



 Norfolk County Council

# Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Norfolk

## Wymondham and Hethersett

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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;

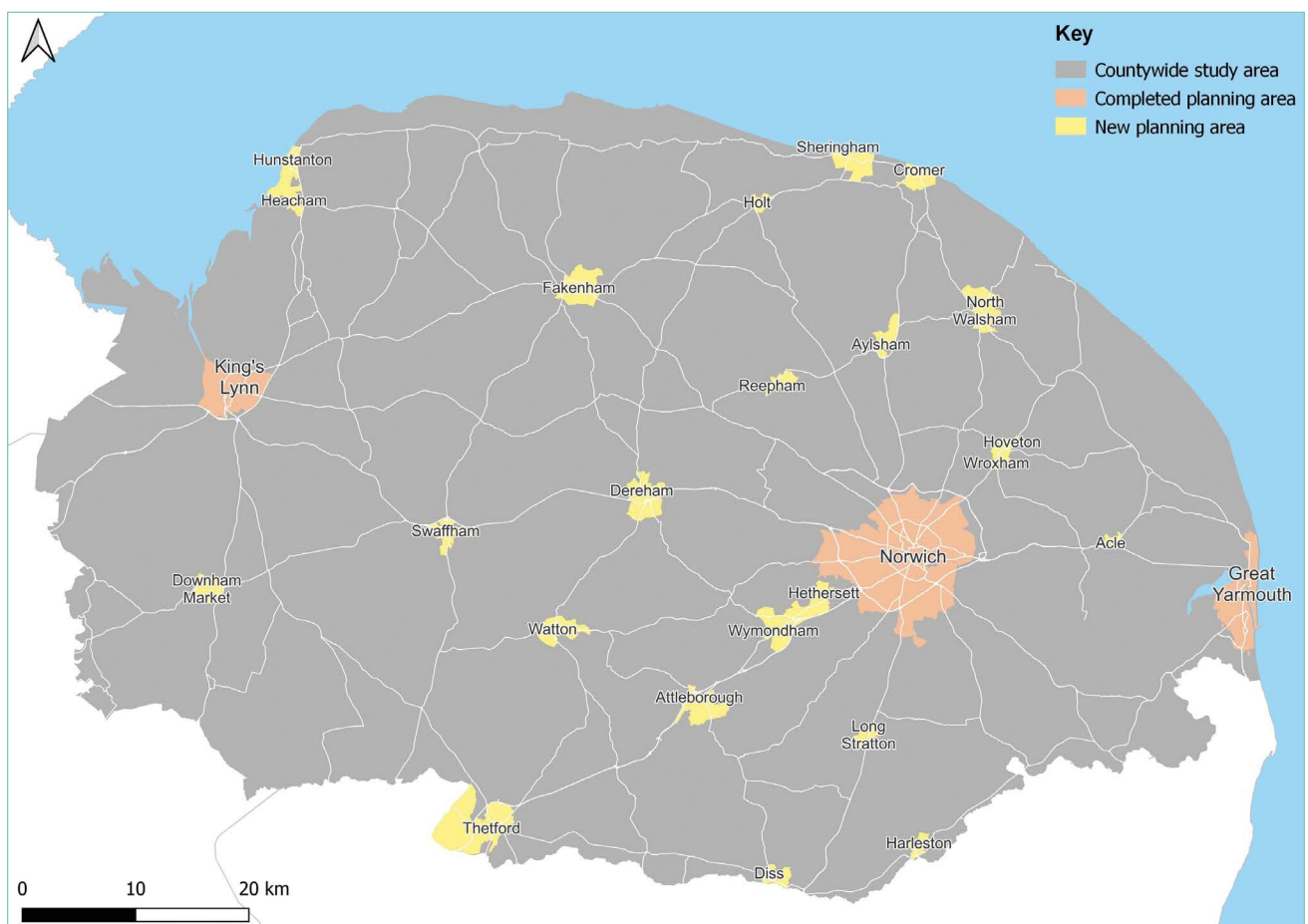
- improving our air quality
- reducing congestion on our roads
- providing access to education, employment and services
- addressing inequalities
- increasing connectivity between people and communities
- improving physical and mental health
- helping to mitigate climate change.

