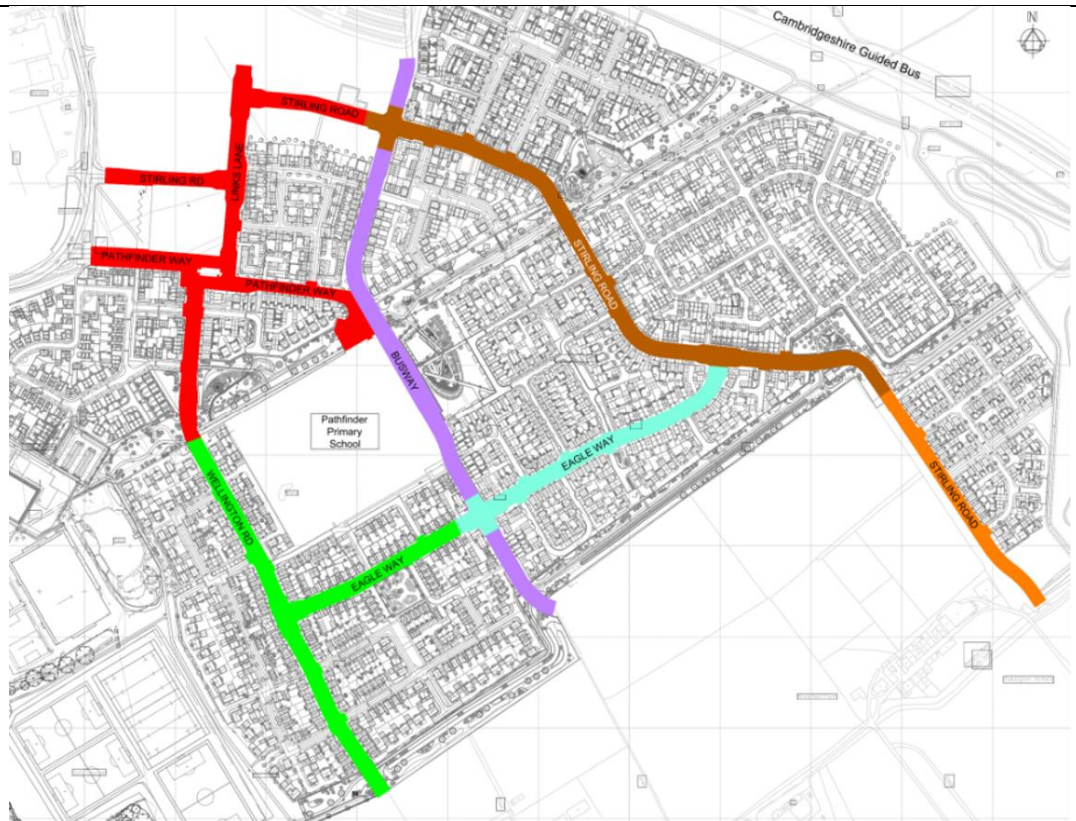


SECTION 1A - To be filled in by submitter of the Motion:

Report from	Cllr Carla Bros Sabria
On behalf of	n/a
Date	14 th January 2025
For Meeting of Council/Committee	Full Council
Date of meeting	28 th Jan 2025
Agenda item no.	209/24-25
Confidentiality	N/a
TITLE OF MOTION	Letters to Phase 1 master developer and residents on cycle lanes
MOTION(S)	<p>Numbered list of motions to be included under the motion heading, with full wording for motions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To receive a report on the issues around unfinished cycle lanes and parking in cycle lanes. 2. To agree to undersign a letter to the master developer of Phase 1 Urban & Civic requesting the finalisation of cycle lanes giving priority to route to Northstowe Learning Community 3. To agree to undersign a letter asking residents in Stirling Road, Eagle way and Wellington Road to refrain from parking in future cycle lanes.
Background	<p>Cycle lanes are a key component of road design that encourage active travel, both for regular journeys, such as commuting to school or work, and for leisure or occasional use.</p> <p>In Northstowe, we currently have three main cycleways: one running alongside Stirling Road, another along Eagle Way and another one through Wellington Road. The cycleway on Stirling Road provides vital access to Northstowe Secondary College. However, a section of these cycle lanes remains incomplete. You may have noticed markings such as “Future” + Cycle sign on the surface of the cycle lanes. Unfortunately, permanent car parking continues to block these future cycle lanes, which prevents them from being used safely.</p> <p>Young people in Northstowe who cycle to school regularly are forced to repeatedly move on and off the lane into the road, especially during busy pick-up/drop-off rush hours. As reported by young people themselves, some students have even stopped cycling to school entirely due to safety concerns. Other residents and potential users may also wish to use the cycle lanes but feel discouraged because they do not perceive the routes as safe.</p> <p>Urban& Civic provided an update in December on the planned finishing works on roads, cycle lanes and pavements (see Northstowe Phase 1 Finishing Works — Northstowe), with the following phasing of the works:</p>



Phase 1: Red
 Phase 2: Green
 Phase 3: Blue
 Phase 4: Purple
 Phase 5: Brown
 Phase 6: Orange

Works started in December 2024 for the first phase (red) and are expected to be completed by Summer 2026.

