

# REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

## STRATEGIC PLAN ACTIONS 2023/24



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### 1.0 BACKGROUND

The Town Council has adopted a new Strategic Plan, setting out its six strategic aims for the ensuing decade. Each aim is supported by a series of objectives, each of which has been assigned to a committee for implementation. Full Council has tasked each committee with determining its actions for the current financial year (through to 31<sup>st</sup> March).

The Strategic Plan is ambitious and many objectives will require work over a number of years to successfully complete. It is important that the council carefully plans its work over the period to ensure a manageable workload whilst also ensuring it successfully delivers for the community. This is particularly important for this committee which has 16 objectives to deliver on.

Appendix A contains the suggested actions from the community consultation. It includes a commentary/guidance from the Town Clerk. Some aspects have been included in the proposed action plan for the current year.

### 2.0 OBJECTIVES ASSIGNED TO THIS COMMITTEE

The following objectives have been assigned to the Committee:

REF	Objective
H1	Develop a Knutsford Heritage Plan
H2*	Work with partners on events and initiatives which celebrate and promote the town's heritage
H3*	Work with partners to implement the management plans and protect the town's Conservation Areas
H4*	Support the protection and retention of the town's built heritage
C4	Develop volunteer involvement to enhance the cleanliness, maintenance and attractiveness of the town
T1	Develop and implement a Knutsford Active Travel Infrastructure Plan
T2	Work with partners to deliver a cycle path linking The Moor and Parkgate Lane
T3	Promote awareness and use of Public Rights of Way
T4	Work with landowners to introduce additional permissive paths connecting the wider walking and cycling networks
T5	Lobby for improvements to rail services and work with partners to improve Knutsford Railway Station
T6	Lobby for improvements to bus services and improvements to Knutsford Bus Station

<b>T7</b>	Work with Cheshire East Council and Cheshire Police to reduce speeding
<b>E1</b>	Work with partners to develop a Green Spaces strategy for Knutsford
<b>E2</b>	Develop and support the implementation of a Knutsford Community Climate Emergency Action Plan
<b>E3</b>	Continue to work with partners to deliver improvements to the town's biodiversity
<b>E4*</b>	Work to protect the Town's trees

These are discussed further individually below, with some ideas for how the council could work to meet these objectives in the current financial year.

## **2.1 H1 – KNUTSFORD HERITAGE PLAN**

*We will work with Knutsford Heritage Centre and the wider community to develop a Knutsford Heritage Plan with the aim of establishing a foundation on which to further the protection, understanding and celebration of the town's rich heritage.*

The Knutsford Heritage Plan would be a strategy for furthering the overarching aim of preserving and enhancing the town's heritage. It would identify areas where work is most critical and identify aspects of the town's heritage which are at risk. It will inform future workstreams for the preservation and interpretation of the town's history.

To manage workloads under this committee, it is suggested that work on this objective be planned for the 2025/26 financial year.

## **2.2 H2 – HERITAGE INITIATIVES**

*We will continue to celebrate, interpret and bring focus on the town's heritage to help the wider community understand the town's past. This will include organising heritage focused events and delivering projects which link to our history.*

This objective is shared with the Events Committee (which would look at heritage events). The council already undertakes a number of projects each year which contribute towards this objective and following the completion of the Heritage Plan will be able to create a more detailed work programme. However, there are some smaller projects already identified which could be progressed by the committee which are outlined below.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Consider the installation of three blue plaques put forward under the Blue Plaques Scheme
- Explore a 'lost streets' project which would look to install signage denoting street names which have been lost or streets which are no longer in existence e.g. Bakehouse Yard, Love Lane etc
- Install a new plaque for the QEII coronation tree
- Support McCarthy and Stone in the creation of the interpretation board for the memorial garden at the site of the War Memorial Cottage Hospital

## **2.3 H3 – CONSERVATION AREA MANAGEMENT PLANS**

*We have already commenced work to review the five Conservation Areas and create new*

*management plans to protect and enhance them. We will work with Cheshire East Council and others to ensure these reviews are delivered and that the appraisals are embedded in the revised Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan.*