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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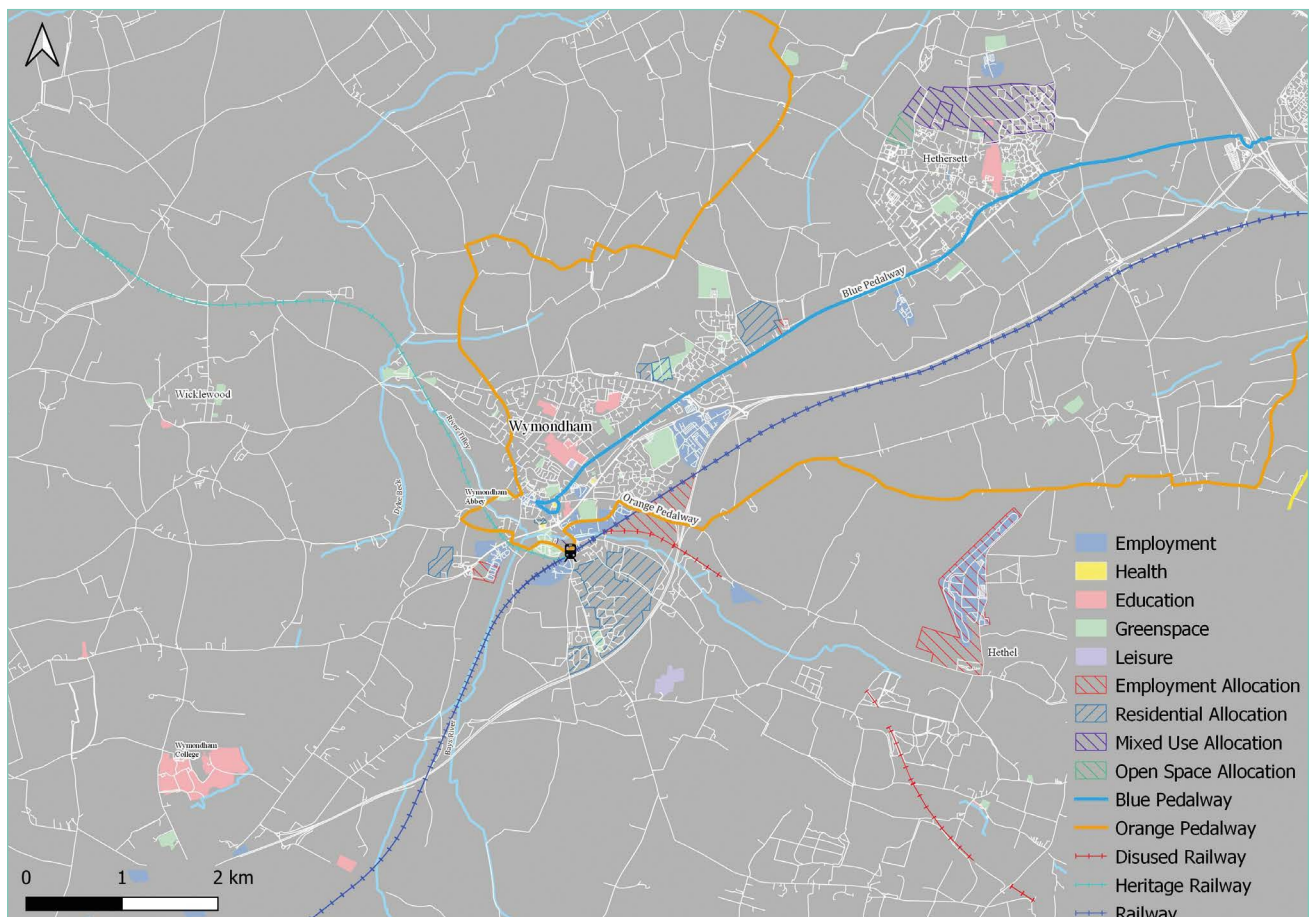
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### i. Introduction

Wymondham is a market town within the South Norfolk District of Norfolk and around 19km southwest of Norwich. Wymondham has allocation for new housing in the west, south and east of the town which is set to increase the population of 17,780 (2021) and in turn, increase the number of people in full time work, 41% in 2011<sup>i</sup>.

