

The freight policy section does not include a freight strategy or freight route map. We will welcome an opportunity to work in partnership with Herefordshire County Council to secure an optimal approach to developing these.

Active Travel p.31

Active Travel covers walking and cycling but it may help to distinguish between these very different modes. The references to 'active travel routes' are indistinct. In addition, seeking to improve the 'active travel' network assumes that the network is defined and complete. What are the barriers that need to be addressed? What about the fact that the (cycle) network will represent a small fraction of the entire provision for cyclists, and particularly in a rural county like Herefordshire.

Similarly, the term 'green infrastructure' should be defined. The development of 'invisible infrastructure' through sensitive development design can be cheaper and give rise to higher levels of 'active travel'..

Bearing in mind that there will not be significant large concentrations of development delivered through the Core Strategy, most 'active travel' infrastructure will need to emerge from the existing infrastructure.

Herefordshire has some of the highest quality (to walk and cycle) quiet lanes in England. Whilst this will not meet high numbers of commute trips, the value of the National Byway through Herefordshire, and Sustrans national cycle route (46), should be recognised and safeguarded. It would also promote the county's tourism offer.

In relation to this, in Gloucestershire, much of the cycle network uses quiet streets and lanes. In the light of Herefordshire's dispersed core strategy and the allocation of around a third of housing development to its rural areas, there may be an opportunity to grow an 'active travel' network in relation to larger villages in relation to the five market towns and Hereford itself.

It is interesting that there is no mention of LSTF or any of its legacies in terms of laying the groundwork for future mode shift.

Air Quality (p. 44)

Is this saying that 3 AQMAs have been declared in Herefordshire?

We look forward to further discussions in cross boundary working,

Yours Sincerely,



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