

Culture, Community Safety and Environment Scrutiny Panel

DRAFT SCOPE on Scrutiny Review: An analysis of cycling in the borough with respect to the position of cyclists within the road user hierarchy as outlined by the Walking and Cycling Action Plan (WACAP).

Review Topic	Review / Project Title
Rationale	<p>Through this investigation, the Culture, Community Safety and Environment Scrutiny Panel aims to explore how residents have been experiencing the outcomes of the Walking and Cycling Action Plan. <u>Experiencing it in what sense? What has actually prompted the review?</u></p> <p>The review will focus on the effect on safety because of an increase in cycling in the borough. <u>Impact on pedestrians or cyclists?</u></p> <p>There has also been an increase in the use of electric bikes. This has become a talking point amongst residents which has been reflected in member enquiries. <u>Look into what the member enquiries have been. E bikes contract due to be re-newed.</u></p> <p>The Panel will seek to consider evidence from key witnesses and experts. Using this information, it will decide on recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then Cabinet.</p>
Objectives/Desired outcomes	<p>To make recommendations to the Council's Cabinet in relation to the proposals put forward for ----. <u>To be clarified once the rationale is clarified</u></p>
Terms of Reference (Purpose of the Review/ Objectives)	<p>The aims of this project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">To identify what residents' experiences are of the principles the WACAP (ie.i.e. reduced cars, improved experiences of walking in neighbourhoods and beyond, improved experiences in cycling including ebikes) <u>is there survey/ research where this evidence is readily available?</u>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support safety for cyclists and other parts of the road user's hierarchy and establish what steps need to be taken to produce safer and more considerate cycling with both conventional bikes and ebikes. • To ascertain whether recommendations can be made to the Cabinet and improvements made to the Walking and Cycling Action Plan. • Explore how Haringey compares with other local authorities and what can be learnt from their experiences • Consider how all the above effects those with 'protected characteristics' <u>disabled pedestrians? CYP? Elderly?</u>
Scrutiny Membership	<p>Councillor Makbule Gunes (Chair) Councillor Liam Carroll Councillor Cawley-Harrison Councillor Elridge Culverwell Councillor George Dunstall Councillor Mark Grosskopf Councillor Sue Jameson</p>
Links to the Corporate Delivery Plan	<p>Improving resident health and wellbeing, improving the walking and cycling environment, reducing carbon emissions and environmental sustainability are all mentioned as cross-cutting priorities in the Corporate Delivery Plan.</p> <p>The scrutiny review is closely linked to the Expanding Active Travel outcome and four activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the current cycling network within Haringey • Expand dockless cycle parking locations to maximise use of dockless cycles • Improve walking environment. • Engagement, consultation, and delivery of several projects to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility

	Work towards Vision Zero targets by: Implementing new 20mph speed limits on Haringey-controlled roads; speed reduction measures; additional pedestrian crossings; and deliver measures to better safeguard powered two-wheeler <u>two-wheeler</u> users
Evidence Sources/ Witnesses	<p>Witnesses and sources of evidence will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Resident opinion and experience ii) A resident focus group? iii) An online survey – <u>Possibly via the website</u> iv) Local group focus groups - including Haringey Living Streets, Haringey Cycling Campaign, Disability Action Group, Haringey Climate Forum <u>Organise one meeting to gather evidence</u> v) Officer Panel – Policy - Mark Stevens—Maurice Richards - Zoe Robertson - Ann Cunningham - vi) Consideration of research currently held by The Police, Department of Transport, Mayor of London, and more. Briefings Research reports
Methodology/Approach	<p>This project is envisaged as a scrutiny project involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of the Walking and Cycling Action Plan/ Active Transport Policy and any other key council policies – <u>Large documents, need to focus on specific areas</u> • An in-person focus group • An online survey gathering quantitative resident opinion • Evidence gathering sessions with experts and witnesses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Issues of safety for cycle users raised by local groups ii) Meeting with council officers to understand issues at hand with electric bikes, scooters and more iii) Meeting with officers from City of London Council (safest London borough for cyclists) to learn more about how they are approaching cycle safety • A review of up-to-date research currently held.
Witnesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Market Traders? • Community Plan advocates, include the N15/West Green Road/Seven Sisters Development Trust

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Jared Transport for London (as the Landlord). • Peter O'Brien – AD for Regeneration & Economic Development • Toussainte Reba, Head of Area Regeneration, South Tottenham
Equalities Implications	<p>The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to: (1) Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act; (2) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not; (3) Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.</p> <p>The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy/maternity; race; religion/faith; sex and sexual orientation. In addition, marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.</p> <p>The Panel should ensure that it addresses these duties by considering them during the FINAL scoping, evidence gathering and final reporting.</p> <p>This should include considering and clearly stating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How policy issues impact on different groups within the community, particularly those that share the nine protected characteristics • Whether the impact on particular groups is fair and proportionate • Whether there is equality of access to service and fair representation of all groups within Haringey • Whether any positive opportunities to advance equality of opportunity and/or good relations between people, are being realised. <p>Impact on Equalities will be a key consideration in the evidence gathering process.</p>
Date for completion	Cabinet – 11 November 2025 (tbc)

Reporting arrangements	<p>Scrutiny Review and Recommendations to go to Culture, Community Safety and Environment Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 22 October 2025</p>
Publicity	The review will be publicised through the scrutiny website. The outcomes of the review will be similarly published once complete.
Constraints / Barriers / Risks	<p>We aim to complete the draft report to go Cabinet by November 2025. However, in order to achieve this, we need to keep the review short, specific and time focused. A failure to do so will undermine the timescales for this report and risk the report not being completed by the end of the municipal year.</p> <p>It is anticipated that this Scrutiny Review would be conducted over a relatively short timescale with the bulk of the evidence gathered over a few days.</p> <p>The implications of not scrutinising this work area –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Active Transport Policy will be developed without scrutiny input • Resident opinion about ebikes and power two wheelers will be un- investigated and unresolved • Safer and more considerate methods of cycling and cyclist behaviour change would not have been investigated • Issues regarding cycling and pedestrian accessibility would be un- investigated
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Minutes of meeting 11th March 2025

The draft scope for an in-depth scrutiny review on cycling in the borough and its position in the road user hierarchy in Haringey was circulated and discussed. The Chair requested any amends or comment from the Panel.

The Panel mentioned that:

- Cllr Dunstall was left off the list of the scrutiny panel. ACTION (Scrutiny Officer)
- There was a suggestion for the Panel to ride around the Borough to assess new cycling infrastructures and to do a comparison with other boroughs. Fridays were cited as the best time to arrange this during the day. ACTION (Scrutiny Officer)

Good practice – Waltham Forest