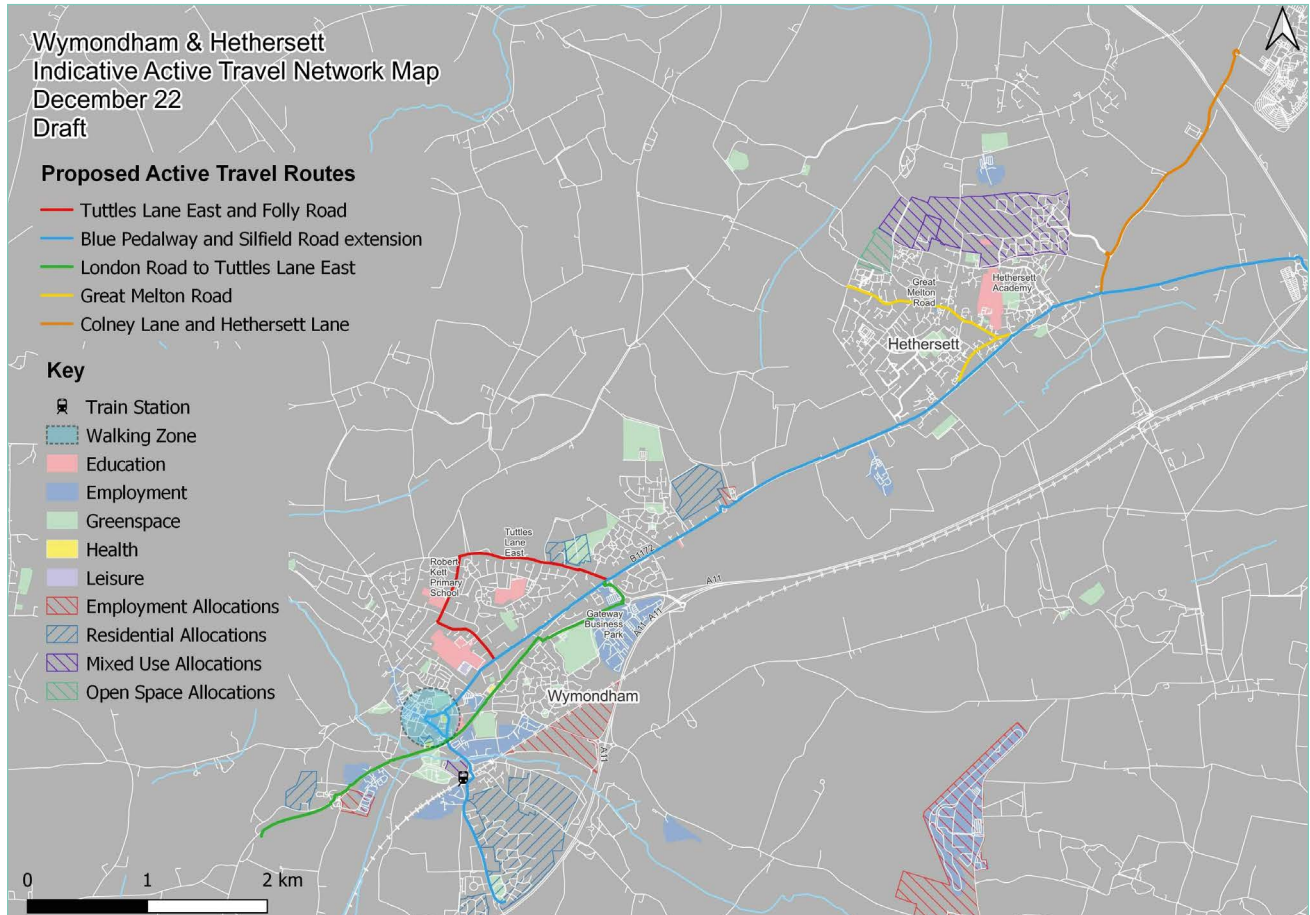
Hethersett is a nearby large village roughly halfway between Wymondham and Norwich. There is significant new housing allocation in the north which is expected to increase the population of 8,608 (2020) and increase the number of people in full time work from 38.7% in 2011<sup>ii</sup>.

Both Wymondham and Hethersett are connected to Norwich with an existing shared use cycle facility running parallel to the B1172. Wymondham has a bus station and a train station on the Breckland Line with access to Norwich, Attleborough and further west to Cambridge.



## ii. Wymondham and Hethersett indicative active travel network

The indicative active travel network aims to connect residential areas, central services and places of employment and education in Wymondham and Hethersett. The network will also link the towns via the existing Blue Pedalway.