The council has commissioned reviews of the five conservation existing conservation areas and, through the Planning Committee, additional areas may be progressed. The Legh Road appraisal is currently out for formal consultation and should be adopted in due course. The others will follow when programmed by Cheshire East Council (two are under creation by the town council's consultant). Each document features a management plan setting out how each area should be managed to protect or enhance the character of the area, in many cases this will identify positive action to be undertaken. The plans being created by the current consultants include specific recommendations.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Develop an information leaflet for residents of the Legh Road Conservation Area following its formal adoption
- Develop an action plan for addressing the actions raised in the management plans of each conservation area

#### **2.4 H4 – PROTECTION AND RETENTION OF BUILT HERITAGE**

*We will work to ensure Knutsford's built heritage is recorded and afforded the appropriate protections under the planning system whilst seeking to ensure any works to heritage assets are appropriate for the buildings and their settings in accordance with the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan. We will use the review of the Knutsford Neighbourhood Plan to identify how we can develop policy to support the appropriate re-use of historic buildings.*

Under this objective the Planning Committee will be considering creating proposals for an updated list of local heritage assets. As part of this, under this committee, it is suggested that a ward by ward survey of local heritage is undertaken. This would be to catalogue the built heritage within the ward identifying where further protection is needed and where further information is needed. This would record historic features and properties and could be completed by ward councillors and local volunteers. This would in turn support the creation of the Knutsford Heritage Plan.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Undertake a ward-by-ward local heritage survey

#### **2.5 C4 – VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT IN TOWN MAINTENANCE**

*In tandem with expanding the Town Ranger service we will engage with the goodwill of the local community to provide opportunities for volunteers to support the maintenance of the town, from regular litter picks to tidy up projects.*

The Assets and Operations Committee has agreed additional staffing resource is needed within Town Ranger service and this will be explored by the Personnel Committee. This objective aims to further enhance the maintenance of the town by utilising willing volunteers. Depending on how it is approached, the use of volunteers has its own resource and management implications and as such is not a panacea to an issue. It will also be important to ensure people do not feel they are being used to undertake services for which they expect local government to complete so much be approached

positively.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Develop a schedule of routine maintenance/cleanliness jobs that would be suitable for volunteers to support
- Explore the creation of a volunteer team to support activity

## **2.6 T1 – ACTIVE TRAVEL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN**

*We will build on the existing cycle infrastructure plan to develop a detailed plan for the enhancement of walking and cycling routes across the whole town. We will then work with Cheshire East Council and landowners to fund these improvements.*

As part of the Neighbourhood Plan, a cycle infrastructure plan was created to identify improvements needed to promote cycling. Under this objective, this will be revisited and expanded to include measures to promote walking. This would identify infrastructure improvements (e.g. problem crossings) and aspirations for network enhancements (e.g. where permissive paths could connect better connect areas).

To deliver this objective it is recommended that a working group is established with remit of undertaking surveys and community consultation to develop the plan. It would include engagement with schools and major employers (where applicable) to identify barriers to active travel, identify priority routes for improvement and set out proposals for improvements to infrastructure.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Establish an Active Travel Infrastructure Plan working group
- Commence work to deliver the plan within 18 months.

## **2.7 T2 – PARKGATE CYCLE PATH**

*The creation of a cycle path from the Moor through Dog Wood to Parkgate Lane will link the town centre to a major employment site and residential area, helping promote active travel across the town. This has long been an aspiration of the council and Cycle Knutsford and we will work with the landowners and partners to make it happen.*

There has been a project group for this connected with Knutsford Medical Partnership (for its potential to enhance health through active travel) and has the commitment of the predominant landowner along the route (Tatton Estate). Other partners include United Utilities, National Rail, Cheshire East and the National Trust. In April it was reported that £4,500 is required for a report assessing its impact on UU/NR assets.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Work with partners to develop a project plan
- Work with partners to fund the necessary survey work

## **2.8 T3 – PROMOTION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY**

*Knutsford is fortunate to have a number of public rights of way connecting the town to the*

*wider countryside and providing attractive routes for exercise and travel. We will promote the network to ensure routes are known, accessible and maintained.*

There are a mix of urban and rural public rights of way across the town, PROW are (generally) highways maintainable at public expense for which both the borough council and town council have powers to ensure they are usable by the public. The council publishes a map of PROW and other paths on its website. There is the potential for conflict between landowners and users if rights and responsibilities are not clearly understood and some education in this respect could be beneficial.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Source volunteers to undertake a survey of existing PROW and non-PROW
- Write to landowners to understand if there are any existing issues/conflicts on PROW

