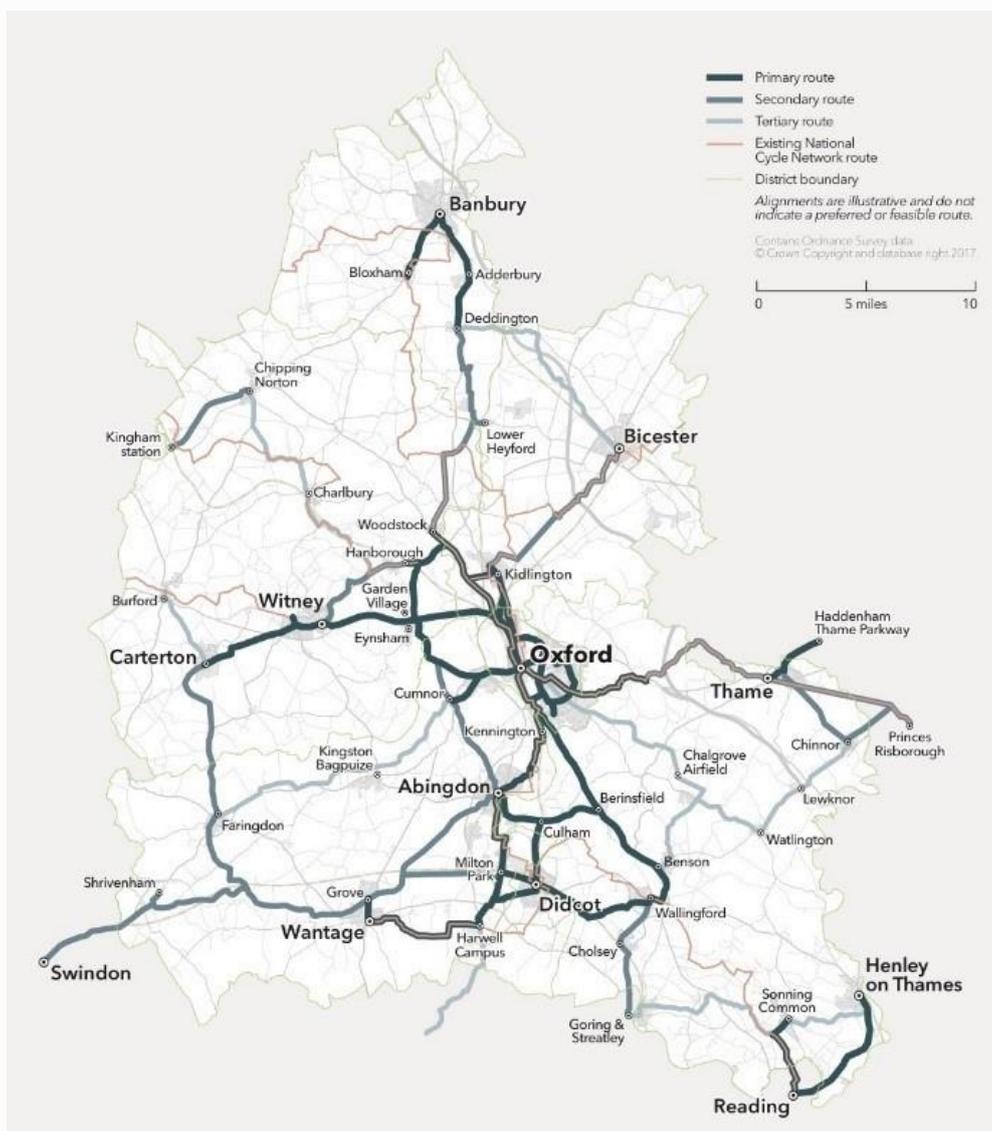


## Active and Healthy Travel - Strategic Active Travel Network

The Strategic Active Travel Network (SATN) is central to the Council's Healthy Place Shaping Agenda. It brings together all of our thinking, policies and commitments to Active & Healthy Travel, taking a countywide network approach to connect different modes of travel (cycling, walking, public transport). The goal is to ensure there is always active travel input into every transport decision made by the council working with its partners. This applies to new developments, and getting active travel at the forefront of planning communities and - of equal importance - encouraging current communities to prioritise active travel to build resilient and healthy places.

We have plenty of ambition and lots of plans in place to develop a comprehensive Strategic Active Travel Network across Oxfordshire. The benefits are multiple: healthier communities, healthier individuals, safer routes for cycling and walking, lower congestion and improved air quality are all strong reasons why we need to have a clear policy direction for delivering a better quality of life for everyone. Oxfordshire's SATN brings together a range of strategies and plans covering cycling, walking and rights of way in a comprehensive Oxfordshire network. An example of how this could look from a cycling perspective is illustrated below:



This strategic approach allows progress on projects and approaches including:

- Access to and from public transport routes hubs and routes identified in our **SHIFT** approach to connect Active Travel and public transport trips (see Topic Paper – SHIFT). This includes First / Last Mile routes for shorter distance journeys, for example from transport interchanges
- **Cross Boundary** initiatives, e.g. active travel link between towns and rail stations (Thame to Haddenham Parkway is one example).
- Connections into our **Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans** (LCWIPs) initially being developed for Oxford, Bicester and Didcot, setting out ambitions and a prioritised programme for investment to create excellent cycling and walking networks – with a desire to spread out across the rest of the county if funding allows. (See Topic Paper - LCWIP)
- Sustrans' **National Cycle Network** (NCN) review – the network provides numerous opportunities to upgrade sections or complete missing links
- Rethinking our **highway network**, helping make connections multi-use and adaptable to emerging and alternative uses by active travel to reduce congestion and make alternatives safer and more appealing
- Developing **Greenways**, a countywide, generally off road, network for cycling, walking and horse riding, using existing networks eg Strategic Public Rights of Way, starting with Oxford and links to nearby settlements, but extending across the county
- **Area and Town Strategy** development - incorporating schemes already being developed by the county council and its partners, for example as part of the Oxfordshire Housing & Growth Deal/Housing Infrastructure Fund, for example the Science Vale cycle network. These will provide local links that form part of a comprehensive active travel strategy across the county.
- **School streets** - promoting safe walking and cycling, lowering of pollution and improving air quality outside school. (See Topic Paper - School Streets)



## Question 7

### Active & Healthy Travel: Strategic Active Travel Network - What do you think?

What do you think should be considered and included in developing the Strategic Active Travel Network? What else could be done to promote active travel? What uses could it have, once developed?

To respond please use the online consultation form.