



Market Deeping Town Council

Deepings Green Walk Policy

Objective:

To establish, develop and maintain *The Deepings Green Walk* around the Deepings neighbourhood and throughout the wider Deepings area including adjacent villages.

The Plan will aim to secure improvement in movement by means other than the car. This will be within the Deepings, to and from the villages that rely on its services, and to and from Peterborough and Stamford. Although the use of the private car will persist as the dominant form of transport, greater promotion of walking, cycle use and public transport is desirable. The Green Walk is primarily an exercise in promoting healthy lifestyles.

The Policy:

The following policy reflects other more generalised planning policies in the present statutory development plan that promote sustainable transport. These other policies are listed in the background topic paper, and these other policies may be used to guide development now as they are material planning considerations of considerable weight (see Background Paper, section 3).

The new policy is a material planning consideration of limited weight in itself but will guide the Town and the Parish council in forming views on new planning applications. It will become part of the development plan once the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted. It will be then be a material planning consideration of considerable weight.

Applications for all housing, retail and employment schemes will be supported where they show how a development:

- a) adds to the provision of new or enhancement of existing footpaths and cycle routes if the site is on or adjacent to an identified strategic Green Walk route*
- b) enhances the attractiveness of walking and non-motorised transport in and around the town*
- c) adds to the connectivity between other existing footpaths, roadways and cycle ways in and around the built-up area, to the town centre, and within the adjacent countryside*
- d) accommodates the requirements of people with limited mobility to access existing and new Green Infrastructure provision and*
- e) enhances the use of existing open spaces, promotes biodiversity, and adds to the connectivity between existing green spaces.*

Development schemes will be opposed if they do not make a proportionate contribution to support the Green Walk and the criteria above, yet have the capacity to do so.

The strategic context for this Policy is described in the Background Topic paper.

Supporting information includes these appendices:

- a. Map 1 – the concept plan
- b. Map 2 - the local strategic routes
- c. Background Topic Paper to the Deepings Green Walk