**CycleKnutsford- Infrastructure Local Delivery Plan**

**Introduction**

This document provides more detail to support the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan (KNP) Cycle Policy T2. It should be read referencing the related KNP Appendix 5 Cycle Plan Map which outlines the town,routes and proposed improvements and aspirations. The purpose is to encourage major new development to contribute to cycle routes by connecting with them through Active Design and monetary contribution. It also provides the basis for evaluating the current network and highlighting priority areas as intended in a Town Cycling Plan as requested by Objective 3 of the Cheshire East Cycling Strategy.National Government policy refers to the need for Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plans. Cheshire East is now progressing Local Town Delivery plans.This is intended to be the cycle part of such a plan.

This Local Cycle Plan aims to encourage all people including, children, adults and expert cyclists to be able to access confidently whatever their ability, by bike,all of Knutsford's Key Destinations, whether they live in the town, start and finish their journeys from further afield or arrive by train. CycleKnutsford have also designed, and the Town Council have printed, a map of various leisure cycle routes that are linked to The Revolution, enabling cyclists to access the wider network, delivering this Local Delivery Plan would fit with this.

Thisreport plan includes- aMapthat shows clearly how easy this could be (CycleKnutsford Delivery Plan Map) and a detailed Table of Infrastructure improvements and aspirations.

**Summary**

The Map identifies 5 coloured main road route ways through the Town with 8 points marked for new junctions and existing junctions A-E for improvements for cyclists. It also indicates the route of the CycleKnutsford 'The Revolution' designed to get around Town on quieter routes. Along some of the route ways the aspiration for segregated Cycleway is marked with a

**A50 Mere with junctions 1,2,A**

**A5033 Northwich with junctions 3,A**

**A50 Barclays with junctions 4,B**

**A537 Ollerton with junctions 5, B, C,D**

**B5085 Mobberley with junctions 6,7, D, E**

**MereheathLane with junctions 8**

The Table notes these junctions and suggests some details including crossings and shared paths and highlights where proposed Local plan development is nearby and could contribute to the investment. It also identifies, where new development could divert or upgrade an existing Public Right of Way. (PROW).

***It should be noted that on the major roads , there are existing footpaths and wide verges that could easily accommodate new shared or segregated cycleways.***

**Origins and Key Destinations**

**Origins** - all our surrounding towns, and, between each major road on our map are 4 major 1970's housing estates, plus the railway station(Manchester - Chester line) in the Historic Town Centre.

**Destinations**- are the main community places (schools& sports & green&health ), employment areas and the Historic Town Centre with Tatton Park.

Schools *- can be accessed off 'The Revolution'*

* spread out all round the town

Sports facilities -

* Mereheath Lane,major hub, Tatton Park entrance
* Toft cricket club which is adjacent to Booths Park on the A537
* the leisure centre/high school NW of the town centre. *Can be accessed off 'The Revolution'*

Green spaces - *can be accessed off 'The Revolution'*

* The Moor *and Barncroft behind St Cross Church*
* The Heath
* Tatton Park

Employments -

* Schools and Health facilities with GP’s and Dentists spread around and the Community Hospital in the Town Centre.
* The Town Centre shops and offices.
* A50 from the north - Mere Hotel,Land Rover Dealership, Cottons Hotel and Fryers Garden Centre.
* A50 going South - slightly further out is Barclays Radbroke Hall.
* A5033 going West - M6 services, Tabley nursing home
* A537 going South/East - Chelford Road, Booths Park.
* B5085 going East -Tatton Park,Parkgate Industrial Estate,Kids Allowed, Bentley and Longridge Trading Estate.