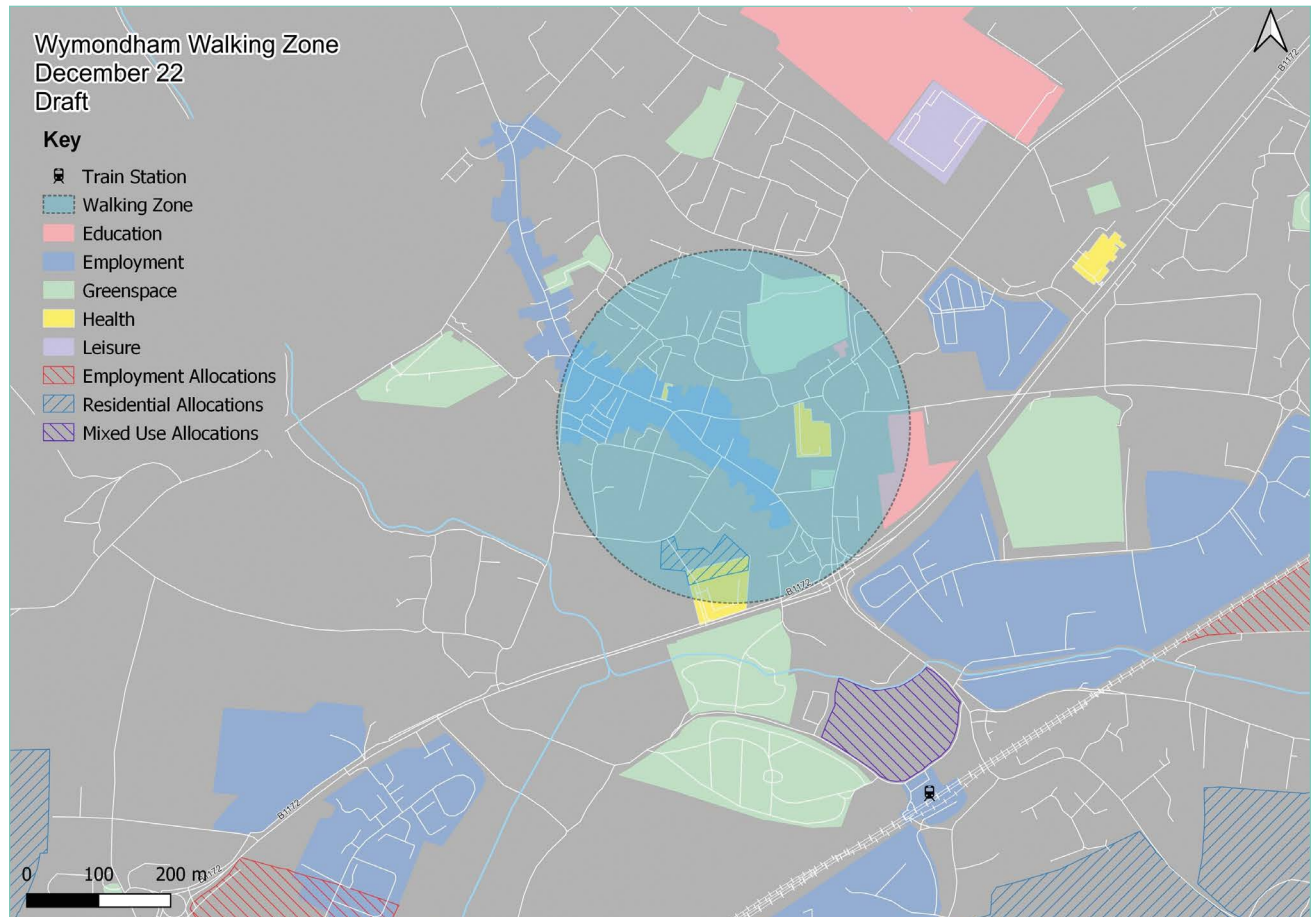
**Map 3:** Wymondham and Hethersett indicative active travel network.

### iii. Active travel route summary

Route Number	Route	Route Description
Route 1 (Red)	Tuttles Lane East and Folly Road	A 2.5km route to provide connectivity with education locations via Tuttles Lane East and Folly Road.
Route 2 (Blue)	Blue Pedalway and Silfield Road extension	A 10.5km linear route to improve connectivity along the existing Blue Pedalway and an extension to connect with public transport and residential areas along Silfield Road.
Route 3 (Green)	London Road to Tuttles Lane East	A 3.9km route providing connectivity between residential areas and places of education within Hethersett and the Blue Pedalway.
Route 4 (Pink)	Great Melton Road	A 2km route providing connectivity between residential areas and places of education within Hethersett and the Blue Pedalway.
Route 5 (Orange)	Colney Lane and Hethersett Lane	A 2.4km route to complete connectivity between the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and new housing allocations in the north of Hethersett.

#### iv. Indicative walking zone

The indicative walking zone covers areas which see high levels of footfall, and any new schemes will align with the Wymondham Area Action Plan 2015.



**Map 4:** Wymondham and Hethersett 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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