

# Thanet District Council



## Regulatory Services Update

Thanet CWIP Online Consultation Tool & AQ Grant

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# Recap - 2021 Urban Cycling & Walking Audit



- In 2020, the Council commissioned Sustrans, through the Active Travel Fund (£19k grant via KCC), to carry out an initial audit of the key walking and cycling routes in Thanet.
- This audit focussed on the **Urban Area** (Urban Air Quality Management Area), identifying eight priority cycling routes; four core walking zones and two priority junctions for improvement.
- The project assessed conditions across Thanet with a focus on access to education and employment, to identify any gaps in the existing network. The output of the work will be a Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) in line with Department for Transport (DfT) guidance.

# Further Work - 2023 Capability Fund - £42k



**£12,000** to assist with **development of the LCWIP**. Setting out infrastructure investment priorities, integrating with local behaviour change initiatives and wider policies and targets, and local plans. Overall network plan with rationale and priorities.

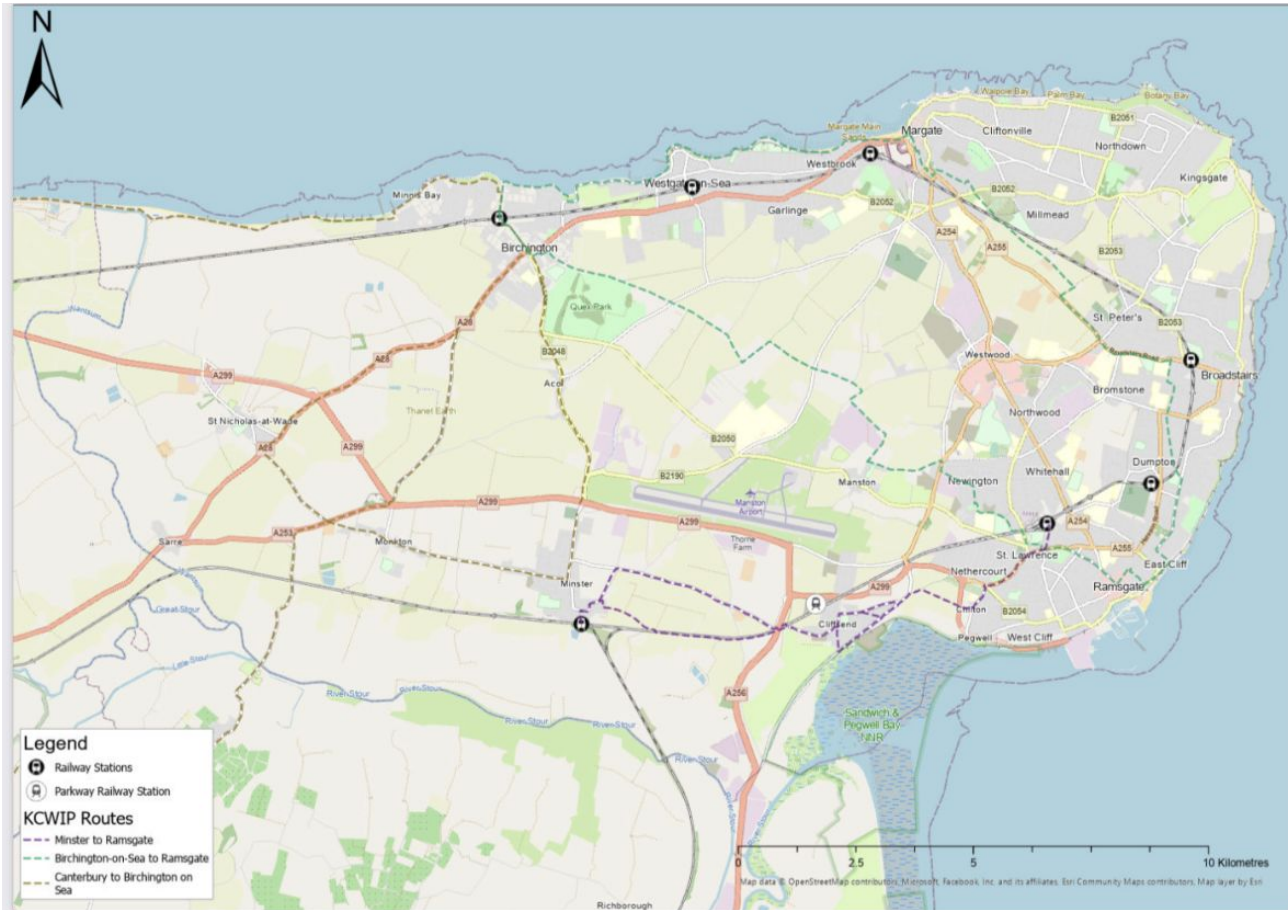
**£20,000** to assist with a **Rural Audit** to feed into the LCWIP, to include consultation and public workshops to engage cycle groups, parishes and other stakeholders. Development and mapping of proposed network design.

