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Safer Cycle Route Between Sayers Common and Downlands School, Hassocks

A safer cycle route between Sayers Common and Downlands School in Hassocks was identified as a priority in the West Sussex Walking and Cycling Strategy 2016-2026. In 2019 West Sussex County Council commissioned an options appraisal study, which divided the route into deliverable sections and identified potential improvements. Following discussions with the local County Councillors it was agreed that the section between Western Road and St George's Lane in Hurstpierpoint should be developed to the detailed design stage, along with the section between Stonepound Crossroads and Downlands School in Hassocks.

For the section in Hurstpierpoint design work has focussed on the route around the Millennium Garden and this was the subject of a public consultation exercise during summer 2021. As no objections were received this element will progress to the construction phase during 2022/23. Further design work is required to ensure that a legible route between Western Road and St George's Lane is achieved. This work is due to be commissioned shortly.

The Stonepound Crossroads to Downlands School section was also the subject of the summer 2021 public consultation exercise. As no objections were received this section will progress to the construction phase during 2022/23. This element of the scheme forms part of the County Council's [Active Travel Fund programme](#).

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is due approve the 2022/23 Annual Delivery Programme in February. Subject to approval then detailed design work would commence on the remaining sections of the route during 2022/23:

- Between St George's Lane and Stonepound Crossroads
- B2116 between junction with B2118 and Western Road, Hurstpierpoint
- B2118 between Sayers Common and junction with B2116 Albourne Road

Further progression to the construction phase would be subject to funding and the approval of future Annual Delivery Programmes. Construction may be phased over multiple years.

Hurstpierpoint to Burgess Hill Cycle Route

The Burgess Hill Place and Connectivity Programme - funded by the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership's Local Growth Fund - is being delivered in partnership by West Sussex County Council's Growth Team and Mid Sussex District Council. As part of this programme a high-level appraisal of options for a cycle route between Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill has been commissioned and work is currently ongoing.

Further development of the scheme would be subject to prioritisation in Phase 2 of the Place and Connectivity programme. Officers and members from both West Sussex County Council and Mid Sussex District Council will agree the priorities

for Phase 2 of the programme in early 2022. The prioritised projects will be progressed between 2022/3 and 2024/5.

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