Issues/items for consideration by the Council

The current phasing designates Stirling Road section, the main route from/to Northstowe Learning Community, as the last to be completed. Effectively bringing yet another full school year with unsafe cycle lanes.

Northstowe is a growing and vibrant community that deserves infrastructure befitting its status as a flagship development. It has been over 7 years since work began. Finalising these cycle lanes would mark an important step forward in delivering the high-quality, sustainable living environment envisioned for Northstowe.

There is frustration amongst residents and partners, there is also reputational risk for the Town Council which for so long has appeared to be inactive for such a long time.

Joint letters from District and County Councillors and MP have been drafted to be sent to both residents and the master developer of phase 1 to request that priority is given to finishing cycle lanes.

Recommendations

For the Town Council;

1. To receive a report on the issues around unfinished cycle lanes and parking in cycle lanes.
2. To agree to undersign a letter to the master developer of Phase 1 Urban & Civic requesting the finalisation of cycle lanes giving priority to route to Northstowe Learning Community.
3. To agree to undersign a letter asking residents in Stirling Road, Eagle way and Wellington Road to refrain from parking in future cycle lanes.

Appendices

N/a

Documents:

Letter to Northstowe Phase 1 Master Developer
 Letter to residents of Stirling Road, Eagle way and Wellington Road

SECTION 1B - To be filled in by submitter of the Motion:

Input needed from Clerk?	No
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PLEASE NOTE: Agenda item requests: in order to be considered for inclusion on the agenda, motions with all associated papers *must* be received by the Clerk in a final format at least 7 clear daysⁱ before the meeting at which you would like your item to be considered – if any input is required from the Clerk please provide sufficient additional time for the Clerk to schedule in for any feedback and/or additional research that may be required.

SECTION 2 - To be filled in by the Clerk:

Meets/links with Council objectives:	Responsive to community needs	√
Staffing Implications: ⁱⁱ	TBC	
Volunteer need implications:	TBC	
Equalities & Human Rights ⁱⁱⁱ	There are no equalities and human rights issues Details, where relevant: N/A	
Crime and Disorder ^{iv}	Crime and disorder have been considered Details, where relevant: N/A	
Biodiversity ^v	There are no (negative) bio-diversity implications Details, where relevant: N/A	
Sustainability	Is in line with the Council's Plastic-Free Pledge - N/A	
Financial ^{vi}	There are no financial implications at this stage – N/A	
	There will be financial implications - TBC – Potential for printing and distribution costs.	
	There is provision within the budget Budget heading & details: Any costs could be covered under number of budget headings related to community engagement work.	
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure; Details: N/A	
	Decisions may have potential for income generation; Details: N/A	
Other Resource implications (besides finance):	Details: N/A	
Health and Safety implications ^{vii}	Details: N/A	
Legal	Power under which the spend can be actioned: ^{viii} GPC	
	GDPR - Data Privacy Impact Assessment: ^{ix} Details, where relevant: N/A	
	Other considerations: N/A	
Risk Management	Material risks ^x exist and these are considered and being assessed: Details: N/A	
Other Considerations:	N/A	

ⁱ Northstowe Town Council's [Standing Order 9 b,d](#).

ⁱⁱ The Council has a legal duty to ensure it looks after employees' health and wellbeing (the Health and Safety at Work etc act 1974).

ⁱⁱⁱ The key legislation regarding unlawful discrimination is the Equality Act 2010, which amongst other requires the Council to monitor for compliance with the Equality Duty.

^{iv} The Council has a legal duty to act with due regards to crime and disorder in the area (Crime and Disorder Act 1998, s17).

^v The Council has a legal duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity (Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, s40).

^{vi} It is the RFO's duty to manage financial risks on behalf of the Council, as described in the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, reg 4.

^{vii} See also Town Council's [Health and Safety Policy](#).

^{viii} See here for an [Overview of relevant discretionary powers](#) beyond the General Power of Competence.

^{ix} See also the Town Council's [Data Protection Policy](#).

^x See Town Council's [Risk Management Plan](#).