**£10,000** to assist with **Scheme Planning and Network Design** to the point of bidding for capital funds, including early plans sufficient for bid stage assurance against ATE design tools, for one scheme.

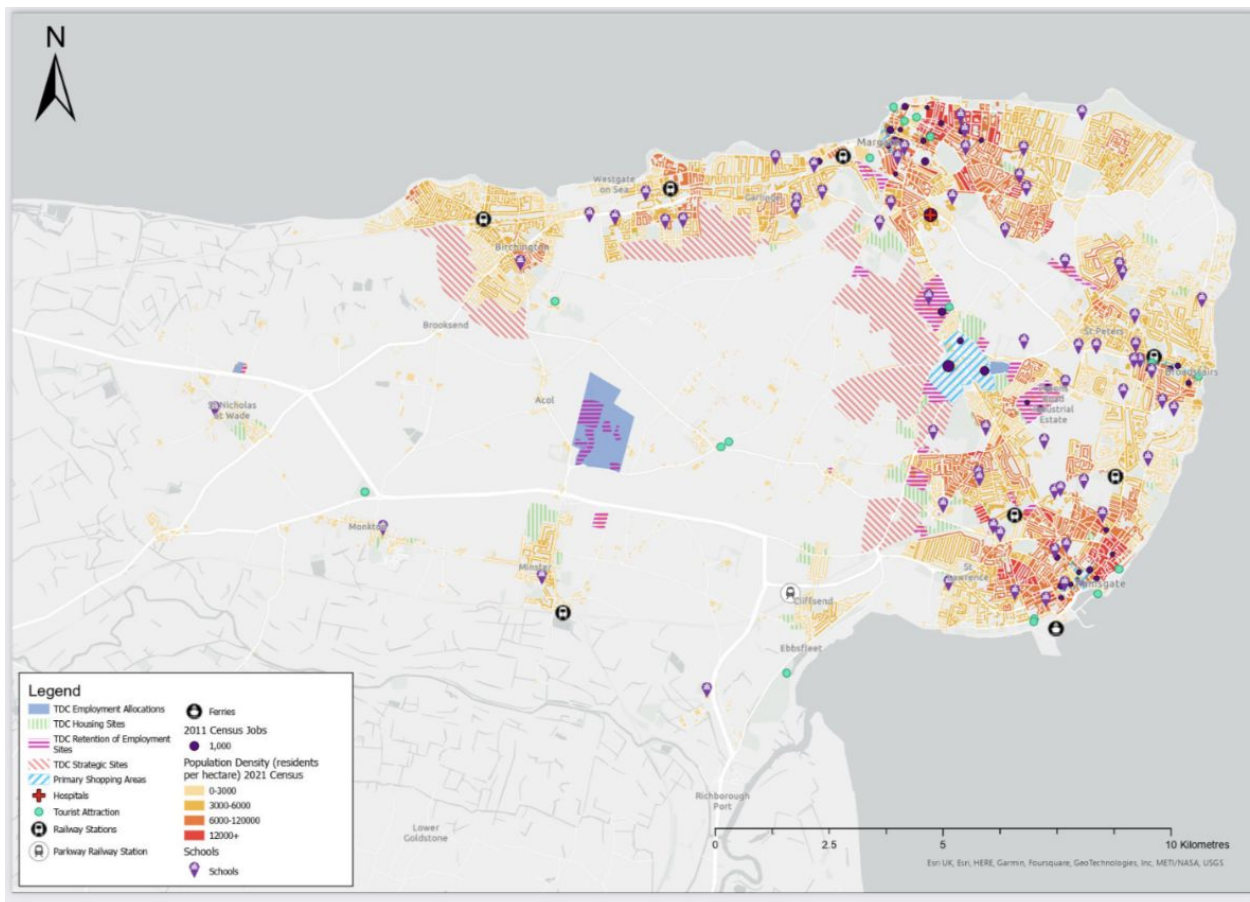
# Help create a vision for the future of walking and cycling in Thanet

- Sustrans are working with Thanet District Council to develop a Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (CWIP).
- This project will focus on the rural part of the district and will build on the work undertaken in 2021 which focused on the urban areas of Thanet.
- We are carrying out engagement to help us understand who is currently walking or cycling and where they want to go, but also importantly, who is not currently walking or cycling, and what the barriers are.
- The input will help us develop a walking and cycling network for the district which will be prioritised, and a costed programme of high-level proposals will be produced for which Thanet District Council will then seek funding opportunities.

