

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

PEDESTRIAN STRATEGY

3rd DRAFT 2nd May 2019

KEY AIMS

Improve pedestrian access to key locations within the Village.
Improve pedestrian leisure routes throughout the Ruddington Parish area.
Improve signage to encourage the use of the pedestrian routes.

1. Pedestrian Circulation within the Village

1.1 Routes to places of interest and to facilities in the Village should be clearly signed.

1.2 Improve signage for pedestrian access from Village centre to Mere Way Business Park. This will encourage office workers to use the Village facilities.

1.3 Ensure safe walking routes to schools, esp. St Johns Road and Easthorpe Street near the junction with Rufford Road. Improvements could include-

- a. Remove obstructions on the St John's Road footway and have a pedestrian crossing on St Mary's Crescent opposite the footpath entrance.
- b. Widen the footway on Easthorpe Street beside the barn and narrow this section of roadway to a single lane with an Eastbound priority.
- c. Creating a new footpath connecting Ashworth Avenue and Wilford Road, possibly through the golf course. This will lessen the foot traffic of School children using the dangerous St Johns Road, especially considering the proposed new development at beyond Sellors Field.

1.4 Remove the pedestrian/cycle conflicts at the corner of Wilford Road and Church Street, Dutton's Hill, and Clifton Road. Improvements could include-

- a. Painted footway signage to show the end of shared pavement on Dutton's Hill and more visible post signs for cyclists.
- b. Remove footway parking on Clifton Road and paint clearer footway separation of bicycles and pedestrians.

1.5 Stop parking which obstructs footways/pavements throughout the Village. More enforcement is needed.

1.6 Replace the signage for the footpath connecting Rufford Road and Loughborough Road. It has been removed and there is a danger that this right of way might be lost.

2. Pedestrian routes through the Village linking with longer footpaths

2.1 Sign the locations and destinations of footpaths passing within the village. This will help both visitors and new residents especially since the Village is being promoted as a tourist destination. It should coordinate with the visitors' footpath map

2.2 Encourage Notts CC to repair and maintain the 50 steps bridge.

2.3 Complete paving the footpath between the 50 steps bridge and Vicarage Lane. Only a short section remains to be done.

2.3 Reduce the pedestrian/vehicle conflict on the south part of Asher Lane which is a public footpath on a now busy private road. This could be achieved by signing a pedestrian priority on the private road section from Barleylands with a 20 mph speed limit.

3. Footpaths in the whole Parish beyond the Village

3.1 Encourage the production of a visitors' footpath map handout covering the Parish and immediate surrounding area.

3.2 Connect end of the 9 stiles footpath (NT.6176) and the Stoney Gate bridle path (NT.5343) as anyone wanting to do a circular walk has to use the verge of the A52 to connect the two, which is unsafe and unpleasant to walk along. This could be achieved by a concessionary footpath at the edge of the adjacent field.

3.3 Ensure the underpass under the A52 (NT.6376) is maintained to a footpath standard. The farmer has periodically obstructed the path in order to prevent motorcycles etc. using it. A more robust and permanent solution should be found.

3.4 Provide a footway on Flawforth Lane between Flawforth Avenue and Flawforth Church site.

3.5 Provide a footway on Flawforth Lane between the Flawforth Church site and the stream. This will link footpaths NT.5358 and NT.6176 to create a circular walk.

3.6 Create a new footpath linking Wilwell Cutting with the Country Park along the route of the former railway line, accessed from Clifton Lane and 50 steps bridge. This will be a green corridor linking our two main Local Nature Reserves. Longer distance walkers could drop off the tram at Wilford to walk south straight into countryside on footpath NT.5352.

Still to do-

Check with Notts CC footpath group if they have had any complaints/suggestions from the public about footpaths in Ruddington – reply awaited - PJM.

Create 2 maps – whole parish and village centre with footpath routes and locations of comments above - TF

Consultees-

Village Plan surveys – 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5

Ruddington Footpath Preservation Society – 1.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3.

Neighbourhood Plan consultation events – 1.5, 2.3

Ruddington U3A walking group - 1.1, 2.1, 2.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6

Ruddington Mums website – 1.3, 1.4, 2.2, 2.3

Ruddington Info website - 2.2