

BEDLINGTON

ACTIVE TRAVEL CORRIDOR

Project Background

Vision

The project will create a cycling and walking corridor through Bedlington all the way to Cambois. The corridor will enhance sustainable travel options for residents, workers, learners and visitors, not just in Bedlington, but with further connectivity within the region and beyond.

Strategy

The statutory Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS) sets a clear ambition to make cycling and walking the natural choices for short journeys or as part of a longer journey with supporting objectives to increase cycling and walking levels. This guidance supports the delivery of high-quality cycle infrastructure to deliver this ambition and objective; and reflects current good practice, standards and legal requirements.

Funding

Northumberland County Council has been successful in their bid for Levelling Up Funding (LUF) £14,712,547 with a local contribution of £2,000,000.

The key objective for the Bedlington west to east corridor is to create improved segregated provision for pedestrians and cyclists fully compliant to the LTN-120 design standard. This will allow residents and visitors to Bedlington access to educational and employment opportunities, and connection to transport hubs and tourism destinations such as the coast. Active travel choices will also allow residents and visitors to reduce their carbon emissions in line with Northumberland's target of carbon net zero by 2035 and improve wellbeing through the benefits of physical activity.

Project Aims

Create a high-quality walking and cycling route through Bedlington town centre to Cambois. Improve access to employment and education opportunities. Reduce the necessity for residents to undertake journeys by private motor vehicles. Improve the health and wellbeing of residents by providing facilities that allow people to be more active. Reduce CO2 emissions and improve air quality by reducing the number of car journeys and thereby congestion.