

## **Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP)**

### **Report to December Full Council 2021**

After several month's work, discussion and analysis, draft walking and cycling audits have now been prepared. The LCWIP working group are currently working through these drafts and will start preparing documents for public consultation in the Spring.

These draft audits have evaluated the significant deficiencies in the current walking and cycle routes within Arundel and linking Arundel with neighbouring communities and from these audits, possible options are being developed for a possible public consultation.

Unfortunately, the draft audits suggest that generally across Arundel walking and cycle routes are very poor quality. They broadly lack continuity and directness, which is a safety risk when it forces walkers and cyclists into hostile road environments. In turn this creates concern, which then reduces the amount of people who walk and cycle.

This is not just bad for the environment, public health and road congestion. In addition, when people use cars they are more likely to drive further away from where they live to spend money, impacting Arundel businesses.

It is good news in the long term that the group is identifying these issues as we can now begin to look at solutions for improving them