

Rally Park Active Travel Improvements

Active Travel Fund 4



**Economic Development, Transport, and Climate
Emergency Scrutiny Commission**

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Summary

- £1.8m of Government 'Active Travel Fund' money to improve walking, wheeling, and cycling through The Rally
- Fund aims to:
 - increase proportion of short urban trips that are walked, wheeled, or cycled
 - Increase participation in active travel amongst underrepresented groups (specifically women)
- Schemes are intended to be commenced in 2024
- Detailed design underway
- Supports Connecting Leicester programme

Background

- Well-used park and the site of a former train terminus 1830s – 1960s
- Adjacent to the Waterside Regeneration Area, dense housing estates, strategic road links, schools and business
- No dedicated cycling infrastructure, and footpaths are in poor condition / unpaved
- Issues with crime and anti-social behaviour – poor visibility
- Entrances are difficult and not easy to use for some groups





Left: Existing footpath in poor condition

Middle: Unpaved desire line between Soar Lane and Tudor Road

Right: Poor accessibility and visibility at Tudor Road entrance



Scope, Objectives, and Outcomes

Scope:

Construct segregated cycle tracks and improve existing footpaths

Amend entrances to be easier for walkers, wheelers, and cyclists

Remove vegetation and trees that block visibility



Objectives:

Creation of a green travel corridor with well-connected walking and cycling routes

Increased numbers of walkers and cyclists in the park, particularly from underrepresented groups

Increased numbers of schoolchildren walking and cycling to school

Reduced crime numbers



Outcomes:

An open and accessible park for all

People feel safe in the park

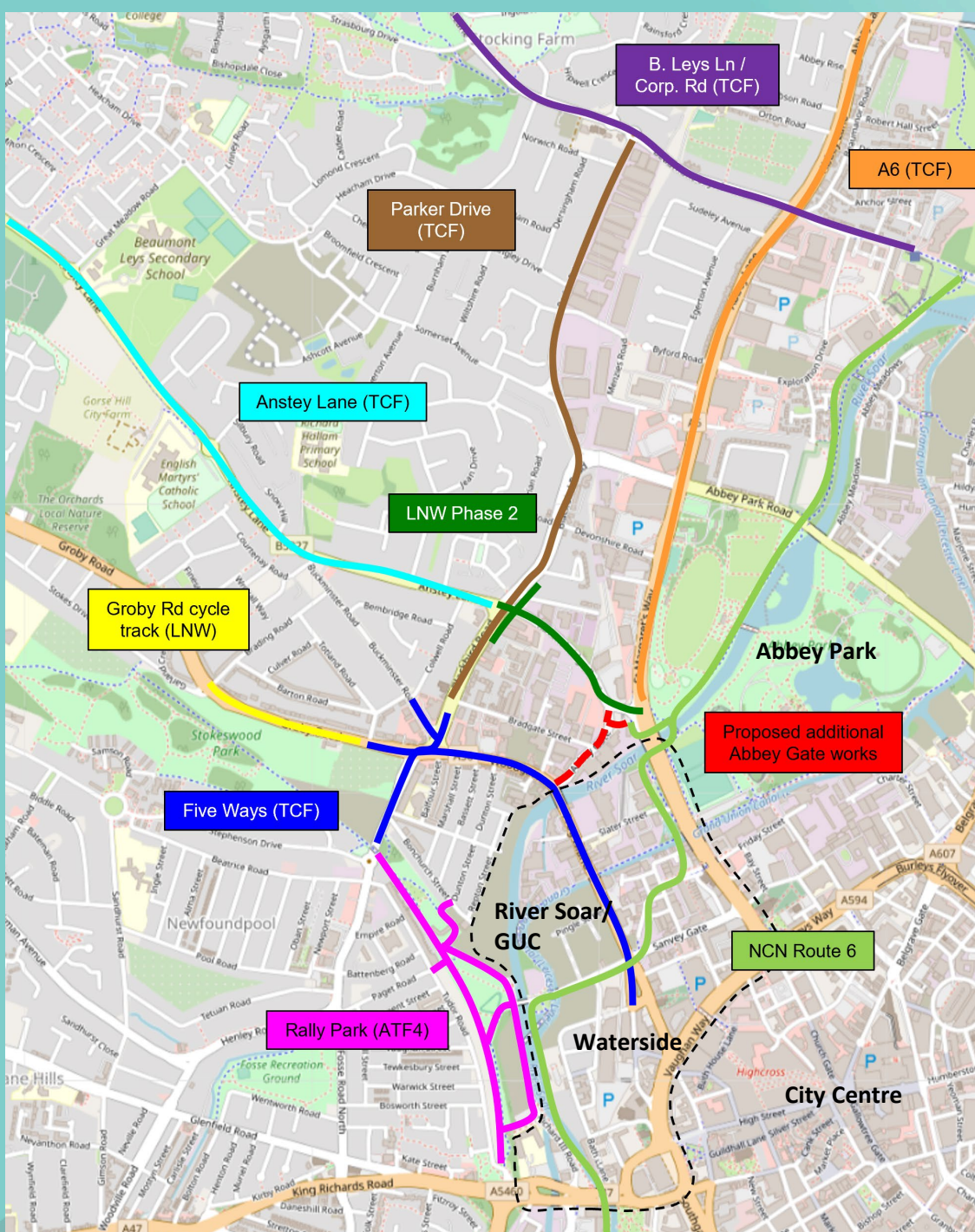
People want to spend time in the park

Children feel comfortable using the park to get to school

A healthier population

A greener city

Connected city



Connecting Leicester

Connectivity with adjacent developments/ schemes and cycle/ pedestrian routes

Indicative Programme Milestones

Date	Activity
October – December	Design period
November - December	Public consultation
January/Feb 2024	Construction contractor procurement
Spring 2024	Construction works begin