Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs)

DCC have funding to develop two plans (as required of all authorities by Government I believe). These are intended to guide investment over the next ten or 20 years.

One plan focuses on Cullompton and Tiverton and has been developed in partnership with Mid Devon District Council. The plans have been developed to show which routes should be prioritised when funding becomes available (for instance from the Government or from housing developers).

The routes identified are

Cullompton & Culm Garden Village - Cullompton to Killerton - Cullompton to Tiverton Parkway - Willand/Tiverton Parkway to Tiverton – Tiverton - Links to Uffculme

With two core walking zones: - Cullompton town centre - Tiverton town centre.

The map attached gives some idea of the proposals.

I represented the Parish Council at a stakeholder meeting convened by the consultants to discuss their draft of both plans before submitting it to DCC. Following comments at that meeting they made changes to their submission. They had not fully recognised the centrality of Willand as the point where Uffculme, Cullompton and the Garden Village fed into Tiverton Parkway and Samford Peverell – and have added the relevant proposals from our proposed Neighbourhood Plan to their final version. I attended a recent stakeholder consultation led by DCC on the completed version which was also attended by two of our District Councillors.

There are issues which directly affect us. In preparing the Neighbourhood Plan the lack of coherent places to walk and cycle was clearly of concern to villagers – and access to and from Uffculme has been a recurring issue.

The document is now going out to public consultation from 26th February until 7th April. with an online event for the Cullompton & Tiverton proposals on Monday 4 March, 5pm-6pm and an in-person event on Monday 18 March, 2pm-5pm, at Cullompton Town Hall.

The key information and survey point for the proposed plan is at https://www.devon.gov.uk/haveyoursay/consultations/cullomptonlcwip/

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