## **2.9 T4 – PERMISSIVE PATHS**

*Linked to T3, we will work with landowners to see the establishment of permissive paths – routes that landowners permit the public to use – to connect existing walking/cycling routes.*

Permissive paths are routes which the public does not have a right to use, but is permitted to do so by a landowner. An example of a popular permissive path is Lime Walk which connects Booths Hall to the South Downs/Delmar Road. There are a number of potential permissive routes that could be explored to enhance the PROW network, connecting existing path and effectively providing shortcuts.

No standalone activity under this objective is suggested for the current civic year. However, the work on the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan would identify potential enhancements to routes which may include permissive paths.

## **2.10 T5 – RAILWAY SERVICES**

*We will continue to lobby for improvements to rail services including more frequent trains and the re-opening of the Middlewich Branch line to connect the Mid-Cheshire line to Crewe. We appoint a councillor to serve on the Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership and will work with Northern, Network Rail and other partners to promote use of the railway and make travelling by train more desirable.*

The campaign to re-open the Middlewich Branch Line has the potential to greatly enhance rail connections in the town. In late 2022, the Local Enterprise Partnership published the executive summary of a strategic outline business case for the project and is currently seeking ministerial commitment to fund a full business case; it hopes that this will be included in a ministerial announcement by 21<sup>st</sup> July. The Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership works to enhance stations and promote railway use. In addition, the council is a member of the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association which campaigns for improvements to services.

In July 2023, it was announced that ticket stations across the country are set to close. Knutsford station is included in these proposals.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Respond to the Northern consultation on the closure of the ticket office at the station
- Council representative to Mid Cheshire Community Rail Partnership to ascertain if there are any specific actions they would like to see the Town Council support/undertake

### **2.11 T6 – BUS SERVICES**

*We will work with Cheshire East Council and bus operators to identify how bus services can be improved and we will strive to see the reintroduction of a town circular route. We will work with Cheshire East Council to improve the bus station and bus stops to make travelling by bus more desirable.*

Knutsford is served by one main service connecting it with Northwich, Macclesfield, Wilmslow and Altrincham. In addition, there is an infrequent bus to Warrington. There are also community transport schemes (Good Neighbours and the Knutsford Community Transport Association) which could support travel for some residents.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Better understand the community transport schemes in Knutsford and identify if any support is required
- Undertake a survey of existing bus infrastructure to identify any required improvements
- Research the options and costs of enhanced bus services

### **2.11 T7 – SPEEDING**

*We know that pedestrians and cyclists will only feel safe if the motorised vehicles are obeying the speed limits, and unfortunately, we also know that for many roads a significant number of vehicles exceed the limit. We will work to tackle speeding through enforcement, education and, where appropriate, engineering solutions.*

Cheshire East Council has adopted a new speed management strategy which sets out its approach to setting speed limits in the borough. The town council recently requested CEC review the speed limit on Manchester Road and a change was rejected and further engagement needs to take place with CEC to understand why in more detail. The council could look to put forward other speed limit changes, collecting the necessary data to put the case forward.

The town council has two speed indicator devices which reinforce speed limits and collect data on speeding. However, the council's use of them has been inconsistent and can be improved. The data can be published on the council's website and shared with the police to trigger enforcement as necessary.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Consider the 20's plenty campaign and whether it should be supported in Knutsford
- Review existing speed limits in Knutsford and put forward proposals for change under the CEC Speed Management Strategy
- Implement a robust programme for speed monitoring to identify problem roads and engage with Cheshire East Council and Cheshire Police to secure action to address

### **2.11 E1 – GREEN SPACES STRATEGY**

*We will work with partners to develop a strategy which secures the enhancement of green spaces so residents have access to a diverse range of green spaces for play, amenity, wildlife, relaxation and socialising. This will include ensuring spaces are accessible for those with different needs and will also seek to ensure that new open space on new development contributes the kind of spaces Knutsford needs.*

