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Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk

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Norfolk County Council is creating a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk.

What is a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk?

The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is a list of short, medium and long-term infrastructure schemes which have been identified to help people walk, cycle or wheel (using a wheelchair or mobility aid) more across the County.

The Countywide plan builds on those already created for King's Lynn, Greater Norwich and Great Yarmouth. The potential improvements will create a travel network which will create better connectivity within and between 20 towns across Norfolk and help link towns and rural communities.

Why do we need one?

The Government's ambition is for 50% of all journeys in towns and cities to be walked or cycled by 2030. To help more people to choose cycling and walking we want to create a modern, well connected transport network in Norfolk that gives people more alternatives to travelling by car.

What are the benefits of the plan?

All schemes proposed are currently not funded, but having a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk will be essential to embed these schemes into wider development and to support us in gaining funding from Government to make them happen.

What are the benefits of active travel?

Increased levels of walking, cycling and wheeling can provide many benefits such as;

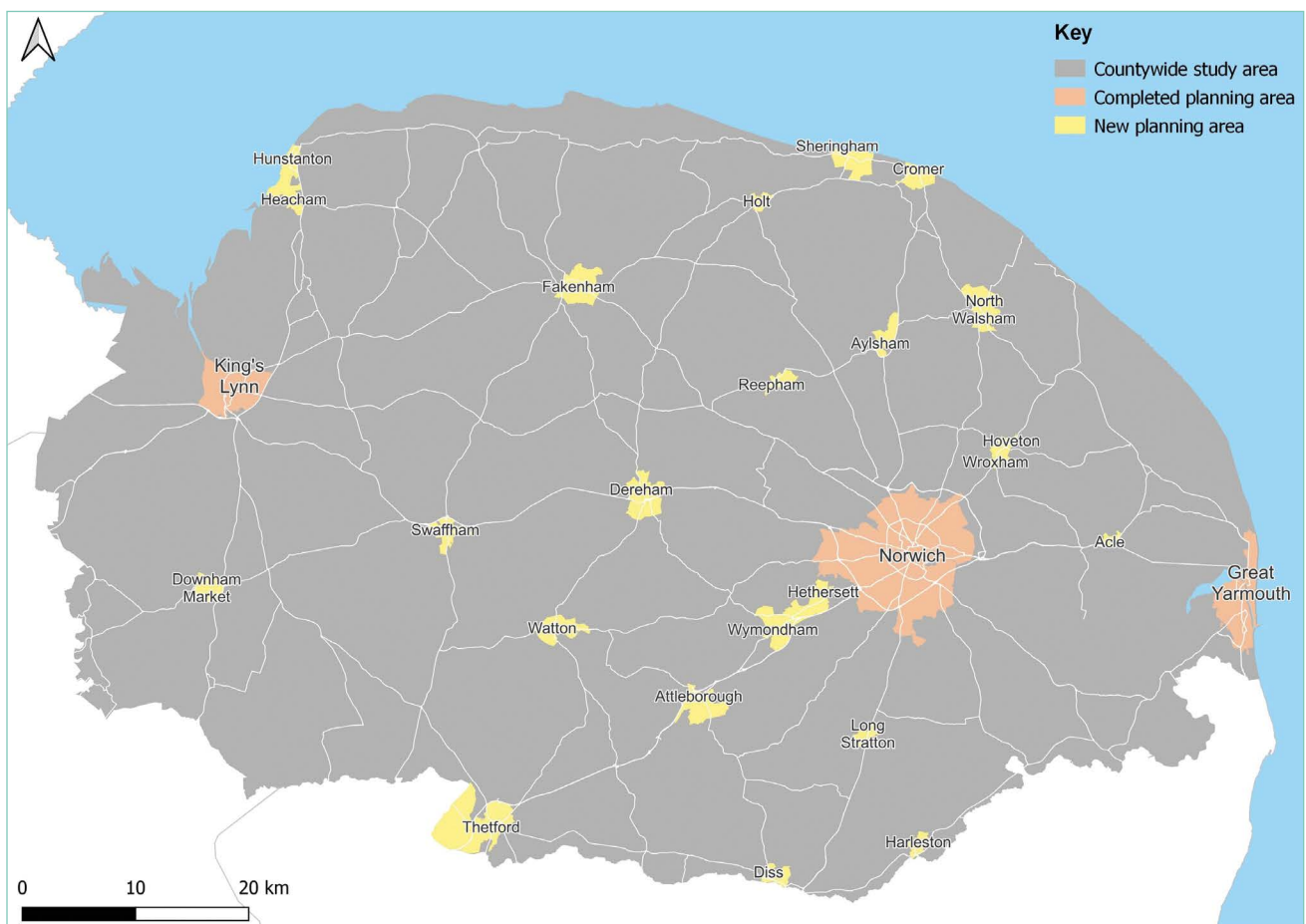
- improving our air quality
- reducing congestion on our roads
- providing access to education, employment and services
- addressing inequalities
- increasing connectivity between people and communities
- improving physical and mental health
- helping to mitigate climate change.

