

Projects for Good

Wokingham Greenways Project

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Summary

Wokingham Greenways are continuous, generally traffic-free, multiuser routes that are aimed at linking the major Strategic Developments in the borough to each other and places of interest and employment.

Context

Wokingham Greenways will contribute in achieving the National Government target to deliver 'Better Safety, Better mobility and Better streets by 2040'. It is linked to Wokingham's Core strategy (CP10 policy, items 20 and 21 and SDL policies CP18-21). Greenways has also been highlighted in ROWIP (Right of Way Improvement Plan 2020-30, Local Transport Plan, and LCWIP (Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan).

Aims

- Invest in regenerating towns and villages, support social and economic prosperity, whilst encouraging business growth
- Ensure strong sustainable communities that are vibrant and supported by well-designed development
- Tackle traffic congestion in specific areas of the borough

The Project

As the Capital Project Manager, I lead the core project team and managed the Wokingham Greenways project. The aim of this project was to deliver a sustainable transport network

connecting the new Strategic Development Locations. I had overall responsibility for the project plan and delivery as well as the day to day supervision of detailed design work, public consultation, tendering & procurement, planning applications, and managing suppliers and contractors. Written project progress reports were created alongside presentations to stakeholders to convey the progress with the project. Negotiations with the landowner were crucial in order to deliver high quality, sustainable transport networks in accordance with the Council's vision. Project Management procedures and templates for the Green Infrastructure delivery team were created. (The project was divided into Eight Phases with approx. £1 million budget each).

Personal Impact

My key contribution was writing a Greenways Project Strategy and Execution Plan; relationship building with all key stakeholders; leading on public consultations; writing consultation report; delivery of first phase of greenways project.

Results

The first phase of Greenways has been delivered successfully. Consultation on the next phases of the project have been completed and are now in the design stage. The Greenways have a project delivery plan for the next three years.