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Dear Sir/Madam

ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND – KIRKBY FOLLY ROAD, SUTTON IN ASHFIELD

Nottinghamshire County Council has been successful in securing funding from the Government's Active Travel Fund for several potential cycle and footway improvement schemes across the county. These schemes are designed to encourage more walking and cycling and embed them as part of long-term commuting habits to secure the associated health, air quality and congestion benefits.

The proposed scheme in Sutton in Ashfield is for a high-quality cycle route between Sutton Parkway railway station and Hamilton Road. The route will link existing cycle facilities in the area, this includes a connection to Oakham Business Park in Mansfield and links to existing cycle infrastructure in Sutton on Ashfield. A detailed route description is provided below, please note all measurements are approximate and for guidance only.

HAMILTON ROAD SECTION

Improvements for cyclists and pedestrians will be made to the Hamilton Road/Coxmoor Road Junction. A new toucan crossing will be introduced 50m west of the mini roundabout on Coxmoor Road. This will enable pedestrians and cyclists travelling along Hamilton Road to cross Coxmoor Road and re-join Hamilton Road, travelling south-west towards Newark Road.

A bi-directional (two-way) segregated cycle route (70m) will be introduced on Hamilton Road, to enable cyclists to move safely to and from Coxmoor Road onto Hamilton Road. Cyclists will then transition onto the highway for 380m. A new-shared surface will be introduced on Hamilton Road 30m before it joins Newark Road and transitions into a segregated cycle route with an adjacent footway for pedestrians.

A new 'Sparrow' signalised crossing will be introduced on Newark Road to allow both cyclists and pedestrians to cross onto the existing cycle route running through the green space. The existing shared-surface cycle route will be relocated and upgraded to a 150m bi-directional (2-way) 3.0m wide cycle route, with an adjacent 2m wide footway. At the point where this section meets Kirkby Folly Road (Service Road) two route options are available:

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OPTION 1: KIRKBY FOLLY ROAD (SERVICE ROAD) SECTION

The upgraded bi-directional cycle route transitions onto the service road (330m) where cyclists will share the carriageway with vehicles, becoming a 'mixed traffic street' which will require the introduction of a 20mph speed limit. The existing road surface along the service road will be re-surfaced. The mixed traffic route will transition onto an upgraded bi-directional 3.0m wide cycle route with an adjacent 2m wide footway near Kirkland Close.

OPTION 2: KIRKBY FOLLY ROAD (OFF-ROAD) SECTION

The upgraded bi-directional cycle route with an adjacent 2m footway will continue alongside the service road but will remain off-carriageway. The existing verge (13m) which runs alongside the service road will be used to construct a new off-carriageway bi-directional 3.0m wide cycle route with an adjacent 2m wide footway. The proposed route (330m) will continue off-carriageway on the east side until it transitions back onto the carriageway of Kirkby Folly Road (opposite Maun View Gardens). There are two crossing points along this section (Farndon Road & Kirkland Close). A full setback priority cycle route crossing will be introduced at both locations.

LOW MOOR ROAD / SUTTON PARKWAY SECTION

The existing carriageway on Low Moor Road will be narrowed to 6.8m from Kirkland Close junction to Julia's Way junction to construct on the east side of Low Moor Road a new bi-directional 3.0m wide cycle route (200m) which will be segregated from traffic with a 0.5m wide buffer. A 2.0m wide footway will also be constructed alongside the cycle route. The route then transitions to off-carriageway as it approaches the 'Rail Station' bus stop (AS0320). The cycle route will run behind the passenger boarding area at the bus stop, and the bus layby will be removed.

On the approach to the Sutton Parkway junction, the off-carriageway bi-directional cycle route will transition into a shared-surface route. This will allow for pedestrians and cyclists to use the proposed junction upgrades including four toucan crossings and one segregated cycle/pedestrian crossing. A new shared footway /cycleway (3m) will be introduced on the southern side of Penny Emma Way to allow better connectivity to and from Sutton Parkway Railway station and beyond.

Before proceeding further with the proposals Via East Midlands, on behalf of the County Council is consulting with the local community and other key stakeholders to obtain their views on the proposed scheme. Please use the following link to access further information and have your say on the proposals www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/atfranche3. Alternatively, write to us at the address below.

Please ensure your response is submitted by **22nd December 2022**; the replies will support the decision-making process.

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Yours faithfully,

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