The delivery of this objective would involve community consultation to identify the gaps in open space provision and identify where/how improvements could be delivered. It recognises that it would not be appropriate to attempt to make every green space meet every need, but that by sensitively using the network of open spaces across the town different needs can be met. This objective links to the objective to provide facilities for young people and by undertaking focused community consultation the strategy could be used to support funding applications and the allocation of s106 funds/CIL. Friends of the Heath and Friends of the Moor have both expressed the desire to partner with the council on this project, noting they wish to undertake user surveys and that pooling data will deliver wider benefits for the community.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Identify the various stakeholders for green spaces and develop a targeted consultation to inform the development of a Green Spaces Strategy
- Work with established friends groups to ensure consultation also meets their specific aims

## **2.11 E2 – CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

*We know that we can only take limited direct action to tackle climate change but by working together as a town we can achieve much more. We will work with the wider community to develop a climate emergency action plan to enable the whole community to work together in the fight against climate change. This will include assessing and addressing pollution and air quality issues and promoting individual action on measures which the town's carbon footprint.*

In 2021, the council declared a climate emergency recognising the catastrophic consequences of climate change and noting that all governments have a duty to tackle climate change. The council set an ambition to being carbon neutral and to develop a climate emergency strategy with the community. The delivery of this objective will involve assembling a resident-led working group to develop a plan and lead on its implementation.

To manage workloads, it is suggested that this objective be commenced in 2025.

## **2.11 E3 – NATURE ACTION PLAN**

*Through our Nature Action Plan we've already planted hundreds of trees, sown wildflower meadows and promoted biodiversity. We'll continue working with partners such as Cheshire Wildlife Trust to restore and enhance natural habitats, developing a new Nature Action Plan to improve wildlife corridors by planting more trees, wildflowers and hedgerows, and where appropriate identifying areas for rewilding*

The council adopted the Nature Action Plan in 2020 and over the last three years has planted trees and hedgerows and created wildflower meadows. Some actions remain outstanding and there are further areas the council could lead work to enhance the ecology of the town. The council has two



particularly proactive volunteers assisting this work.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Develop and commence implementation of an updated Nature Action Plan for the 2023-2027 period

### **2.11 E4 – PROTECTION OF TREES**

*We will seek preservation orders for the most special trees in Knutsford which are currently not subject to formal protection, seek to influence national and local policy to increase protection of trees and oppose the loss of mature trees except where they present a safety issue or are dead, dying or diseased.*

This objective is shared with the Planning Committee which reviews applications for tree works (in conservation areas or for trees subject to preservation orders). Under this objective the committee will be considering how to lobby for the protection of trees within existing legislation with Cheshire East, and where legislation should change with government. Volunteers under the Nature Action Plan have recorded the trees on public land in the town, this could form the basis for proposing additional preservation orders though it is noted the expediency threshold is set high for justifying a TPO.

Suggested activity for 2023/24:

- Review of the mature trees survey to identify 10 trees/areas suitable for preservation orders and an application to be submitted to Cheshire East Council

## **3.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED**

The committee should:

- a) Agree a series of specific actions for the current financial year to begin delivery of the strategic plan. These would then be shaped into SMART targets for monitoring. This could be by approving the suggested actions or making adjustments as necessary.
- b) Discuss potential future actions for the delivery of the plan, these will be recorded and used to inform future action plan creation and begin to create a multi-year action plan
- c) Consider the suggestions put forward in Appendix A and whether these should feature in future/current action plans



## APENDIX A: ACTIONS FROM STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION

This appendix details the actions suggested by the public as part of the consultation on the draft plan. They are listed for the committee to consider if they should be included in current or future action plans.

