters Way.

VA enquired if the roundabout at the entrance to the school should be upgraded to a Dutch style roundabout.

GW thinks that if the Wain Homes and Taylor Wimpey paths within their estates linking to Exeter Road may negate a full Dutch Roundabout if parallel crossings to the north and south are provided. He also explained all of this fits with the DNPA aspirations of a route from Ivybridge to Bovey Tracy.

It was agreed ideally Devon Highways and SHDC should work on a detailed masterplan to make it easier for them to deliver these features as there would be a clear list of projects awaiting funding from S106 or DfT.

VA raised the idea of a southern relief road to remove cross town traffic from Western Road/Exeter Road and free up the roads from congestion and make them more cycle friendly.

TR explained his cycle routes took him along Western Road and so he knew the issues of fast congested traffic.

GW said that a southern relief road could be included on the Street Design Study map and could enquire if as part of a project with Sustrans to develop the study, costings could be included, although they did tend to focus on non-car travel solutions.

GW informed us of quarterly meetings Sir Gary Streeter (SGS) had with PCC, Plymouth Cycling Campaign, DNPA, Sustrans, SHDC and DCC to establish a plan of a network of safe cycle paths from the city centre out to the towns and villages. With Plymouth Cycling Campaign he had convinced PCC that their road layout at Billacombe Road was not acceptable and it is being redesigned with no effect on car traffic, but with massive improvements for cyclists.

JF asked what should be our priorities and what is achievable.

It was agreed more should be asked of S106 money from developments and both SHDC and DCC should ask for more.

TR raised Western Road pressure and a southern relief road could have a major impact on that.

GW added that there are plans and funding for excellent improvements from Ivybridge to Lee Mill, with the exception of the A38/Cornwood Road/Western Road roundabout which was a huge issue, but not impossible to solve, DCC were provided with a proposal 5 years ago but will not commit to it.

TR asked if S106 could be used for feasibility work, GW said it could be possible.

TR also added that with a school and possible supermarket, it would clearly demonstrate all these improvements would be needed, certainly explored further.

GW also predicted that in 10 years the train station could be expanded as an add on to the plans to improve the Plymouth to Tavistock link, and so excellent links to the station here now need to be built in to plans.

The key points from the meeting:

- Street Study Plan to have a southern relief road added

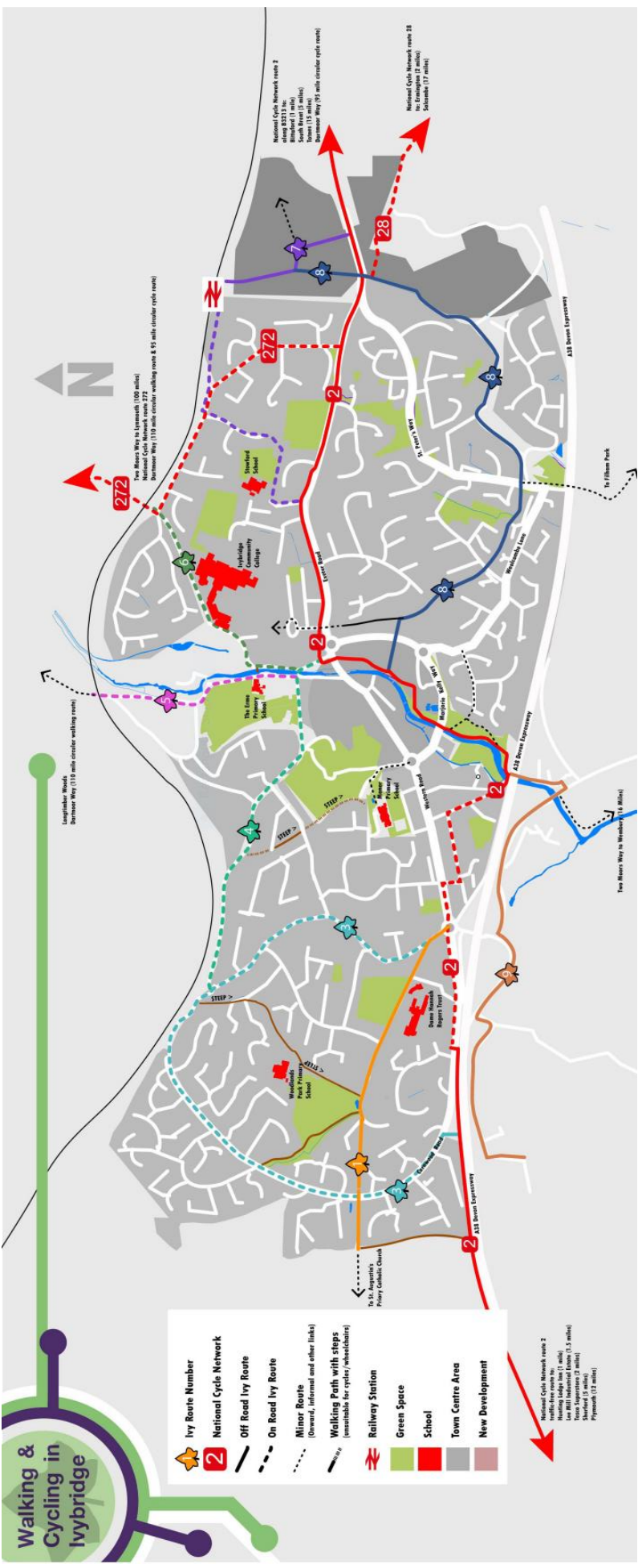
- GW to see if the now funded study on the Ivybridge to Bittaford Route can come further west
- To copy in SGS and DCC Cllrs to these notes so they know where we are and what we hope to achieve.
- To find a way work with SHDC and DCC to agree a masterplan for active travel across the town to ensure future developments deliver the right S106 improvements.

