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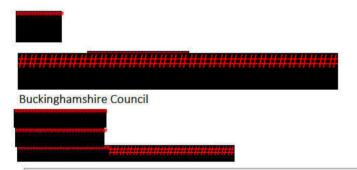
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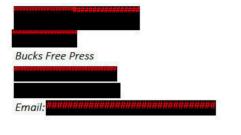
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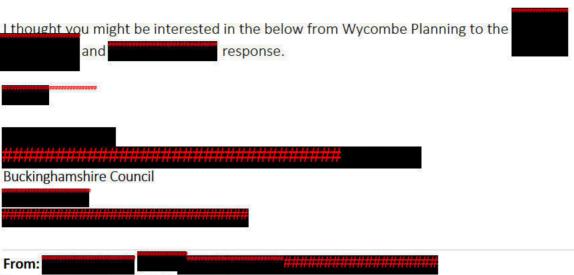
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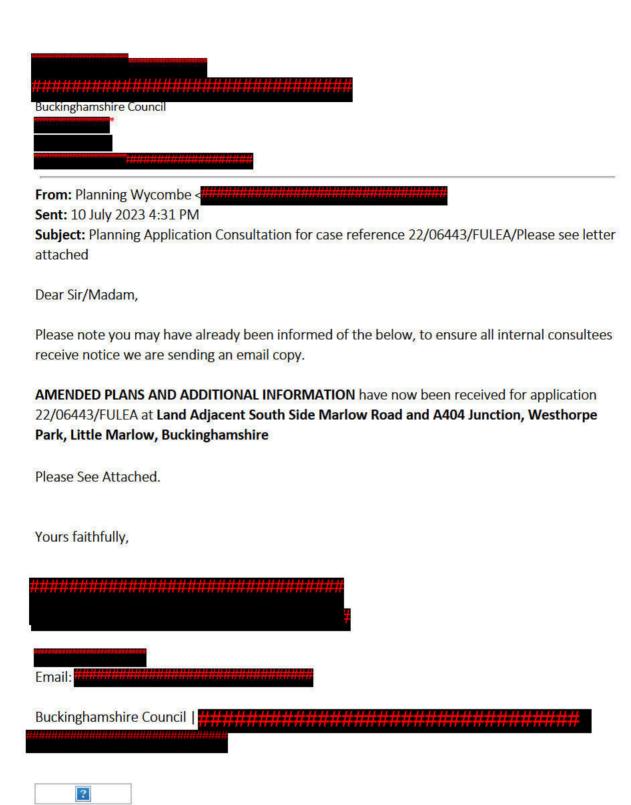
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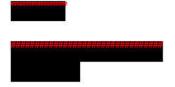
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Cc: Chris Funnell;
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Marlow Active Travel
Date: 14 August 2023 12:51:12
Attachments:

Hello

It's very good of you to write and thank you for explaining in detail the current issues.

I deal with the rights of way network, in particular as a consultee in the planning process [e.g. Marlow Film Studios], so I have close contacts throughout the council, in particular with highways planning consultees [aka Highways Development Management] and in Strategic Transport.

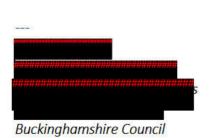
While I will reply where I can, I think the bulk of your email should be addressed by Strategic Transport initially], as they are at the forefront of cycle planning for Marlow town, including a Cycling Walking and Infrastructure Strategy.

In terms of the legal process, the routes you appear to mention are along the pavements or footways within the vehicular highway, which are outside my area, but clearly segue into the rights of way network. There is a process to upgrade pavements to cycleways, which can outline.

From my side – that is, outside the vehicular highway network - we tend to use bridleway creation agreements with landowners [s25 Highways Act 1980] or the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 which upgrades a public footpath to cycleway. Both allow cycling to take place. There is also planning gain where planning conditions can prescribe cycling access in perpetuity or for the lifetime of a development.