The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk contains proposals for potential **active travel networks** for 20 towns across the County.

Each of the proposed networks includes:

- **Priority routes.** These would connect people with places of employment, education, central services, public transport and green spaces.
- **Walking zones.** A Walking Zone is an area within which the priority for schemes will be to enable people to easily walk or wheel at any time to access key services and areas of employment and education / training.

Such schemes might include increasing or improving road crossings, widening pavements, resurfacing uneven pavements or slowing traffic speeds.



Map 1: Countywide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan study area map.

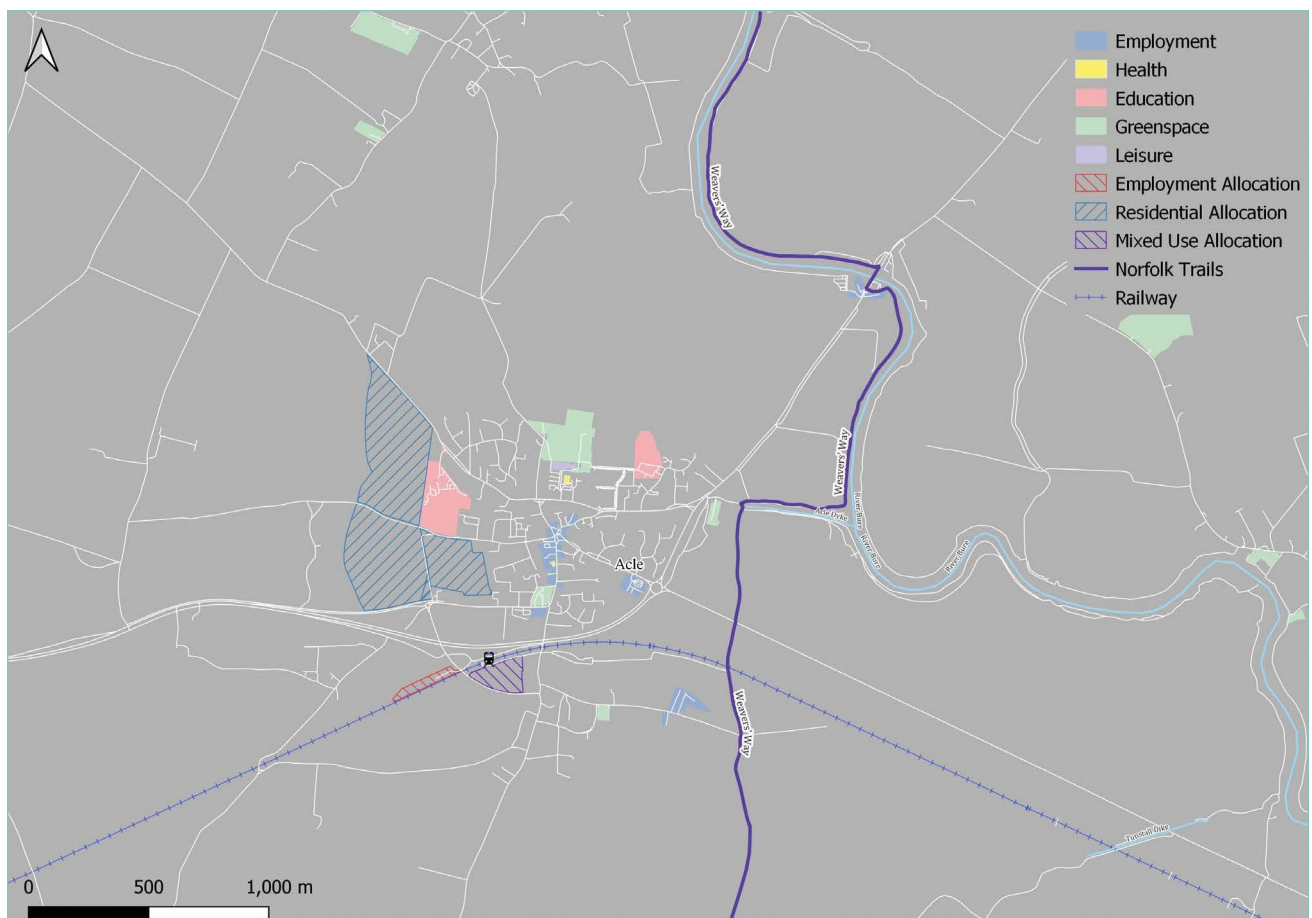
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i. Introduction

