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Report: Strategic Green Infrastructure Network
Written by: Surrey Hills AONB Director

Purpose of Report

To consider a presentation by Cycling UK proposing a Surrey Strategic Greenways Project

Summary

In 2019, the AONB Board published its environmental design guidance on conserving and enhancing country lanes and villages in the Surrey Hills. This set out a strategy to encourage HGVs and through traffic to use the principal road network, whilst reducing the impact of traffic in villages, and to discourage the use of country lanes.

At the last AONB Board, Members confirmed their support for this strategic approach and requested that this matter be further considered at this meeting. At the time, the responsible officer developing the County's traffic management programme was unavailable to attend the meeting.

Cycling UK had been proposing to Surrey County Council that the impact of the pandemic lockdown should be an opportunity to take a radically different approach to reducing the impact of motorised vehicles and to develop an infrastructure that would promote walking and cycling as part of a sustainable post-Covid future. Kieran Foster, Cycling UK's National Off-road Adviser, will present the proposal for a strategic green infrastructure network that could link the Surrey Hills, to wider Surrey, London and the South Downs National Park.

Recommendations

Members are asked to consider the presentation.

Background papers: Surrey Hills Environmental Design Guidance 2019

Attached: Cycling UK Surrey Strategic Greenway Presentation

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