



 Norfolk County Council

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk

Dereham

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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;

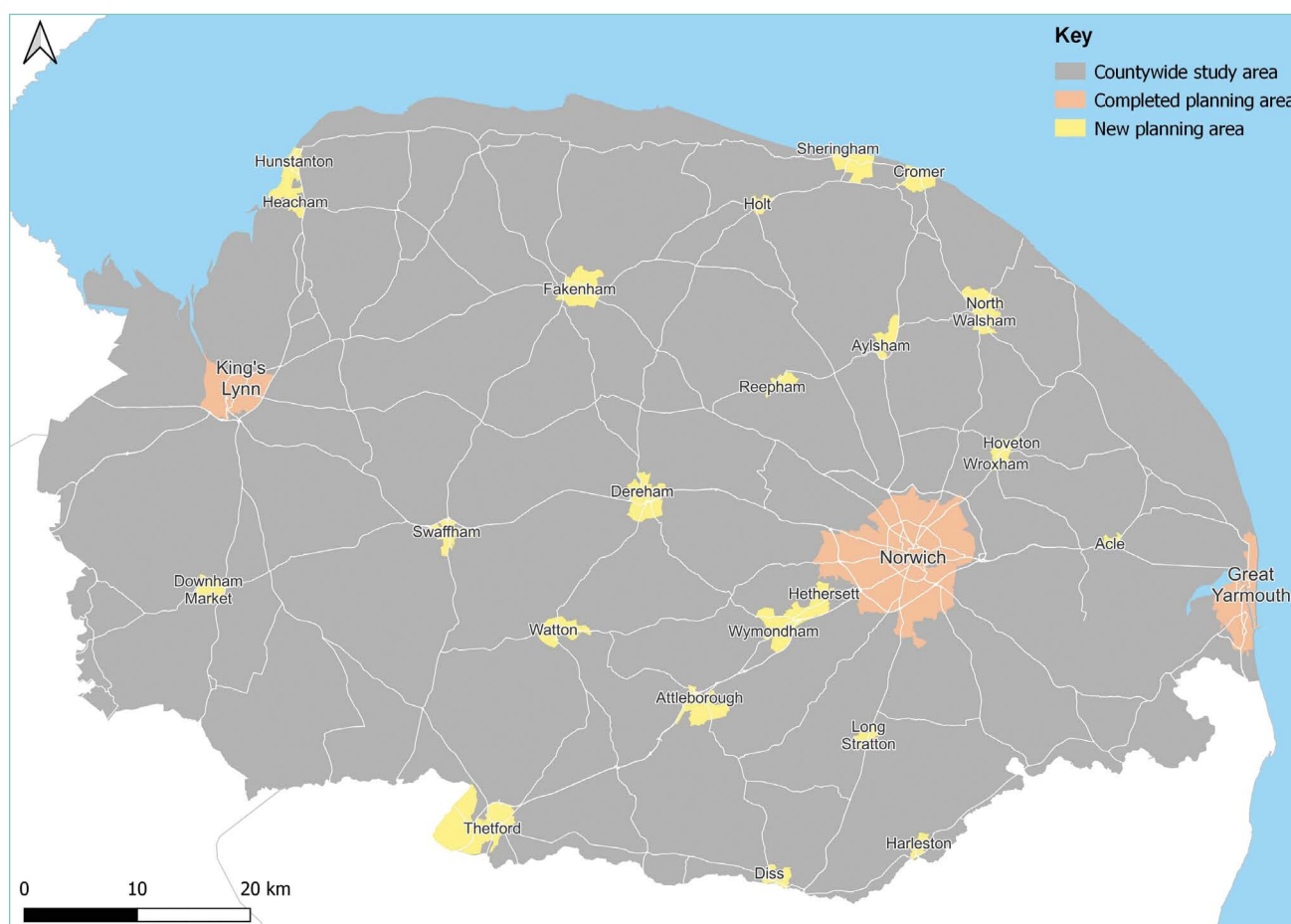
- improving our air quality
- reducing congestion on our roads
- providing access to education, employment and services
- addressing inequalities
- increasing connectivity between people and communities
- improving physical and mental health
- helping to mitigate climate change.