Acle is situated between Norwich and Great Yarmouth, with a population of 2,834 in 2020. The town has a particularly high proportion of residents aged 65 or over, who made up 31% of the population in 2020ⁱ.

Acle currently has around 1,300 houses. The figure is set to grow with an allocation for the development of 120–150 houses at the Mill Lane Site and the Springfield Road site in the east. This is expected to boost the population of Acle and the number of people in full time employment, which stood at 37.3% at the time of the last comprehensive Census in 2011ⁱⁱ.

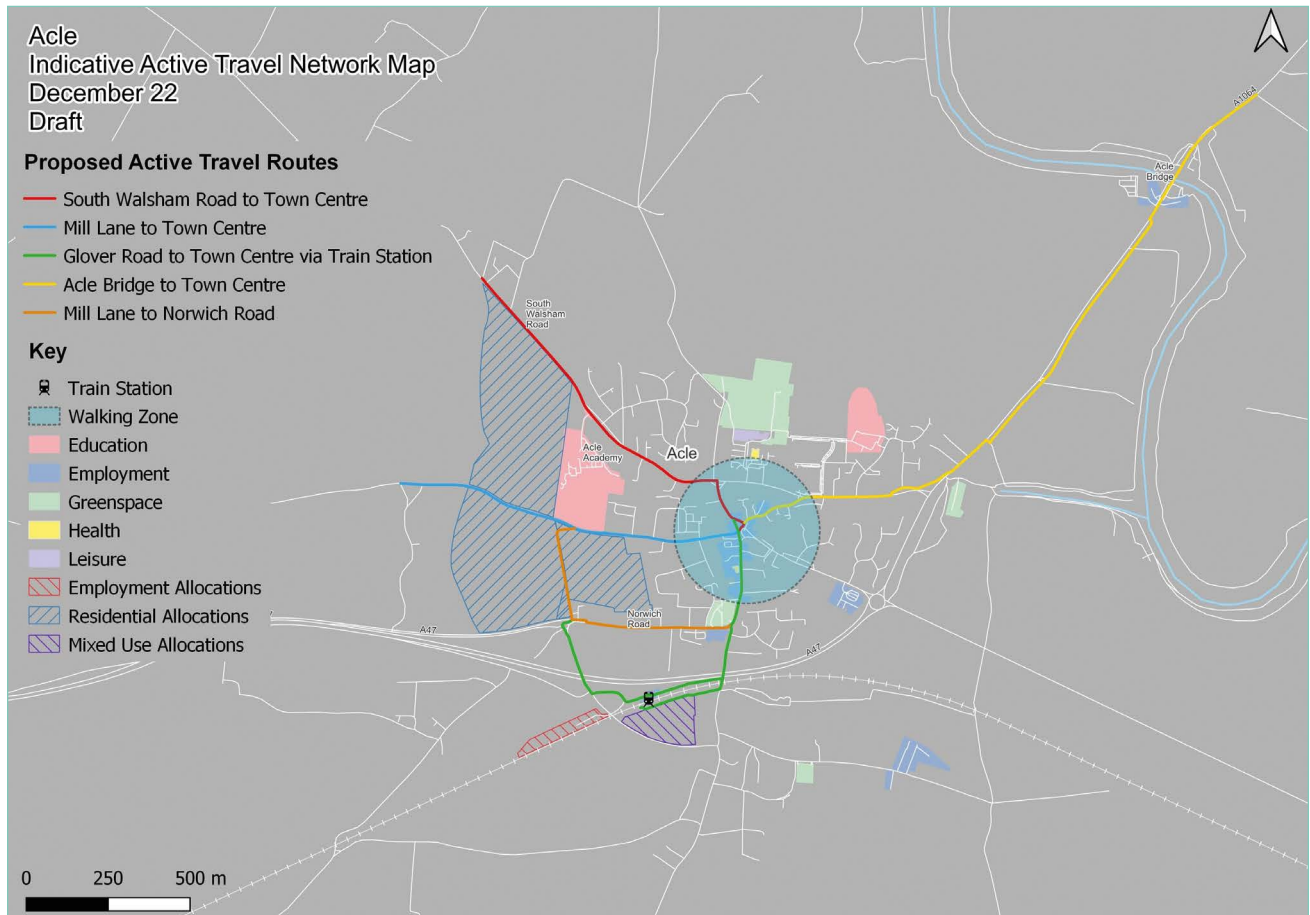


Map 2: Acle area map showing current active travel network.

Acle train station is in the south of the town, accessible via the road and by footpath. The Weavers' Way also runs from north to south to the east of the town and a 5-minute walk from the centre of Acle, giving direct access to greenspaces.

ii. Acle indicative active travel network

The indicative active travel network in Acle aims to improve connectivity by linking new and existing residential areas with public transport, central employment areas and greenspaces via the Weavers' Way. Policies and proposals within the Acle Neighbourhood Plan have also been considered whilst developing the network.