I'm unclear what you mean about 'changing the designation to mixed use'. That sounds like a planning term, to which I am unfamiliar.

Many thanks,





# Buckinghamshire Council, Walton Street Offices AYLESBURY HP20 1UA

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Hi

You don't often get email from

Town Council and one of our areas of focus is Active Travel and I wanted to see if you could help us make Active Travel more accessible in Marlow.

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I have found this link talking about converting to a shared path but there are no details on what or how it happens and I thought you might have heard of it before? https://www.cycling-embassy.org.uk/wiki/cyclists-ride-pavements

I also found these https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/n-a-3319/

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4146352/Police-won-t-punish-cyclists-riding-pavement.html

We would like to extend the bike path by changing the designation of specific areas of pavement/footpaths to mixed use to allow for bikes and scooters.

- 1 Footpath running alongside Marlow FC it's used for two different schools in both directions, the path is wider and has room to expand to 3m if we could (except for the opening area on both sides)
- 2 Connect the current bike path on Wycombe Road to the footpath above by extending along one side of Wycombe Road to Oak Tree Road intersection this pavement is wider and if we paved over the sections of grass verge in-between the drives it could become 3m width
- 3 Start a new mixed use path along one side of Oak Tree Road that connects to the footpath above as this is a main vertical artery connecting many houses on the hill to town, schools and Londis

All of these pavements and footpaths are currently already used by school students and residents on scooters, bikes, wheelchairs and motorised scooters. We would aim to start off with this small section of change of use as a pilot and we would provide signage stating 'Priority Active Travel Route' and considerate cyclists welcome.

Ultimately we would like to use signs like below. I have found this other sign on the right but I can't figure out if the path has been changed to allow cyclists or if it's just a courtesy sign. Has

Bucks or do you know of any other councils who have used considerate cyclist signs like these on non-official bike paths?

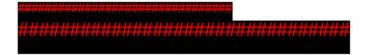






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Subject:
FW: MFS and active travel
Date:
28 August 2023 09:19:14

Attachments: Marlow active travel map final.pdf

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We are promoting walking, biking or scooting to school since everywhere in Marlow is 1 mile or less to town - and if you attend a school in catchment most people would be less than a mile away. I have attached the Active Travel map we just designed to promote this effort. As you will see the official bike paths in orange are very few, with little coverage, only lead to one school and don't come close to town. Ideally we would like to extend the current bike path in Marlow to lead further into town to grant a larger proportion of the population better access.

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I have found this link talking about converting to a shared path but there are no details on what or how it happens and I thought you might have heard of it before? <a href="https://www.cycling-embassy.org.uk/wiki/cyclists-ride-pavements">https://www.cycling-embassy.org.uk/wiki/cyclists-ride-pavements</a>
I also found these <a href="https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/n-a-">https://roadsafetygb.org.uk/news/n-a-</a>

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We would like to extend the bike path by changing the designation of specific areas of pavement/footpaths to mixed use to allow for bikes and scooters.

- 1 Footpath running alongside Marlow FC it's used for two different schools in both directions, the path is wider and has room to expand to 3m if we could (except for the opening area on both sides)
- 2 Connect the current bike path on Wycombe Road to the footpath above by extending along one side of Wycombe Road to Oak Tree Road intersection this pavement is wider and if we paved over the sections of grass verge in-between the drives it could become 3m width
- 3 Start a new mixed use path along one side of Oak Tree Road that connects to the footpath above as this is a main vertical artery connecting many houses on the hill to town, schools and Londis

All of these pavements and footpaths are currently already used by school students and residents on scooters, bikes, wheelchairs and motorised scooters. We would aim to start off with this small section of change of use as a pilot and we would provide signage stating 'Priority Active Travel Route' and considerate cyclists welcome.

Ultimately we would like to use signs like below. I have found this other sign on the right but I can't figure out if the path has been changed to allow cyclists or if it's just a courtesy sign. Has Bucks or do you know of any other councils who have used considerate cyclist signs like these on non-official bike paths?







