

Active travel schemes information note

1. Introduction

This note is in response to Matter 4 Session 4 Action 7; to 'provide a plan of the planned sustainable transport routes for which funding is secured from Lea Green station to the areas around the proposed Bold Forest Garden suburb (4HA)'

St Helens Council has secured funding for two projects that will deliver sustainable transport routes from Lea Green station to the areas around the proposed Bold Forest Garden Suburb (site 4HA): St. Helens Southern Gateway and Active Travel Fund Tranche 2. Combined, these projects will create a continuous cycle route from the Warrington Boundary in the south of the borough to St Helens Town Centre.

Appendix 1 shows the planned sustainable transport routes from Lea Green station to the surrounding areas for which funding has been secured. Appendix 2 is a plan of the specific sustainable transport routes from Lea Green station to the area around the proposed Bold Forest Garden suburb, site 4HA.

2. St. Helens Southern Gateway

St. Helens Southern Gateway, formerly known as Eastern Region Interchange and Connectivity (ERIC), involves improvements to Lea Green Station and cycling and walking infrastructure in the area.

£4.856 million of the secured £14.8 million has been awarded to the Council to deliver six cycle routes and a Cycle Optimised Protected Signals (CYCLOPS) junction at the 'Bull and Dog' roundabout near to Lea Green railway station, which will be the first of its kind in the Liverpool City Region.

The routes are proposed for the following roads:

- Route 1: Clock Face Road
- Route 2: Chester Lane
- *Route 3: Not Progressed*
- Route 4: Eaves Lane and New Street
- Route 5: Sherdley Park and Sutton Park
- Route 6: Elton Head Road
- Route 7: Elton Head Road, Lea Green Road, Lowfield Lane and Walkers Lane

The cycle routes will be delivered by March 2022. The 'Bull and Dog' junction improvement will be complete by March 2023.

The improvements to Lea Green railway station involve the provision of a new station building with better passenger facilities and increasing the capacity for park and ride at the station.

More information about St. Helens Southern Gateway, including detailed plans and the results from our consultation, is available at: <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/planning-building-control/transport-planning/st-helens-southern-gateway-improving-access-to-lea-green-station-eric/>

3. Active Travel Fund

Active Travel Fund is a package of cycling and walking improvements also taking place in proximity to sites 4HA and 5HA. Tranche 1 involved emergency measures along Chester

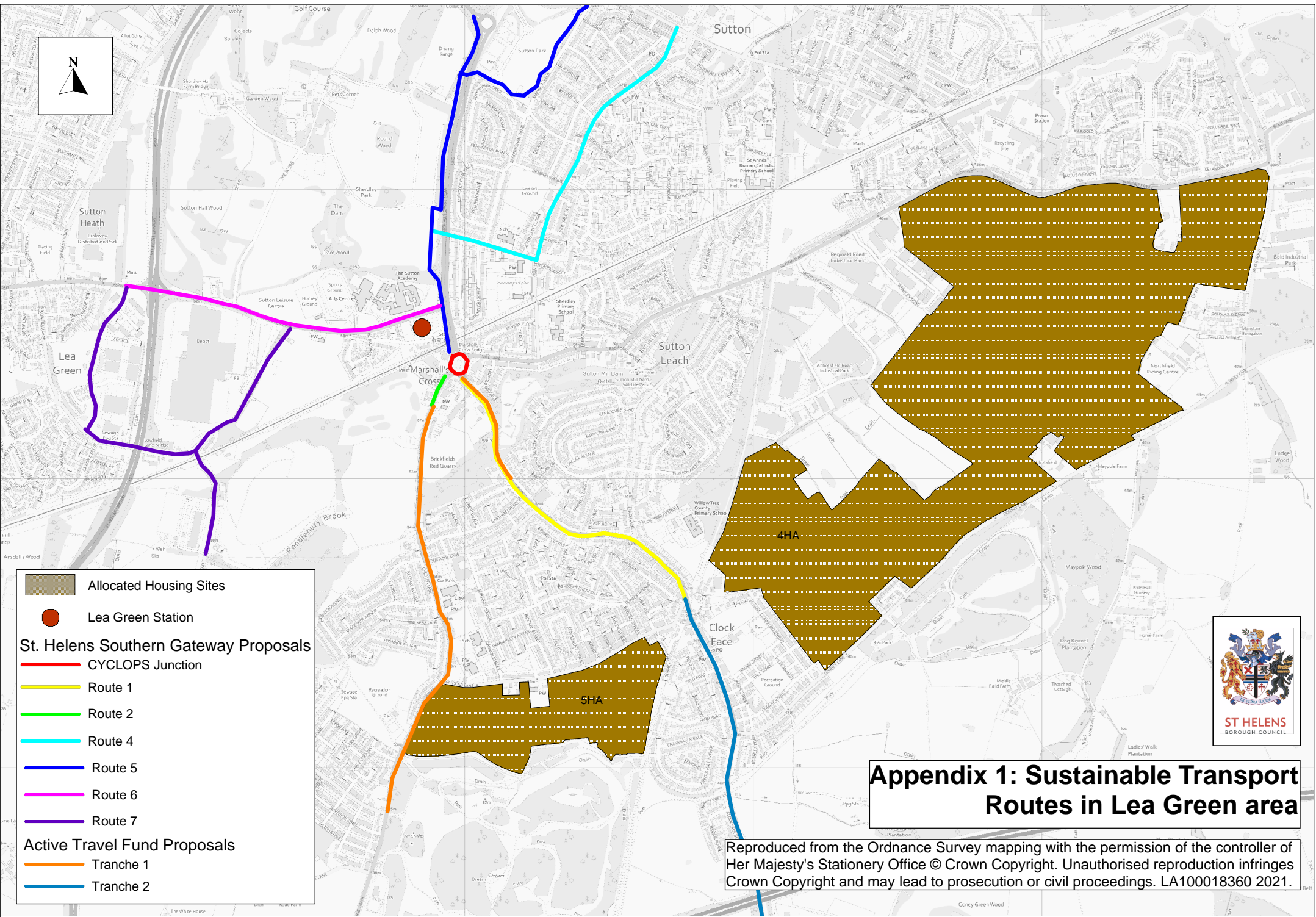
Lane, Jubits Lane and Clock Face Road and was delivered in 2020. Tranche 2 builds on these routes to improve active travel in St. Helens.