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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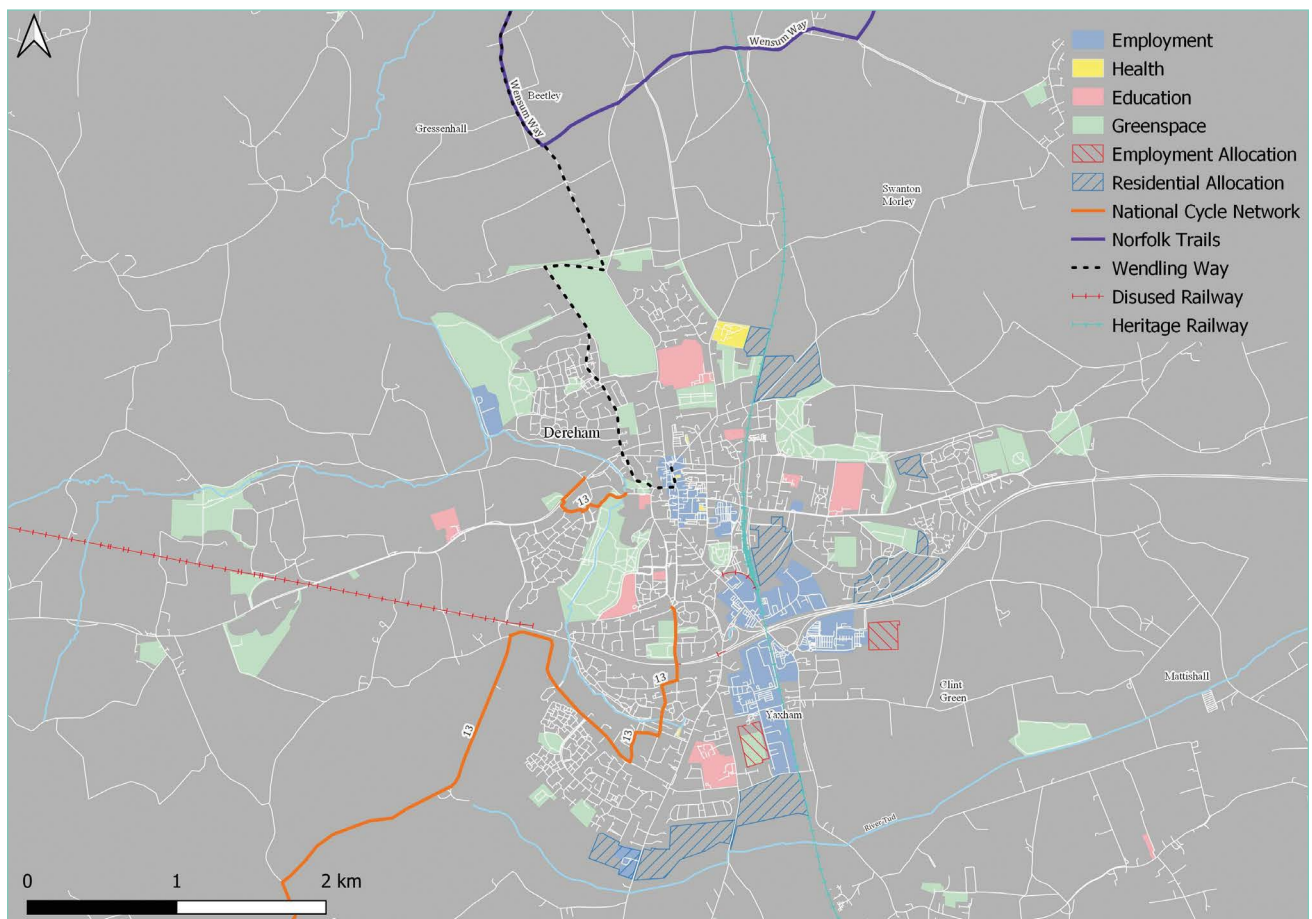
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i. Introduction

Dereham had a population of 19,420 in 2020, of whom 24% are over 65ⁱ. Situated 27km west of Norwich along the A47 and 19km east of Swaffham, bus routes provide links all over the county. The town does not have a train station.

The Sustrans National Cycle Network runs through the centre of Dereham providing access to the employment area and greenspaces. A new walking trail (The Wendling Way) is also planned to be completed in 2023 connecting Dereham with Gressenhall and the Wensum Way and Nar Valley Way.

