

COPYTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY JANUARY 13TH 2026

Item 9 – To receive and approve a Parish Council contribution to the New Forest Association of Local Councils response on the HCC Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (“LCWIP”) for the New Forest area

BACKGROUND

On November 20th 2025, as the Parish Council’s representative on Transport matters, I attended the New Forest National Park Transport Summit held in Brockenhurst, hosted by the NFNPA and open to the public.

One of the subjects discussed was an update given by Ben Mitchell, HCC Principal Transport Planner on the Waterside and New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (“LCWIP”). More details on this can be found in the links below:-

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport/hampshire-local-transport-plan-4-2024.pdf>

<https://documents.hants.gov.uk/transport/new-forest-district-lcwip-2025-post-consultation-final.pdf>

Ben Mitchell asked for feedback on the proposals and at the December 4th 2025 meeting of the New Forest Association of Local Councils (“NFALC”) it was agreed that a response would be co-ordinated by the NFALC Cycling Representative.

CURRENT POSITION

Attached as Appendix A are the comments that I would like to submit to NFALC to form part of their submission to HCC on the proposals.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Parish Council supports the submission to NFALC of the comments in Appendix A for inclusion in the NFALC response to HCC.

Cllr. Graham Chillcott

January 6th 2026

APPENDIX A

NFALC - Reviewing and commenting on Approved New Forest LCWIP – Copythorne PC

General Comments

Subject	Comment	Council/Organisation
Removal of route 130 and the Old route 120	Copythorne Parish has a very large volume of recreational cyclists using its roads and cycle routes, especially over weekends. By removing route 130 and re-routing route 120 (via Totton into Lyndhurst) this in our opinion has rather than improving the cycling infrastructure, just made matters worse.	Copythorne PC

Comments on Routes

LCWIP	Other	Route description	Comments	Commented by
Route 130		Downton to Cadnam	Whilst understanding why it's been removed (Roger Penny Way is obviously a very dangerous road), it's never the less very disappointing that this entire route has been taken away.	Copythorne PC
Old Route 120		Bartley to Lyndhurst	We realise that the old 120 route was incomplete but by removing it rather than improving it a major north south connection is still missing. The isolated remaining bit that runs across the Brockishill and Furzy Lawn Inclosures and which emerges onto the A337 near the Foxhound Kennels is most unsatisfactory.	Copythorne PC