



FOR A HAPPIER,
HEALTHIER SCOTLAND

Consultation Response

Fife Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan

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If you have any questions about this response, please contact our policy team:
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Who We Are

Paths for All is Scotland's walking charity. Established in 1996, we work in partnership with 30 national organisations with a shared vision of a healthier, happier, greener Scotland, where everyone can be active every day. Walking is the easiest and most accessible way to be active, and our work to change the way people move, travel, and enjoy life in Scotland is focused on the following three themes:

- Walking is for everyone.
- Walking is for everywhere.
- Walking is for every day.

Our [strategy](#) sets out our vision for tackling physical inactivity, poor mental health, increased health and transport inequalities and the climate emergency.

Our Response

The first part of this survey asks for your views on the aspirations and priorities of the ATSAP.

1. Do you think that the overall level of ambition for the network as set out earlier and in the accompanying map is:

About Right

Why do you say this?

We agree that this sets out a long-term vision for a high-quality network of active travel routes.

2. Do you think that the level of ambition for the network of strategic active travel routes is:

3. About Right

Why do you say this?

The proposed network of strategic routes and local routes will connect all of Fife's communities. We agree that improvements to neighbourhood links, such as local streets and paths, will also be required.

3. Do you think that the level of ambition for the network of local active travel routes is:

About Right

Why do you say this?

We agree they will provide connections between the strategic network and key local facilities and routes that might be primarily used for leisure purposes.

4. Are there specific features that you would you like to be included, or not included, in the final network proposals? Please provide details below.

There are some locations where NCN routes are not currently of a high quality and where strategic routes may be needed. There may be concerns over the reliance on shared use paths.

5. The network will be complemented by supporting measures to enable and encourage people to walk, wheel and cycle more. Please select the top 5 most important measures that would help you and other people you know to travel more actively: You are only able to select up to 5 answers.

Enablers of change - Community-led walking groups, such as health walks or buggy walks

Enablers of change - Support for local community groups to apply for funding for active travel initiatives, such as Cycling Scotland's Cycle Friendly Community Award

Encouraging change - Promotional campaigns and events to raise awareness of the benefits of active travel, using a broad range of printed, online, and social media

Encouraging change - Workplaces to promote and enable staff active travel, and access relevant funding to improve facilities

Encouraging change - Schools to create or update their School Travel Plans and promote associated measures to encourage active travel to school

6. Do you have any further comments or suggestions that you would like to be considered in the development of the ATSAP?

Paths for All can offer support for this type of work. We have expertise in behaviour change relating to walking, wheeling, and cycling.

We would be pleased to discuss how Paths for All can work to support delivery of the Strategy and Action Plan.

Your use of active travel modes

7. How do you usually travel for your everyday journeys? Please select the main mode that you use for the longest part of your journey (by distance).

Walk/wheel

8. What are the main barriers you experience in walking, wheeling or cycling for your everyday journeys? Please select the top three most important reasons. If nothing deters you, please select 'Not applicable' You are only able to select up to 3 answers.

Condition of pavements/cycle tracks

Feeling unsafe walking, wheeling or cycling alone

Other (please specify)

Having someone to walk with, public toilets - see the 2023 National Survey of Attitudes to Walking and Wheeling in Scotland

9. How safe do you feel when walking, wheeling or cycling in your local area?

In relation to road safety

Neither safe or unsafe

In relation to personal safety and security

Neither safe or unsafe

10. What would make walking, wheeling and cycling safer and/or more secure in your local area?

Better lighting, seating, less traffic, less pavement parking, signposts.

11. How likely would you be to use new or improved active travel routes for your everyday or leisure journeys?

Everyday journeys

Very likely

Leisure journeys

Very likely

Your views on the draft network plan

We don't have the local knowledge to comment in detail.



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