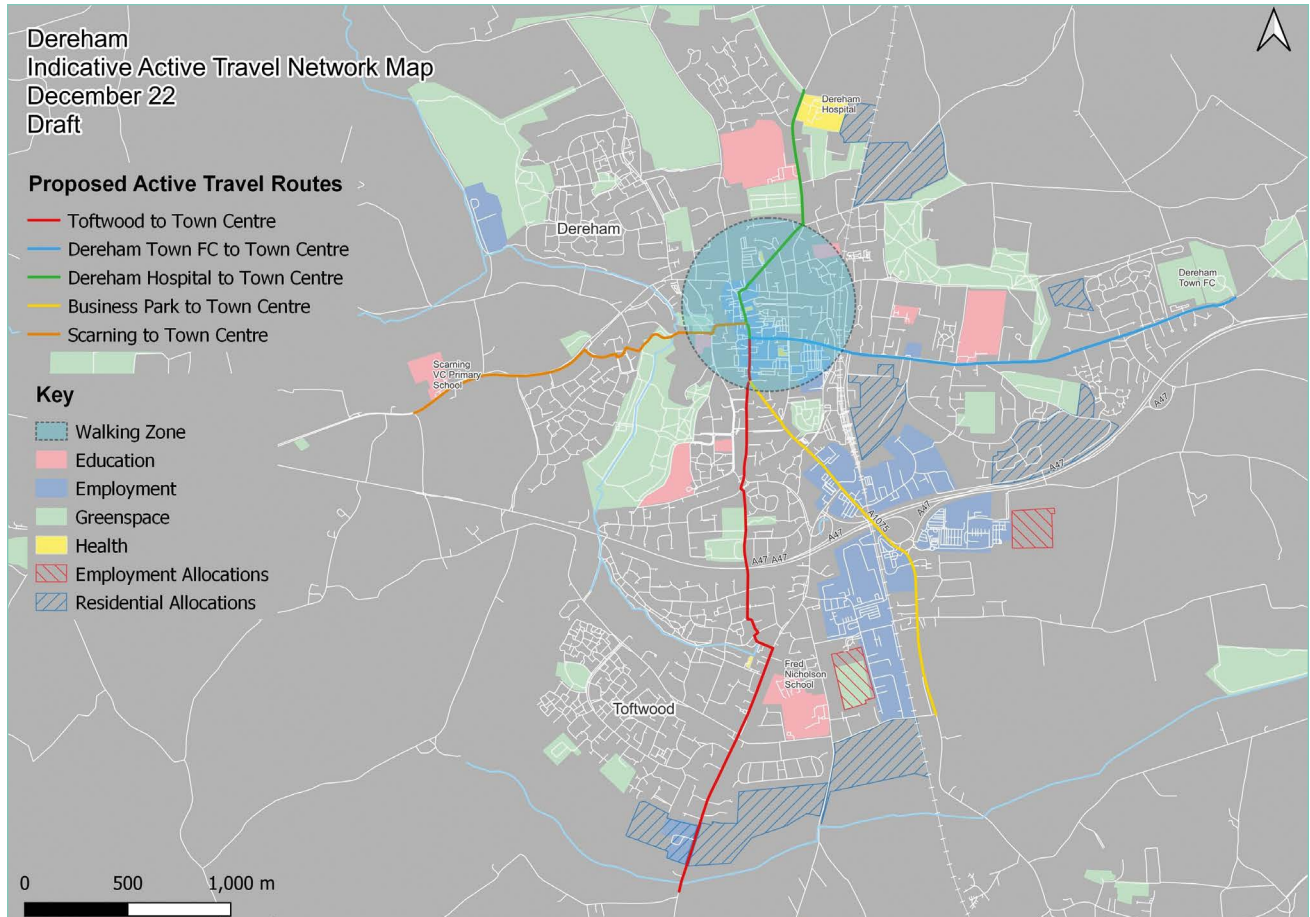
There are several areas in Dereham allocated to residential and/or employment development. This will likely increase the population of Dereham along with the number of people in full time employment (38.4% in 2011ⁱⁱ).



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

ii. Dereham indicative active travel network

The indicative active travel network for Dereham aims to improve connectivity by linking new and existing residential areas with central employment areas and key services as well as locations for health services, education and greenspaces.