For Tranche 2, £1.03 million has been allocated to deliver cycling and walking routes in St Helens Borough in line with LTN1/20 guidance.

The project will be completed by March 2022.

For more information about the Active Travel Fund, including consultation plans, please visit: <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/planning-building-control/transport-planning/active-travel-fund/>

Appendix 1



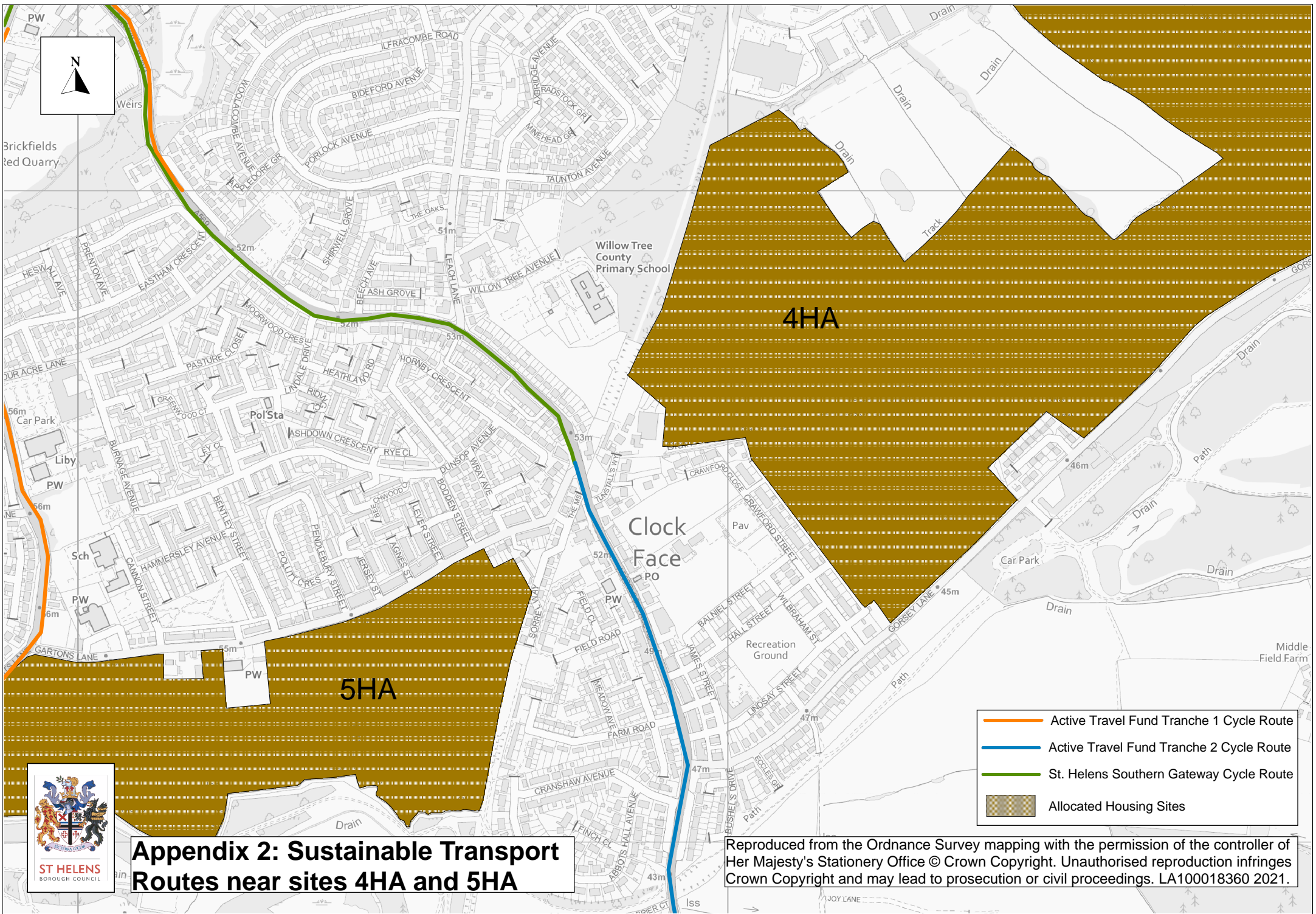
-  Allocated Housing Sites
-  Lea Green Station
- St. Helens Southern Gateway Proposals**
-  CYCLOPS Junction
-  Route 1
-  Route 2
-  Route 4
-  Route 5
-  Route 6
-  Route 7
- Active Travel Fund Proposals**
-  Tranche 1
-  Tranche 2



Appendix 1: Sustainable Transport Routes in Lea Green area

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Appendix 2



Appendix 2: Sustainable Transport Routes near sites 4HA and 5HA

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- Active Travel Fund Tranche 1 Cycle Route
- Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 Cycle Route
- St. Helens Southern Gateway Cycle Route
- Allocated Housing Sites

