

## Cycle Lanes

Neighbourhood Development Plan  
Consultation 2021

In April the Council starts a programme of consultation with Stansted residents aimed at shaping its Neighbourhood Development Plan. The NDP itself will define how the village grows economically, socially and culturally in the future.

However prior to the start of the consultation, we are keen to sound out your views on the issue of cycle lanes. The Open Spaces committee is exploring the possibility of two new cycles routes.

### Stansted to Stansted Airport & Flich Way route 1



The route takes in PROW Bridleway no.60. (BW60)

It is primarily underused proving unpopular with walkers due to its proximity to the M11.

A 'makeover' of the BW60 could see it utilised by cyclists either to reach the airport for work or to use the Flich Way for recreational purposes.

#### BENEFITS

- It links up with the recently upgraded cycle-ways up and under the feeder routes at the M11 junction

- It passes close to the airport college and the back of the airport itself
- It would offer a cheap, green and safe commute for young people

#### IMPROVEMENTS

- The construction of a short link from BW60 would save many a pedal
- Lighting of the route to the airport would enable safer night cycling

### Stansted to Bishop's Stortford Centre route 2



The roads down to the Stort Valley are narrow so cyclists need a track to keep clear of traffic.

The PROW Footpath (no.29 Birchanger) runs by the Stort river and for a few 100 yards remains in Essex. Then it morphs into Bishop's Stortford PROW Footpath no.63. This is well maintained and now boasts a bridge connecting up with footpath no.29, and two new kissing gates.

#### ISSUES

- There is no pathway along the route. Construction would

need land owner agreement and incur costs.

- Parts of the route need to be converted as a bridleway prior to use as a cycle route. This would be dependent on other councils agreeing to spend money upgrading it.

#### BENEFITS

- This path would be ideal offering a direct route from the village to the centre of Bishop's Stortford.

- This route could also serve as a future walking route between the village and the town. This would involve Essex County Council resolving access issues to Gipsy Lane and the creation of a footpath from Bentfield Green along the Stort Valley to Gipsy Lane.

## Stansted Lower Street to Bishop's Stortford alternative route **2**

Commencing along Church Road— this requires widening to provide a cycle/pedestrian path—this would be very useful as a school run.

The proposed route then turns into Forest Hall Road. At the school it takes the existing PROW Footpath no.63 until the bridleway ends.

### ISSUES

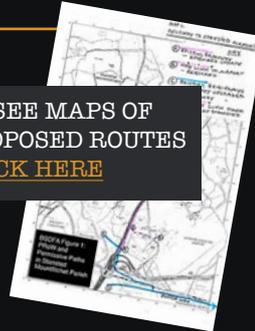
- The remainder of Forest Hall Road needs widening to encompass a cycleway down to the B1383.
- The B1383 is a dangerous road and crossing it will require an overpass or an underpass.
- Network Rail would need to be consulted to navigate the railway, as would the Rivers & Canal Trust for parts of the route and the owners of land alongside the Stansted Brook.
- Alternatively Essex and Hertfordshire County Councils could be be

- persuaded that a River Stort cycle-way along the River Stort link is a necessary green improvement to raise the quality of life and the health of residents
- Strong likelihood protected cycle routes would all stop at Passingford Bridge

### WALKERS

- Walkers could cross the B1383, but without some proper maintenance and reconstruction by ECC of the steps down side of the Stort footpath, walkers are currently stymied from easily proceeding further — this issue would affect Route 2 also.
- Footpaths with 'green corridor' status alongside the River Stort (northward) and linking up to Bentfield Green would offer walkers a safe, 'no CO2 traffic emissions' circular walk to Stansted.

TO SEE MAPS OF PROPOSED ROUTES  
[CLICK HERE](#)



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Lockdown Easing



Monday  
March 29

Rule of 6 or 2 households outside, outdoor sport permitted

### Garden Waste Disposal



Sunday  
April 4  
12.30-4.30pm

Lower Street  
Car Park

### Full Council Meeting



Wednesday  
April 7  
7.30pm

Held on Zoom  
Invitation Requests by 5pm on the previous day

### Nomination Papers



Thursday  
April 8  
4pm

Deadline  
Submission candidates nomination papers for local elections

Now you know the pitfalls and potential of each route,

## why not let us know your thoughts?

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