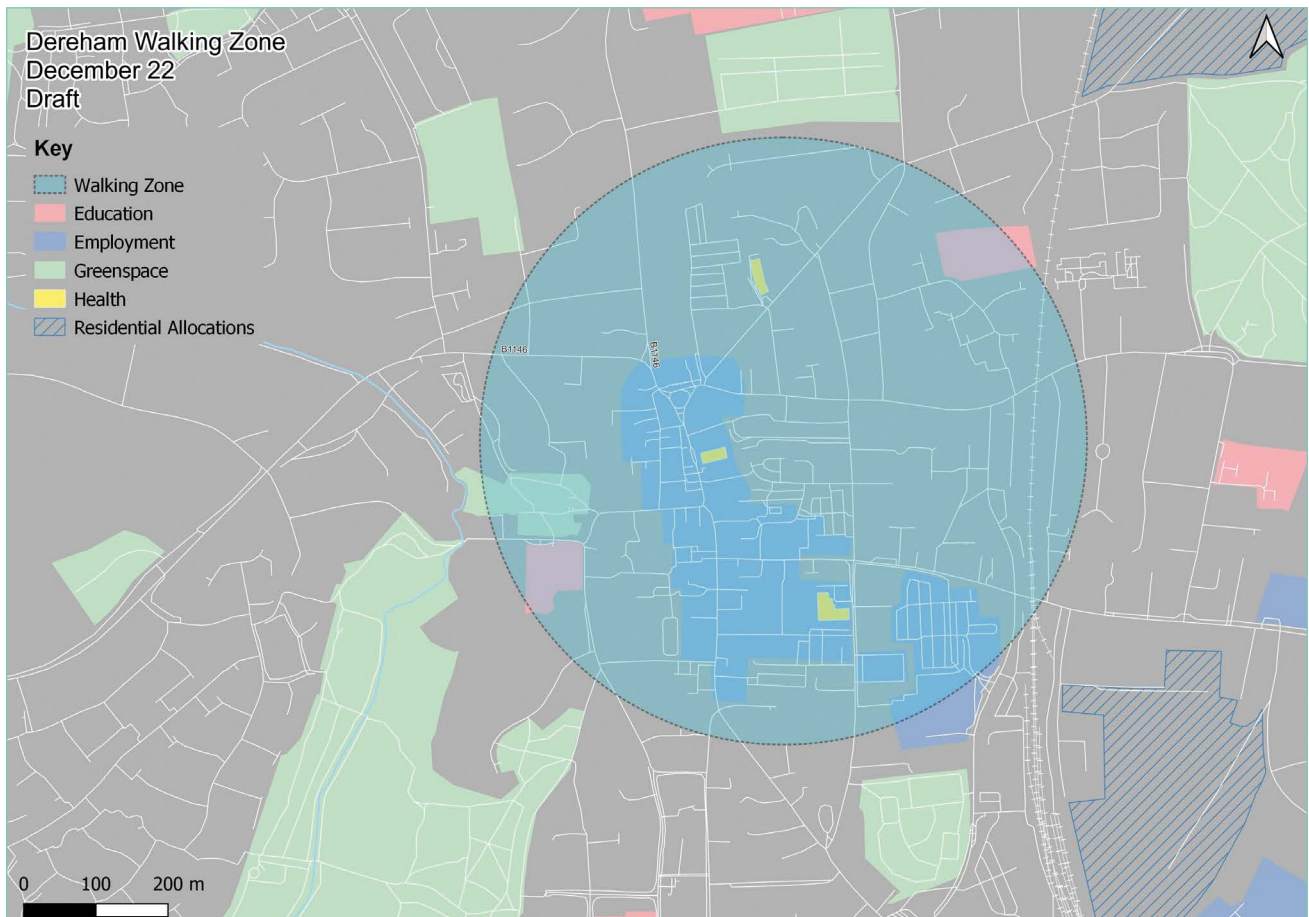
Map 3: Dereham indicative active travel network.

iii. Active travel route summary

Route Number	Route	Route Description
Route 1 (Red)	Toftwood to Town Centre	A 2.9km route along Baxter Row, Southend, along a section of the National Cycle Network and through Toftwood. The route provides access to education – Grove House Infant and Nursery School, Dereham C of E Junior Academy, Fred Nicholson School and Toftwood Junior School – and recreational facilities, such as the Dereham Rugby Club. This would be the primary cycling and walking route for residents of Toftwood and the new development to the south.
Route 2 (Blue)	Dereham FC to Town Centre	A 2.5km route along Norwich Street and Norwich Road from Dereham town centre to Dereham Town FC. The route provides access to recreation, education – including Dereham Neatherd High School and Neatherd Moor – access to employment sites along Norwich Street, and the new development off Norwich Road.
Route 3 (Green)	Dereham Hospital to Town Centre	A 1.3km route along High Street, Theatre Street and Cemetery Rd from the town centre to Dereham Hospital. The route provides access to recreation and education – including Dereham Northgate High School, Dereham Golf Club and Dereham Cemetery – and the new developments adjacent to Swanton Rd.
Route 4 (Yellow)	Business Park to Town Centre	A 2.2km route along London Road and Yaxham Road connecting the town centre to key employment areas, including the industrial estates of Yaxham Road and Rash's Green, the Business Hub and Breckland Council. The route also provides access to the new development to the south of Dereham.
Route 5 (Orange)	Scarning to Town Centre	This is a 1.8km route along Church Street, Washbridge, Lucy's Meadow and Dereham Road. The route provides access to education through Dereham Infant School and Scarning Primary School and provides access to recreation, such as Lucy's Meadow. It also provides a cycling and walking route to the centre for residents living to the west of Dereham.

iv. Indicative walking zone

The indicative walking zone area within, and leading to, Dereham includes busy pedestrian routes within and leading to the central employment area. These routes include (and are not limited to) Market Place and Church Street, Theatre Street and Wellington Road, Norwich Street and High Street.



Map 4: Dereham indicative walking zone.

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



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