Ref	Action	Objective	Comments
4	Provide active travel route Longridge	T1	This will be addressed as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
5	Do a travel survey with staff and councillors to see what measures you as a council could implement to encourage active travel amongst your workers and members.	T1	The council's staff is made up of a mix of people living in Knutsford and from surrounding areas. Those living in Knutsford predominantly walk to work (except times when they need to use their car for some reason). Those living outside Knutsford largely do not live in areas with suitable public transport connections. A survey of members could be undertaken.
6	Have an annual leave your car at home day,	T1	This could be explored for a future year.
7	Make cycling/walking routes more available.	T1/T3/T4	This will be addressed by actions arising from various objectives.
8	The Town Council should look at air quality.	E2	This will be addressed by the Climate Emergency Action Plan work
10	Provide benches to help break up journeys to places.		This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
11	Provide more dog waste bins	C4	This is being progressed.
12	Survey the bin collection horror places.	C4	Uncertain of what this means.
13	The ends of gardens on west side of Legh Rd include Sanctuary Moor in their ownership. Some have extended their formal gardens into the Wildlife Site. In co-operation with CEC, Cheshire Wildlife Trust and KTC's Nature Action Plan team, identification, survey and protection of these and other sites need to be secured.	E3	This can be looked at as part of developing the new Nature Action plan.
14	Improve maintenance of existing trees	E4	This will be looked at by the Nature Action Plan working group.
15	Discourage developers use of fences and fast growing conifers which do not support wildlife.	E3	This can be looked at as part of developing the new Nature Action plan.
16	Hedgehog and wildlife corridors.	E3	This can be looked at as part of developing the new Nature Action plan.
17	Consider wildflowering more	E3	This can be looked at as part of developing the new Nature Action plan.
18	Create a new woodland on some of the farmland around Knutsford	E3	This can be looked at as part of developing the new Nature Action plan.
19	Rewild areas	E3	This can be looked at as part of developing the new Nature Action plan.
20	Modernise Bus Station	T6	A survey of existing infrastructure to identify improvements is included in the current year action plan.

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21	Revise the town circular.	T6	The costs of this need to be understood, this is included in the current year action plan.
22	Make people more aware of the bus services that are available and review the routes	T6	This can be looked at in a future year action plan.
47	Provide secure bike storage	T1	This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
48	Put distance markers along active travel routes.	T1	This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
49	Have a bike hire stall at the railway station.	T5	This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
50	Have secure covered cycle parking and a bus stop at the Council Offices.	T1	This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
51	Upgrade / maintain Moorside as a cycle route.	T1	This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
52	Install bike parking within town centre	T1	This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
53	Link Knutsford to Altrincham with a safe cycle route to allow people to access the tram	T1	This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
54	Bike hub at entrance to tatton park and next to station with improved safe cycle links	T1	This can be looked at as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
71	Work with the owner of the Heath to address maintenance of trees and its fencing	E1	This can be addressed by the green space strategy. The council is also seeking to re-establish regular tripartite meeting with Friends of the Heath and Tatton Estate.
72	Require dogs to be on leads on the Heath	E1	This could be looked at as part of the green space strategy, but it is noted that it is a large open space suitable for dog owners to allow their dogs to exercise off lead.
73	Protect the existing hedgerows and plant properly new ones near the new developments.	E3	This will be looked at by the Nature Action Plan working group.
74	Find a different title to St John's Avenue CA as naming new ward as St John's Ward is going to cause endless confusion.	H3	An alternative name could be put forward, but St John's accurately describes the area around the conservation area and the ward is called St John's Wood – this could be monitored but effective communication could prevent confusion.
75	Create a management plan to protect and enhance the site of St. Helena's Church	H1	This will be addressed by the development of a Heritage Plan.

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76	Explore opening the historic moat at Booths Hall to the public	H1	This could be addressed by the development of a Heritage Plan.
77	Install chicanes on roads where speeding is an issue	T7	SID data can be used to identify areas where engineering solutions are needed.
78	Work with Cheshire Police to stop large delivery lorries parking on Mobberley Road awaiting space to become available to drop off or pick up loads at Travis Perkins	T1	Data on frequency of issue can be passed to PCSO to investigate.
79	Double yellow lines on Manchester road on the side of the Heath for Makers Market days and advertise where parking can be found.	T1	Proposals for TROs could be put forward as infrastructure improvements.
80	Install speedbumps and cameras on Manchester Road	T7	Proposals for TROs could be put forward as infrastructure improvements.
81	Open gardens day, best garden, window box to gain community engagement		As part of the North West in Bloom entry, this will be explored for 2024.
82	More hanging baskets across residential streets like Warren Ave.		It would be impractical and costly to install lamppost hanging baskets comprehensively across the town.
83	Deliver more regular litter picking	C4	This is covered by an action for the current year.
84	Install more litter bins		Bins can be purchased and installed based on problem areas.
85	Engage with children regarding littering	C4	This can be explored for a future action plan year.
86	Increase enforcement of dog fouling		Cheshire East Council can be asked to tackle problem areas, if the frequent times of issues are known.
87	Wall murals in collaboration with artists and schools has added colour, interest and community spirit to many towns	C4	The TCM is looking at costs for a town centre mural, once known this could be explored further.
88	Improve the scruffy verges (e.g. Green Street)	C4	This could be looked at under the task identification action under the current year.
89	Ensure that there is no more hard build on the Moor.	E1	This can be addressed by the green space strategy.
90	Separate cyclists from children feeding the ducks on the Moor.	E1	This can be addressed by the green space strategy.
95	Consider improving the lighting around the Moor Park	E1	This can be addressed by the green space strategy.
96	Work with landowners and offer incentives for them to open up their land.		Unclear on intention of this action.
97	Set aside Council budget each year to accumulate a sinking fund to play for improvements to open spaces.	E1	The council already has a policy of developing a play areas reserve, allocating £1k per year to the fund. The Finance Committee considers the policy annually.
104	Upgrade the open space around Longridge	E1	The green space strategy would identify if/what upgrades could take place.
105	A playground nearer or on The Heath (Lady's Mile End).	E1	A play area on the heath is unlikely to be supported due the nature of the