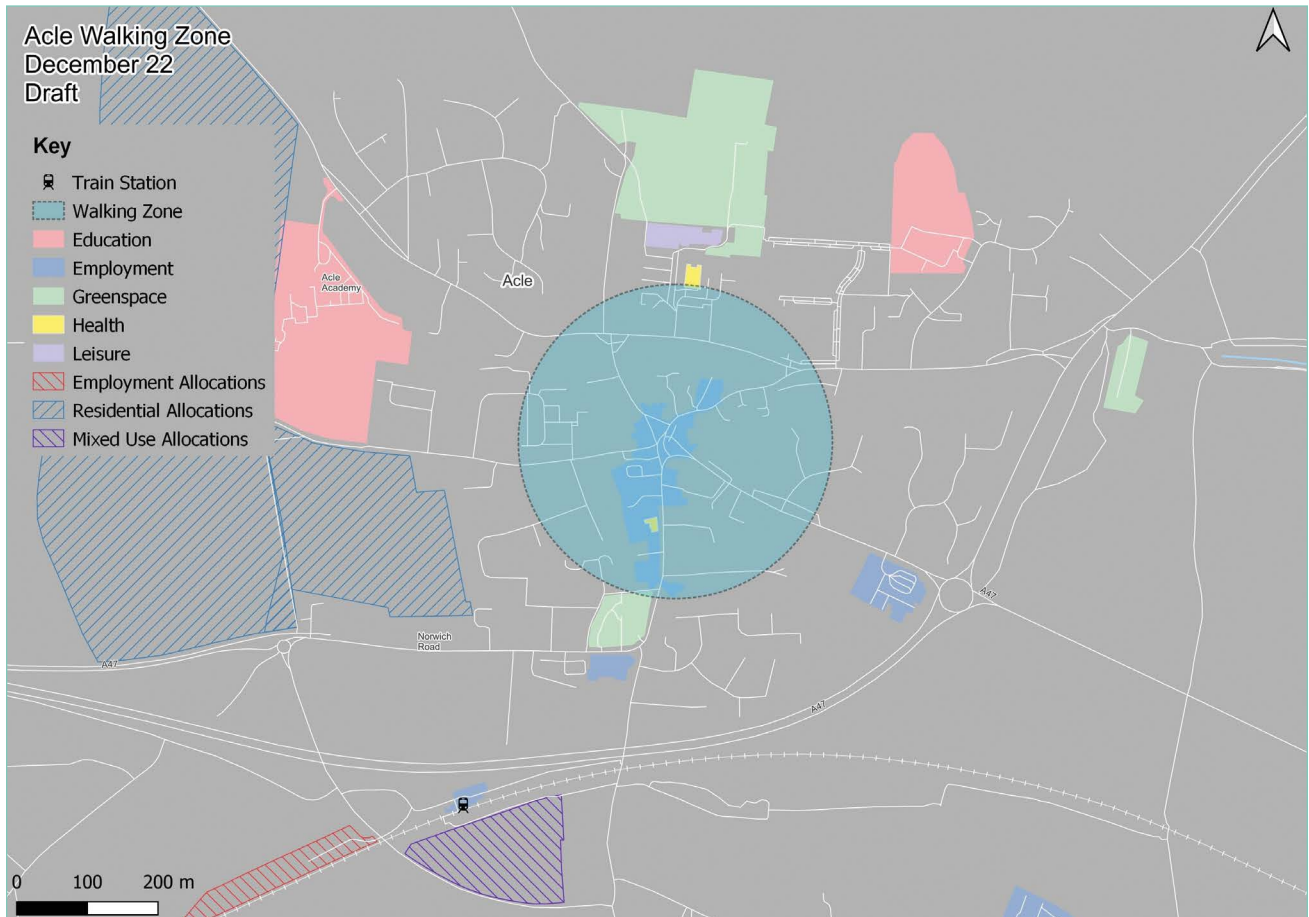
Map 3: Acle indicative active travel network.

iii. Active travel route summary

Route Number	Route	Route Description
Route 1 (Red)	South Walsham Road to Town Centre	A 1.2km cycling and walking route linking new and existing residential areas in the northwest with Acle Academy, and key services and employment areas in the town centre via South Walsham Road.
Route 2 (Blue)	Mill Lane to Town Centre	A 1.1km east to west linear cycling and walking route linking new and existing residential areas with the town centre and employment areas via Mill Lane. This route could also potentially link with Acle Academy.
Route 3 (Green)	Glover Road to Town Centre via Train Station	A 1.4km route linking new housing allocations at Glover Road with the train station as well as providing a direct link between the train station and town centre.
Route 4 (Yellow)	Acle Bridge to Town Centre	A 2.2km cycling and walking route linking the town centre with Acle Bridge and Stokesby Road. This route would include additional walking and cycling crossing points on the A1064 enabling improved access to Weavers' Way.
Route 5 (Orange)	Mill Lane to Norwich Road	A 1km direct cycling and walking link between new housing allocations at Glover Road, places of education and the town centre.

iv. Indicative walking zone

The indicative Acle walking zone includes the central employment area in the town centre and aligns with the Acle Neighbourhood Plan “Village Centre Development area” including The Street, Old Road and Bridewell Lane.



Map 4: Acle indicative walking zone.

- [Norfolk Insights \(2021\) Population Report for Norfolk \(online\)](#).
- [Norfolk Insights \(2021\) Economy Report for Norfolk \(online\)](#).



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