

Warwick District Council
14 December 2022

Item 6 Notice of Motion - Amended

To consider a notice of Motion as follows to be proposed by Councillor Milton and seconded by Councillor Kennedy:

The opening of the new Kenilworth School in September 2023 is a major milestone for the realisation of the district's local plan. As a Council we recognise the need to prioritise active travel, but at the moment other than the immediate surrounds of the school, there is little in the way of infrastructure that will enable students to cycle to the school safely from across the town.

Concerns about the lack of safe cycling provision to the school have been consistently raised by residents, and this was evidenced in the recent petition organised by Pedal to Protect, which gained around two thousand signatures in support of the need for improvements.

However, as yet, there has been little practical action to create safer routes to school, to enable active travel and in so doing, reduce the road traffic that prevents many from cycling or walking to school.

The District Council is not the Highways Authority but is the responsible authority for Abbey Fields, where cycling is currently prohibited due to a bylaw. This currently creates a significant barrier to a continuous cycle route across Kenilworth which would enable students to travel a larger proportion of the route safely.

This Council therefore resolves to take practical action to enable the young people of Kenilworth to cycle to school safely by:

- *Officers working with Warwickshire County Council to request the prioritisation of improvements at key points in the town including (but not limited to) Bridge Street, Dalehouse Lane, Warwick Road and Farmer Ward Road to create a network of safe routes.*
- *Including students cycling to various schools through Abbey Fields within the remit of the current investigations being carried out as part of the new Abbey Fields Management Plan and Sustainable Transport work which will include relevant consultation with all affected*
- *Bringing recommendations to Cabinet in a timely fashion to allow changes to be put into effect by a target date of September 2023 subject to advice*