

Report to accompany the Active Travel Network Map submission

The data available will vary between authorities; therefore the template gives examples for the type of data that can be used.

To the Welsh Ministers,

Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties

In accordance with the duties under section 3 (7) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, please find below Neath Port Talbot's report on the level of use of active travel routes.

<p>Number of existing Active Travel Routes</p>	<p>The Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 42 existing pedestrian routes totalling 32.803 km in length;• 10 existing cycling routes totalling 12.211 km in length; and• 14 existing shared use paths totalling 28.284 km in length. <p>Total: 73.298km</p> <p>Please note due to new Active Travel Guidance published in 2021, criteria for existing routes has changed. Therefore, from the 2017 figures there are now routes which now fail the audit process. These routes have now been removed from the category of Existing Routes and are now designated as Future Routes.</p>
<p>Baseline data at 2016</p>	<p>Cycle Counters – the Council had 6 functioning fixed cycle counters in 2016 with only 2 located on active travel routes.</p> <p>Data from the counters is included below. The figure provided shows the annual average monthly number of cyclists passing the counter:</p> <p>Afan Way, Port Talbot – 992 counts Lane off Glyn Road, Lower Brynamman – 331 counts</p> <p>Number of children Walking or Cycling to School – the tables presented in Annex A provide a detailed breakdown of school trips by mode for the 57 Primary Schools and 9 Secondary Schools respectively.</p>
<p>What data was available in your local authority to record usage?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Automated counts: the council currently has 5 mobile counters that collect walking and cycling figures throughout the County Borough. This financial year data is being collected for 47 Future Routes on the ATNM approved in 2017.- Manual counts: have been collected for newly improved routes before and after completion.- School Travel Survey

New data at 2021

Number of children Walking or Cycling to School – the table presented in Annex A provide a detailed breakdown of school trips by mode for the 57 Primary Schools and 9 Secondary Schools respectively, ranging from 2016 to 2020.

Neath Port Talbot Council currently has 5 mobile counters which are being used to collect walking and cycling usage figures from 47 Future Routes in Neath Port Talbot. Each route has between 4-5 sites where data is being gathered. Monitoring work started in June 2021, the data collected so far can be viewed in Annex B.

Data collected for improved routes are summarised below:





Neath Canal- Briton Ferry to Crown Food

This route was improved in 2017-2018, allowing commuters to travel safely from Briton Ferry off-road.

In 2012 the average number of cyclists were 28 per day, the data collected in 2019 shows a peak of 63 with an average of 42 this has increased in 2020 to give a peak of 81 and an average of 44. Pedestrian figures were not collated in 2012, however, in 2019 pedestrian figures show a peak of 148 with an average of 54.

Figures have again been collated in 2020 (see table below), however some of the figures were collated in November / December 2020 when the weather was particularly wet and cold. During this time Wales was in a series of local and national lockdowns with many businesses remaining closed and many residents following national guidance and working from home where possible. Many people were remaining at home and not travelling for work and were instead travelling for leisure and exercise.

The data in 2021 is showing growth in usage for both walking and cycling with the exception of Bridge street. Bridge street is adjacent to both Dwr-y-Felin Comprehensive school and Neath College the difference in the numbers is owing to the survey being completed during the school holidays.

		Georges Row			Pill Terrace			Crown Food			Milland Road			Bridge Street			
		2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2021	2020	2019	2012
AM		99	35	16	71	44	23	42	24	42	61	41	48	27	41	58	
		52	32	30	32	40	29	86	40	30	48	35	30	2	35	31	28
PM		118	65	17	109	74	37	66	41	48	84	82	106	24	110	148	
		74	81	44	36	78	51	113	44	56	69	33	63	2	33	54	28

Neath Canal- Neath to Tonna

3.1 km of off road active travel route has been created in 2021 this has allowed commuters to safely travel between Aberdulais and Neath.

Data was collected in 2020 prior to the works commencing. Data was again collected in 2021 post completion of the works, from the table below it can be seen that the number of pedestrians and cyclists has increased.

		Prince of Wales Drive		Parr Avenue		Henfaes Road		Dulais Fach Road	
		2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
AM		70	31	23	16	54	13	86	18
		10	14	1	6	7	2	42	13
PM		97	74	34	29	79	28	141	67
		13	10	6	3	3	3	54	10

Pontardawe, Trebanos to Ystalyfera

A safe off road active travel route has been created on the NCN 43 in Pontardawe between 2019-2021. This has allowed commuters to safely travel between key centres of Ystalyfera, Pontardawe and Trebanos.

Pedestrian and cycle counts were undertaken to compare against previous data held.

The data shows that the number of pedestrians using the route has fallen whilst the number of cyclists has more than doubled in many locations.

		The Grove		Gas Valve Compound		Cwmtawe Comp School		Pontardawe Inn		Alloy Industrial Estate		Pavilion		Gnoll Road Carpark		Llys Harry Footbridge		Glan Yr Avon Roundabout	
		21/22	19/20	21/22	19/20	21/22	19/20	21/22	19/20	21/22	19/20	21/22	19/20	21/22	19/20	21/22	19/20	21/22	19/20
AM		181	71	89	186	100	112	83	85	44	49	83	82	47	16	67	48	74	66
		24	10	53	18	35	13	26	19	9	15	28	14	35	13	29	8	13	5
PM		307	130	140	245	152	198	133	107	118	98	133	122	60	45	87	53	99	69
		53	17	109	40	61	27	40	35	29	18	60	30	63	24	48	17	18	16

In 2016 (where the baseline data was taken), funding was not available for monitoring and to maintain monitoring stations. A vast amount of monitoring has been undertaken this financial year, which will provide a more coherent picture of walking and cycling in Neath Port Talbot going forward.

What data will be

The council is planning to obtain more mobile walking and cycle counters to assist with the existing monitoring programme.

available to support the next iteration of this report?	<p>Additionally, Neath Port Talbot Council is in the process of reinstating 10 fixed cycle counters across the County Borough. These will be in the following locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Cycle Route off lane from Harbourside Road2. Afan Way3. Cwmavon Cycle Path4. Promenade Aberavon Seafront5. Cycle Route behind Glan-y-Mor Avenue6. Fabian Way7. Lane off Glyn Road, Lower Brynamman8. End of Briton Ferry Bridge9. Layby before Margam Village (Coed Hirwaun)10. Gwilym Road Lane, Cwmllynfell
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I confirm that this report will be published online and made available in hard copy on request, in accordance with the statutory Active Travel Act Guidance (2021 edition).

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