Dear planners,

As a resident of Formby I wish to make the following comments re cycling and walking and the plan. While I support the intention to increase cycling and walking, I do not believe the plan has really grasped the issues. The plan confirms that there is a real lack of dedicated cycling routes in Formby. Of the two shown in the document, the bypass lacks safe crossings and the other follows roads. Your footpath/ROW map illustrates the poor connections and lack of a strategic network. Of course there is generally good pavements and many minor residential roads, however, inconsiderate parking and poor, inconsiderate driving in particular make cycling around and across Formby generally unpleasant at the best of times. In the mornings, and particularly around schools, cycling is dangerous. There is a good network of cycling routes around us, but this somewhat peters out when it gets to Formby. For example, connecting to the tpt is far from easy. Addressing such things would benefit residents and could put Formby on the cycling map and bring visitors to the town.

I don’t think that traffic and alternative travel is an easy issue, but I do think a strategic, well planned safe feeling network of routes that joins easily with the wider network is one important step forward and that the local plan could be much stronger on this. Some of this might be difficult to achieve, but there are potential routes that more could be made of and planning for others needs to be put in place.

I don’t agree with the statement about non-segregated routes. There are many incredibly successful cycling and walking paths which attract many people to them. I think wording of this section need reconsideration as I’m sure most cyclists would prefer to use a traffic free route.

I hope these comments are helpful and good luck with the plan.

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Sent from my iPad