

KILMARNOCK INFINITY LOOP

SUMMARY REPORT



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About the Project

Ayrshire Roads Alliance (ARA) would like to hear your views on a collection of new walking, wheeling and cycling routes through Kilmarnock. The proposed network of routes is called the Kilmarnock Infinity Loop.



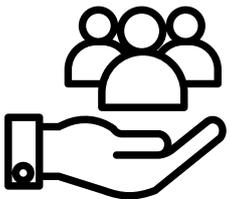
The routes will be for Active Travel. This means any form of transport that requires physical effort. Examples include walking, cycling, wheeling, running or skateboarding.



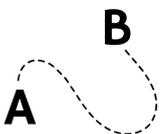
Wheeling is an alternative type of travel to foot/pedestrian-based mobility, such as travel by wheelchair, mobility scooter or wheeled walker.

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There are several routes that make up the loop. For now, we would like to hear your thoughts on route 1 and route 2.



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Study Area

The Active Travel routes would connect residential areas in Kilmarnock with schools, workplaces, parks and shops.



Route 1 would follow Kilmarnock Water and connect Howard Park with the town centre, train station and Dean Castle Country Park.



Route 2 would run along the east of Kilmarnock, connecting homes with local schools, Ayrshire Athletics Arena and Bellfield Estate.



Why is the route needed?

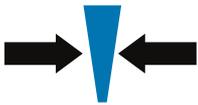
Movement



The Kilmarnock Infinity Loop will help connect places within Kilmarnock, using safe walking, wheeling or cycling routes.



Traffic calming measures will be added to routes to make sure that vehicles are not travelling too fast.



Certain pavements in Kilmarnock cannot be used safely by some people due to them being narrow or uneven. The new routes would improve paths, such as providing smooth surfaces.



Safety concerns, especially if cycling on a busy road, can result in fewer people cycling. Adding more cycle tracks in Kilmarnock will help make more people feel safe to cycle.



A cycle track is a path designed for cyclists. It is protected from motorised traffic, such as cars.

Safety



In the last 5 years, 60 people walking or cycling in Kilmarnock have been involved in a collision with a vehicle.



Sustrans - the national walking, wheeling and cycling charity - say that all active travel routes should be safe enough to be used by a 12-year old by themselves.

Climate



East Ayrshire Council and the Scottish Government have a target to reduce the amount of harmful emissions created by transport.



If more people walked, wheeled or cycled the levels of harmful emissions in the atmosphere would fall.



Project Timeline

Stage 3 (the stage we are currently at) will be complete by the end of 2023.

Stages

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Stage 0: Strategic Definition - find out the key wants and needs of the local community.

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Stage 1: Feasibility Study - work with the community and collect information.

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Stage 2: Concept Design - work with the community and draw up plans.

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Stage 3: Developed Design - use feedback from stage 2 and the current engagement to develop the designs further.

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Stage 4: Technical Design - Designs are made that show how the routes should be built.

How to get involved



You can pick-up and drop-off a printed survey from:

- Galleon Centre (Titchfield St, KA1 1QY)
- Ayrshire Athletics Arena (Queens Dr, KA1 3XF)
- Dick Institute (Elmbank Ave, KA1 3BT)



Find out more about the project and complete an online survey by clicking the link [here](#) or scanning the QR code



If you have any questions, please email us at: **KIL@sweco.co.uk**

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