

FOR A HAPPIER, HEALTHIER SCOTLAND

# **Consultation Response**

# East Dunbartonshire Council A807 Active Travel Corridor 29/2/24

If you have any questions about this response, please contact our policy team: policy@pathsforall.org.uk

### 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 **<u>strategy</u>** sets out our vision for tackling physical inactivity, poor mental health, increased health and transport inequalities and the climate emergency.

### **Our Response**

### A807 Active Travel Corridor

### East Dunbartonshire

1. How do you normally travel within the project area? The project area is the A807 between the Torrance Roundabout to its junction with the A81 in Milngavie and from this junction to Milngavie Railway Station

We are a national NGO so do not have detailed local knowledge, but our areas of interest are:

- Walking
- Walking with a pushchair/pram/buggy
- Wheeling / scootering
- Cycling
- 2. Do any of the barriers listed below impact how often you walk, wheel or cycle?

#### Walking/wheeling-specific

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- Walking/wheeling routes don't connect to where I need/want
- Walking / wheeling routes are indirect
- Lack of information about walking/wheeling facilities or routes
- Safety concerns travelling near traffic

You may be interested in our recently published 2023 National Survey of Attitudes to Walking and Wheeling in Scotland. Read the <u>full survey report</u> or take a look at our <u>summary infographic.</u>

#### General perceptions/ barriers

- Routes are not accessible (such as narrow paths, limited dropped kerbs, uneven surfaces)
- Safety concerns when travelling at night

## 3. To what extent do you support the overall aim of the A807 Active Travel Corridor project?

Strongly Support

We agree that it will make it safer and more enjoyable to travel by walking, wheeling and cycling, and improve pedestrian connectivity.

### 4. To what extent do you support the design and proposed improvements for this section?

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#### 7. Please select the statement which most accurately matches your view:

We would support the delivery of either

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# 8. Are there any additional or alternative measures you would like to see considered to improve active travel between Torrance and Milngavie?

No

#### 9. Do you have any other comments about the project as a whole?

Paths for All's vision is for walking, wheeling, and cycling to be the natural choice for short journeys, creating a healthier, socially inclusive, economically vibrant, environmentally friendly Scotland.

Active Travel is about improving quality of life and quality of place. There is a need to achieve a significant shift to walking, wheeling, and cycling as the most sustainable forms of transport.

The proposals for active travel are very much in tune with this.

We would be very happy to engage further in the development of Active travel in East Dunbartonshire and to discuss any of the points we have raised.

We have no objection to our comments being made publicly available.



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