Consultation on an Active Travel Masterplan to Improve Cycling and Walking within the District

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council is working with Sustrans to develop an Active Travel Masterplan for the district. The Council has launched an online public consultation to find out residents’ views on Active Travel in the district. The Council recognises the need to move to more sustainable low carbon transport, which includes making improvements to cycling and walking infrastructure within the district area.

The latest Travel Survey for Northern Ireland from the Department for Infrastructure reveals that just 1% of all journeys are by cycle and 18% by walking but the car is still the dominant mode of transport and represents 71% of all journeys in Northern Ireland. It is therefore timely that the Council, working in partnership with walking and cycling charity Sustrans, is developing a 10-year Active Travel Masterplan. This will identify projects that enable walking and cycling, including new routes and facilities and upgrades to existing infrastructure.

The consultation responses will be used to inform and shape the Active Travel Masterplan on what the Council can do to make it easier for residents to travel more actively for work, education, leisure and everyday journeys which can help tackle Climate Change. The public consultation period for the Active Travel Masterplan will run for a period of four weeks from Monday 15 February to Monday 15 March 2021.

We would welcome your input to this consultation and invite you to complete this short questionnaire by clicking on the Survey Monkey link below. All information gathered will be used by the Council in developing its Active Travel Masterplan for the district. Please click on the following link to provide feedback in relation to this consultation: https://sustrans.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/newry-mourne-and-down-district-council-active-travel-mas

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