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Consultation Land east of Kenilworth - Proposed New cycle way to major business Parks only 2 miles from Kenilworth

Dear Planning,

I live in Kenilworth and current drive from Kenilworth to AGCO in Abbey Park in Stoneleigh. I do this by 5 days.

Myself and others instead would like to be able to cycle the 3 direct miles from Kenilworth to work.

Background – no current safe cycling route

The only way to cycle is pretty much the car journey of 5 miles journey. Sharing the roads with cars on busy roads including 50 m.p.h. roads. The consensus is the risk to life/injury really prohibits this. This will only get worse when you add 1000+ cars to the roads in Kenilworth.

Recently there was a cycle to work scheme, which is a bit of a joke as in reality out of approximately 200 workers maybe 1 or 2 cycle to work. In addition I think a couple of others get the once a day bus.

So that leaves 98% who drive a car to work.

Major employers (Tenants) on Abbey Park – plus they contribute to a Green budget

There are other businesses on Abbey Park including the British Horse Society. There are also plans to add 5 new large buildings which will double the size of the Park.

I have discussed the prospect with my employer about doing something to do encourage a safe cycle route (as tenants of Abbey Park they have to contribute to a Green Budget to encourage people not to drive to work) Unfortunately on their own they can't do very much.

Stoneleigh Park and the NAC – only 2 miles direct from Kenilworth Train station

There is also the NAC and Stoneleigh Park. Stoneleigh Park has 76 Businesses based at its site. And a hotel.

Stoneleigh Park and the NAC is just across the A46 from Kenilworth.

Now is the perfect time to build the cycle way from Kenilworth to both business parks

Now would seem the perfect time to ensure that there is a direct cycle from Kenilworth to both Business parks. With the cycle friendly route from Coventry to Kenilworth and indeed Kenilworth station, even more people can make use of this cycle highway.

With hundreds of workers and even more visitors to the NAC wouldn't it make a great show case for Warwickshire to show how it's connecting people to their work places. It will be great for companies based at these sites as they can have healthy workers and a real benefit to employees too.

This must surely be a once in a lifetime opportunity with funding from the Kenilworth planning, the building of HS2 which is already planning changes at the entrance to Stoneleigh Park – which itself is directly opposite a tarmac path leading to the rear of Abbey Park. Hopefully there would also be some funding from the Green fund at the Business parks too.

Do you need some help?

If it's of any use I can see if I can ask my company if I can do a survey to see who would use a cycle highway from Kenilworth. I can then ask them to ask the landlords of Abbey Park if they could ask their other tenants too. If that goes well I could get in contact with Stoneleigh Park too.

Please let me know what you would like me to do help build this cycle highway.

Best wishes,

Rob Seaber