I have been in touch with Bucks and have had the following response (and attachments)

Fixed site VAS are implemented for demonstrable road safety benefits as opposed to the Mobile VAS which can be moved to sites where there are local/perceived concerns. That is, fixed VAS locations must have road safety injury data. You might want to check the police's road injury database to see if there have been casualties at any of the locations

- Traffweb. A history of collisions is one of the criteria required for a fixed VAS.

There is a separate process which first involves a formal assessment to see whether the site meets the criteria. The cost to local councils' such as yours is £382.00 (inclusive of VAT) for an assessment at each site.

In addition to the VAS assessment a speed survey will need to be undertaken at each site unless a survey has already been undertaken recently at the location. The cost of a speed survey is currently £550.00 (inclusive of VAT). So, the overall cost is usually £932.00 per site for each assessment.

If we are successful on the VAS assessments, the design and implementation would have to be undertaken by Buckinghamshire Highways — there are legal compliance reasons a local council could not commission work directly. More information is available on the following webpage:-

# VAS policy | Buckinghamshire Council

If your council would like to proceed with the VAS assessments, please do let me know.

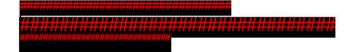
So basically, they will only install a fixed VAS at cost payable to them and if there is accident history and Council would have to pay Bucks for the machine and an ongoing maintenance agreement. Do you have any specific sites in mind, and we can enquire if there is any incident history? Or Council may wish to consider purchasing additional MVAS instead? I have attached some quotes for various MVAS options.

I haven't spoken to Bucks about this but these are the signs I would like to install both directions (where necessary) in front of all Marlow schools



Let me know if you need anything else.

Kind regards,



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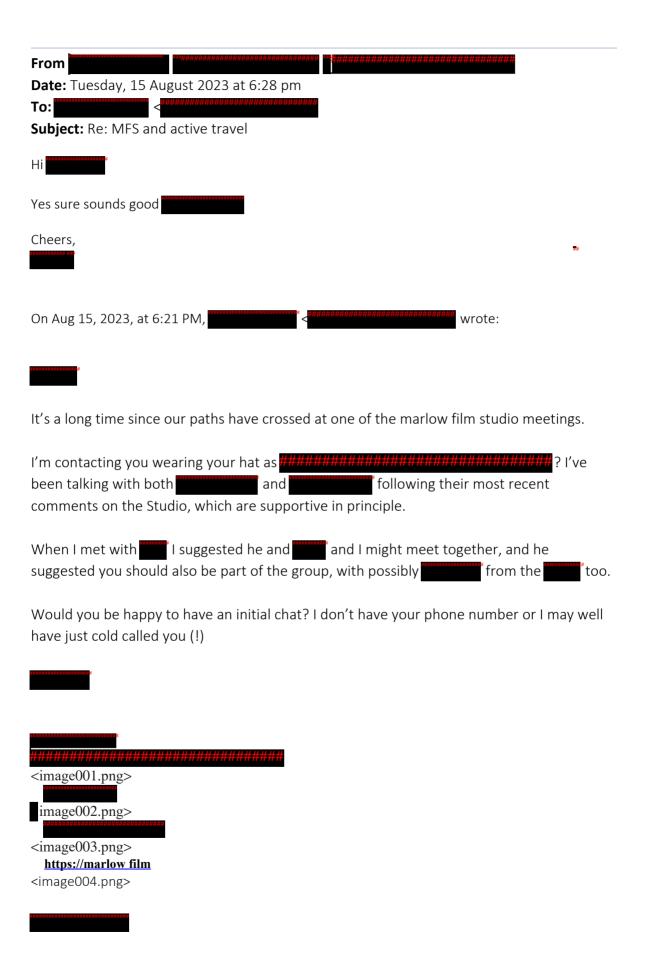


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