It was agreed the group should reconvene in the next few weeks when we are able to get both DCC ward members – Cllrs Roger Croad and Dan Thomas to join the meeting.

**Full Council are asked to support this approach, in particular to agree to ask for a proper agreed detailed masterplan to ensure improvements are delivered and opportunities are not missed.**

Jonathan Parsons  
Town Clerk

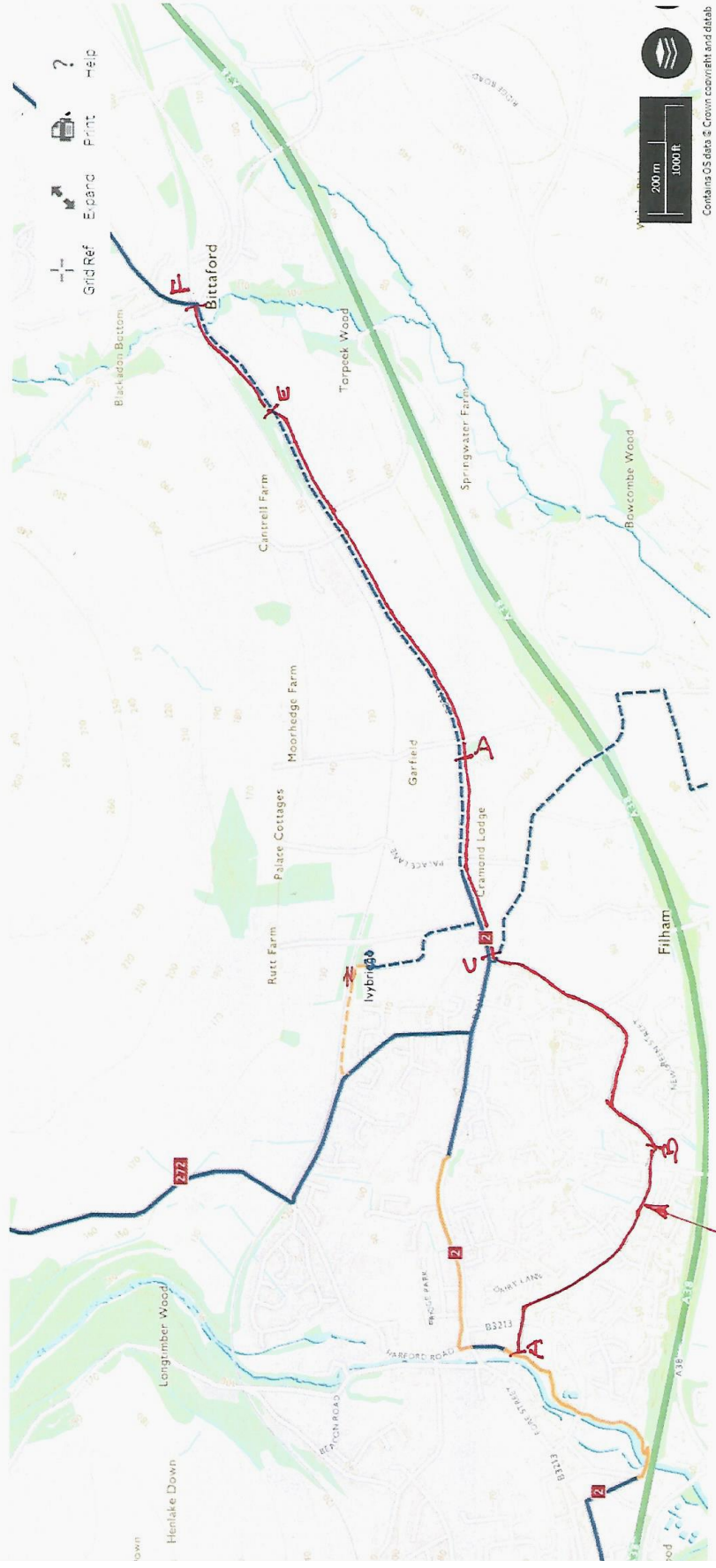
# Walking & Cycling in Ivybridge



LEGEND.

- A-B
- B-C
- C-D
- D-E
- E-F

Filham Moor Lane : Existing traffic free to be upgraded.  
 Godwell Lane : Existing quiet way.  
 Proposed new traffic free by house builders/DCC.  
 Proposed on road in 30mph limit or traffic free



Proposed route connecting Ivybridge town centre and Bittaford

PROPOSED WALKING/CYCLING ROUTE  
 IVYBRIDGE - BITTAFORD *CHD* (7.3.2021)