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			land, however this would fall under the work on the green spaces strategy.
106	The town needs a all weather playing space for kids, with football goals, tennis or basketball nets. These are accessible in many other areas, yet Knutsford lack this.	E1	There is a MUGA at the Shaw Heath open space, but such provision would be looked at as part of the Green Spaces Strategy.
111	Map green spaces to protect them	E1	Open spaces were mapped in an open space survey in 2015; many were then protected as local green space in the neighbourhood plan. The Green Space Strategy will add further protection.
112	Provide a user-friendly "dial a ride" service	T6	The current year action plan looks to understand the existing services offered in the town.
113	Create a destination link with bus companies and railway services.	T5	The connectivity of services can be looked at as part of any service reviews by bus companies.
115	Install toilets at the train station.	T5	This would require Northern to deliver. Feasibility unknown.
116	Recycling hub.	E2	This could be looked at by the working group in due course.
117	Implement 20 is plenty on certain roads.	T7	The committee is considering this policy position.
118	Bring in more speed reduction schemes on major roads and other main link roads.	T7	SID data can be used to identify areas where engineering solutions are needed.
122	Improve access to sports pitches for all - many are currently members only. Not many places kids can go for a game of footy.	E1	This will be looked at as part of developing the green spaces strategy
123	Ensure that Section 106 / CIL funding is attributed to those best placed to deliver sporting activities	E1	The green spaces strategy will help guide investment into open spaces and this would include outdoor sport/recreation.
126	Increase protection of trees to reduce felling	T4	The council will develop specific aims to meet this objective.
127	Plant More Trees	T3	This will be addressed as part of the Nature Action Plan 2.0.
145	Publish a walking map of Knutsford, create walking guides / recommended walks.	T3	This will be explored for future action plans.
146	Upgrade any stiles to accessible gates.	T3	The initial stage will be to survey paths to identify where improvements are necessary, part of the survey will look at accessibility and where there is scope for such changes.
148	Provide crossing point outside Railway Station on Toft Road	T1	This will be addressed as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
149	Create a boardwalk from the Moor to Tatton Park via the reedbeds	T4	This area is a SSSI and RAMSAR site meaning disruption to the reedbeds is extremely unlikely to secure permission.
150	Council website to promote walking routes	T3	The council publishes a map of rights of way and paths. Work could be

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			undertaken (with volunteers) to develop recommended walks, this will be considered for 2024/25.
<b>151</b>	Create a footpath along the south bank of Birkin Brook linking the new Parkgate Housing Estate with Pavement Lane	T4	This can be explored as part of work on creating permissive path.
<b>152</b>	Create/upgrade pedestrian link from Moorside to the foot of Drury Lane?	T1	This will be addressed as part of developing the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan.
<b>153</b>	Create a circular walk at Longridge linking rewilded fields, Ancient Woodlands, a brook, two meres, regenerative farmland, parkland, a historic moat with fish ponds attached to it and also the oldest historic monument in Knutsford, a church site which dates back to 1200.	T4	This can be explored as part of work on creating permissive path.