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St. Helens Link (Castle Ward and Uplands Ward)

At 0.59km, this small section of shared use path will provide a key link from the existing active travel route along the foreshore (National Cycle Network Route 4) to the Guildhall, a major employment centre and the Crown Court.

Yours sincerely



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City Centre Links

Swansea Central Bridge (Castle Ward)

A 50% contribution towards the cost of the new bridge connecting the new Indoor Arena with the retail core has been secured, which will offer both pedestrians and cyclists a grade separated crossing over Oystermouth Road as part of the ongoing regeneration programme.

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Mayals Network Links

Mayals Road Link (Mayals Ward and West Cross Ward)

The Mayals Road Link will deliver a route measuring 1.6km, which will principally provide connectivity and access for those living in Mayals and West Cross, a population of 9,124 people.

Whilst the route will provide a particular benefit to these communities, by linking to the popular Swansea foreshore shared use path, it is of greater importance in also facilitating a wider strategic route for South Gower.

It is proposed that this enhancement take the form of an on-road hybrid cycle track, which will maintain priority through the side roads leading on to Mayals Road and past the adjacent bus stops.

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Sketty Park Links (Sketty Ward)

This project will complement the improvements made to provide shared use paths in Singleton Park during 2018/19, and facilitate onward links through the Sketty Park Estate to link with Olchfa Comprehensive School and Bishop Gore Comprehensive School. The project will see 2km of shared use paths constructed adjacent to Sketty Park Road, Sketty Park Drive and Park Way, and provide enhanced connectivity into the active travel networks serving the city.

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Olchfa Link (Sketty Ward, Killay South Ward and Mayals Ward)

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The construction of Olchfa Link will open and enable access for a large area of Killay to National Cycle Network Route 43, providing off-road traffic-free access to a number of destinations including the city centre. The 2.5km shared use path will serve to provide an alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists, to take them away from the congested Gower Road corridor.

Olchfa Link will also provide an alternative walking route to school for pupils attending Olchfa Comprehensive School which has 1,900 pupils on roll.

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Townhill Road (Townhill Ward and Uplands Ward)

This 1.21km route will provide an important link between the residents of Townhill and the Townhill Northern Link (also known as The Ravine), enabling Active Travel journeys through the centre of Townhill. This connecting link will provide a spinal route for the Townhill Community as well as providing improving access and active travel choices for those travelling to the local primary school, Townhill Community School and local amenities. With links at both the north and south end of the route due to be completed in the same financial year, the opportunity for active travel both within, and beyond the community will be greatly improved, from that of the current provision.

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The Ravine (Townhill Ward)

This link will provide a new walking and cycling link between Carmarthen Road and Townhill Road. This route will intersect with the recently constructed Gors Avenue shared use path, and a route also due to be constructed this year along Townhill Road.

A major proportion of this route will provide access to the communities at the highest point of Townhill, providing good quality walking and cycling infrastructure to enable otherwise difficult journeys with the challenging topography that is present in this area.

Switchbacks will be created through the middle section of this route to alleviate the steep incline that is only accessed through the use of steps at present to provide an accessible route for both pedestrians and cyclists.

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