**Local Plan proposed new housing and employment development**

KNP Appendix 5 Cycle Map colour zones the location of proposed new housing and employment areas. LPS 36.37 and 38. Planning applications are live on 36 & 37. 36a is Redrow. 36b is Crown. 36c is Tatton Bluebell. 37 is Tatton Parkgate and Chancherygate Parkgate. Employment expansion development has been granted at Booths Park Bruntwood. A travel plan condition is in place on all.Yet to come forward is 38 Longridge. Opportunities exist to upgrade the public rights of way network in addition to connecting the new areas to the existing Town by Active Design and layout.

**The Revolution**

**'The Revolution'** generally goes round the town through 1970's housing estates and is to promote getting around Knutsford on quieter roads suitable for all ages and abilities enabling cyclists to access many key destinations. Crossing points would be of great of benefit to pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.

* Crossings 2, 3, 4, 5,7, 8 and E
* Cycleway - Garden Road east off A50
* An upgrade of Drury Lane Moorside
* The Dip at Longridge

**Aspirational (Leisure) Cycle Routes**

These are either existing PROW footpaths that could be upgraded to Bridleway and/or areas of land within proposed new development where new routes can be created. Three ideas stand out.

PARKGATE to DOG WOOD Tatton Park then over railway on to Mallard Close or onto Moor via woodland.

Parkgate Tatton Group own the field alongside Railway to Tatton Park Dog wood Gate. Ownership of land form Dog wood to the Moor is Council and Tatton group. This could be used to create a Parkgate to Town centre off road route via the Moor. It could be implemented in two phases. It could be an extension to the already diverted FP11 on the proposed Parkgate Village site. It could be a commuter and leisure route.

BOOTHS PARK to MOBBERLEY and LONGRIDGE to MOBBERLEY Knutsford FP 17 and FP13

These could be upgraded to bridleway as employment and housing permission is granted. First phase of Bruntwood Booths Park has suggested this but not secured. Longridge is yet to come forward but will almost certainly include a request to divert.

A5033 NORTHWICH RD to TABLEY LANE to A50 MANCHESTER RD to MEREHEATH LANE

Opportunity to create new route through new development land. Links from Northwich Rd already secured in planning application.

**Background**

*Ref: Cheshire East Cycling Strategy 2017 – 2027 (CECC) Appendix Toolkit re design development*

Appendix A Delivery Plan Objective 3 Ensure high quality facilities are in place to support people who cycle and that will attract people to live and work in the area **Encourage local cycling groups to develop Town Cycling Plans to identify existing routes and propose new local routes, with the purpose of them becoming adopted as part of their local Neighbourhood Plan.**Deliver training session on cycle planning at CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL Neighbourhood Planning Conference.Plan training event for community cycling groups. Continuing communication and support to community groups. Strategic Infrastructure / Spatial Planning / Local Cycle Groups On-going support.

*Page 17 Table 4 Baseline Data Cheshire East Cycling Strategy*

The Cheshire East Cycling Strategy noted high levels of cycling traffic around the Moor in the centre of Town. Not surprising as this is a main off road route connecting the Historic Town Centre to the CrossTown area in the east. It is the only signed cycleway as a shared path from the Mobberley Rd, down Middle Walk around the Moor to the Railway station. This route continues as path out to Mobberley and forms a known walk to school route where footpath improvement works were carried out on the edge of Knutsford.

*Ref: Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan 2019*

(KNP) Policy T2 Cycling T1 Walking SL123 Sports& Leisure HW1 Health & Wellbeing common detail refers to the need for **ACTIVE DESIGN and Appendix 5 Knutsford Cycle Plan Map with Routes identified.**

*Existing Dedicated cycling routes*

Within the Town there is only one shared cyleway signposted route. This is from Knutsford Railway Station to Mobberley via the Moor and Middle Walk. This is part of the Knutsford Revolution route.

Outside of Town leisure routes can be reached known as Laureen's Ride, Cheshire Cycleway, Manchester Airport route and the detrunked A556 from Tabley to Rostherne. Also on Tabley Lane near the Cemetery the bridleway and North Cheshire Way route known as Swains Way. Tabley Superior BR7