# Existing Network



# Attractors and Generators



# Consultation Tool Comms

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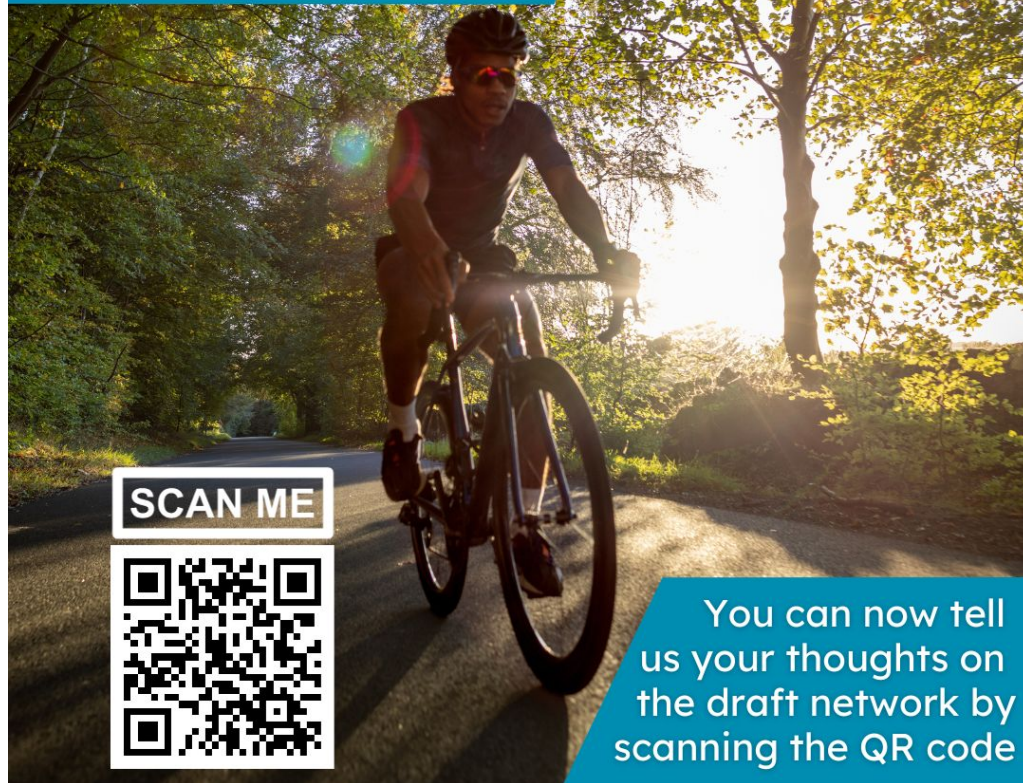


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Based on your feedback,  
we've created a draft  
walking/cycling network  
for Thanet



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You can now tell  
us your thoughts on  
the draft network by  
scanning the QR code

# Thanet Draft Cycling and Walking Network Online Consultation Tool

The tool can be accessed via this link:

<https://communitymap.uk/project/217>

The tool will be open until **Monday 16th October**



# Defra AQ Grant Application - £74k - Sept 2023

## Defra Grant Partnership Proposal – 2-year Air Quality Sensor Monitoring and Public Information Services.

Thanet District Council is seeking funding to install low cost sensors at key pollution hotspots with nearby vulnerable receptors to obtain real time pollution data for NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>. Data will be incorporated into the Kent Air website to make the additional air quality information available to the public in a timely fashion to provide relevant and targeted information to vulnerable groups and primary schools to help with engagement. We would like to use sensors to help us carry out several key initiatives:

# Education and Evidence Base

We want our air quality data to be real time, easy to find and understand so that our information is readily accessible.

We want to communicate on:

- Air Pollution and how it affects health
- Health impacts (indoors and out) of domestic solid fuel burning
- Anti idling campaigns with enforcement
- Highlight AQ benefits of school streets and zigzag initiatives in Thanet and signpost to our existing Kent Air schools resources

We also would like to analyse data to assist in an evidence base for possible designation of new Smoke Control Areas.

# Expected Benefits

By raising awareness of health impacts of air pollution, promoting good air quality and encouraging active travel we would hope to see and quantify a decline in pollution within the targeted areas and across the district. Thanet has high levels of deprivation and health inequalities compared to other areas in Kent and we would like to improve wellbeing and the health of residents and reduce inequality.

Monitoring networks is critical for understanding where pollution is most acute, and the impact of significant interventions on air pollution. Monitoring also forms the basis of action to reduce pollution. The sensors will enable us to measure and report on NO<sub>2</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> in real-time and to determine whether any changes in air quality seen because of policy interventions are statistically significant.

# Behaviour Change

The sensors will aid communication and engagement to influence behaviour and awareness, partnerships with schools to reduce air pollutant emissions, and support the government objective to reduce the impact of domestic burning of wood and coal.

The project will assist our understanding of the significance of wood burning and help us to provide targeted information on health impacts from indoor pollution and particulate matter from non-traffic sources of pollution.