

Discussion Session: Could we do things Differently?

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Discussion Session

- How can new developments in West Sussex be improved in order to:
 - Increase levels of cycling to work
 - Increase levels of cycling to school
 - Secure more high quality cycling infrastructure at larger development sites?

Feedback from Discussion Session and Next Steps

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Key Points – Table 1

- LCWIPs are a good place to start
- NPPF does not always translate in to practice – LCWIPs will provide clarity
- Need for political leadership

Key Points – Table 2

- Lack of transport planning expertise within local planning authorities
- Districts and boroughs would benefit from in-house expertise and knowledge

Key Points – Table 3

- Use of the word 'encouraging' in planning
- Infrastructure needs to be in place from day 1
- Travel Plans need 'teeth' e.g. resources to enforce
- Importance of safe and attractive infrastructure – Transport for New Homes checklist
- Neighbourhood Plans have an important role to play

Key Points – Table 4

- Need to go 'back to basics'
- Engaging with developers and promoting the new West Sussex Cycling Design Guide will be important
- WSCC to run training sessions for consultants?
- LCWIPs to become Supplementary Planning Documents?
- Planning should take account of public health issues

Key Points – Table 5

- Need for inter-urban routes in rural areas with poor transport links
- Need to consider links from edge of town developments
 - Cambridge is an excellent example of where they are doing this
- Consider rural Mobility Hubs (car club, bike share) to increase choice.

Key Points – Table 6

- The message to developers must be clear
- Consider use of Compulsory Purchase Orders
- Remove red line boundaries from development plans
- Challenge the NPPF 'get out' clause

Key Points – Table 7

- Head teachers to have a greater role in promoting sustainable travel
- Provision of drying rooms in schools
- ‘Carrot and stick’ approach for workplaces
- Need for pre-consultation dialogue – local authorities know when developments are coming forward but local stakeholders are not able to give early input

Questions and Closing Remarks

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- Thank you ...
 - to our excellent speakers
 - for your contributions
 - to our facilitators from the West Sussex Cycle Forum
 - to the summit steering group
- Slides will be available at www.westsussexcycle.org.uk shortly
- Final questions or comments?