



**OFFICIAL DECISION NOTICE PUBLISHED BY  
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The Cabinet Member for Families, Education and Wellbeing, the Cabinet Member for Environment, Housing and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Property and Infrastructure have made the following decision today:

<p>1.</p>	<p><i>THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FAMILIES, EDUCATION AND WELLBEING, THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT, HOUSING AND REGENERATION AND THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PROPERTY AND INFRASTRUCTURE</i></p> <p><b>PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF CYCLING FACILITIES AT MINET COUNTRY PARK AND LAKE FARM COUNTRY PARK</b></p> <p><b>DECISION:</b></p> <p>That the Cabinet Members for Families, Education and Wellbeing, Environment, Housing and Regeneration and Property and Infrastructure:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Agreed the summary outline of the Hayes Cycling Facility Needs Assessment at Lake Farm and Minet Country Parks and suggested options;</li><li>2. Approved the proposal to agree to implement the preferred options (Options 2, 3 and 7) as supported by British Cycling; and</li><li>3. Approved the proposal for the development of a Hillingdon Cycling Strategy Management Plan which would incorporate and contribute to more informed decisions on where to target investment.</li></ol> <p><b>REASONS FOR THE DECISION MADE</b></p> <p>To consider progressing a report to implement Options 2, 3 and 7 of the Hayes Cycling Facility Needs Assessment completed in April 2020, in a staged approach. Supported by British Cycling, these options focus on a greater proportion of the local community making better use of the underutilised cycling facilities and park at Minet and Lake Farm Country Parks.</p> <p>The Cycle Circuit at Minet Country Park and the BMX track at Lake Farm are popular destinations for all forms of cycling activity for riders from across the country making cycling communities the most active users of these parks. Whilst free and open to public use, the cycling facilities at Minet are primarily used by cycling groups and clubs for training and competitions which means casual use by local residents is limited. A significant proportion, 79%, of these cyclists come from outside of the Borough to use the cycling facilities at Minet.</p>	<p><i>Dan Kennedy, Director – Planning, Environment, Education and Community Services</i></p> <p><i>Priscilla Simpson, Residents Services</i></p>
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	<p>Implementation of the proposed options will help to increase the proportion of local residents using these local cycling facilities which could improve levels of cycling activity in the Borough and deliver a wide range of benefits in terms of physical and mental health. These opportunities for cycling will further support and enhance the Council's School Travel Road Safety Team Cycling programmes for residents of all ages.</p> <p>Enhanced facility provision as suggested in these options, could help shape a wider cycling strategy management plan for the Borough that could exceed the levels of cycling participation currently seen in other areas of London.</p> <p>Delegated authority to Cabinet Members is recommended to give effect to the proposed Options and the development of a Hillingdon Cycling Strategy Management Plan.</p> <p><b>ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b></p> <p>The existing facilities could be left in place. This is not recommended as a significant proportion of cyclists using the racing track facilities come from outside the Borough. Local residents are not utilising either of the cycling facilities to their maximum potential nor making use of the park. A new cycling participation management plan is required to improve resident engagement and access to the local cycling and park facilities.</p> <p><b>FURTHER INFORMATION</b></p> <p><i>The detailed report relating to this decision is available to view <a href="#">here</a>.</i></p>	
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## DECISION AUTHORITY & IMPLEMENTATION

Where required, these decisions have been taken under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

These decisions, unless called in, will come into effect from 5pm on Friday 19 March 2021.

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