

To the Welsh Ministers,

Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 Reporting Duties

In accordance with the duties under section 3 (7) of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, please find below the City & County of Swansea's report on the level of use of active travel routes.

Number of existing Active Travel Routes	<p>The existing active travel routes identified for the Existing Route Map (ERM), in 2017, totalled 97 kilometers in length. The existing routes identified for the Active Travel Network Map (ATNM), in 2021, totalled 116 kilometres in length. This is broken down by route type in the table below, alongside the number of routes.</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Number</td><td>Length (km)</td></tr><tr><td>Foot and Cycle</td><td>70</td><td>110</td></tr><tr><td>Foot</td><td>6</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>Total</td><td>76</td><td>116</td></tr></table>		Number	Length (km)	Foot and Cycle	70	110	Foot	6	5	Total	76	116
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Baseline data at 2016	<p>The Council had 19 functioning fixed cycle counters in 2016. Data from the five most prominent counters is included below.</p> <p>The figure provided shows the annual average daily number of cyclists passing the counter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blackpill Lido – 431• Fabian Way – 317• Pont y Cob Road – 281• Trafalgar Bridge – 173• Oystermouth Road – 331												
What data was available in your local authority to record usage?	<p>In 2016 the Council owned and maintained 20 fixed cycle counters at key locations across the cycle network.</p> <p>Some manual pedestrian and cycle counts were also undertaken at this time. However, resource constraints meant these were not repeated, so they cannot be used for comparison.</p>												
New data at 2021	<p>In 2019 the Council retired some cycle counters, while new counters were also introduced. At the time the opportunity was taken to relocate some counters. Data for four of the five most prominent counters continues to be available up to 2021. However, data for Pont y Cob Road ceased being collected in 2019, when this counter stopped working. It is intended to replace this counter in 2021/22.</p> <p>The following annual average daily number of cyclists is available for the five most prominent cycle counters:</p>												

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackpill Lido – 888 (2021) • Fabian Way – 361 (2021) • Pont y Cob Road – 725 (2018) • Trafalgar Bridge – 343 (2021) • Oystermouth Road – 1,047 (2021) <p>There has been an uplift in cyclists passing through each of the key network locations between 2016 and the most recent count available. In all cases, except Fabian Way, this increase has been substantial with Trafalgar Bridge use increasing by just under 100% and use of Oystermouth Road, Blackpill Lido and Pont y Cob Road (up to 2018) increasing by over 100%.</p>
What data will be available to support the next iteration of this report?	<p>Cycle counters will continue to be provided and maintained at the key locations identified above. These will be used to track overall levels of cycle usage across the network.</p> <p>Recently Swansea Council, in conjunction with Miovision, has introduced 182 traffic counters which can use CCTV to monitor all modes through key junctions across the transport network. Some of these counters are being used to capture pedestrian and cycle data specifically for recently introduced active travel routes. For example a daily (16hr) count for the Gorseinon Road Shared Use Path for the 30th June 2021 indicates that at the Gelli-Gynore pedestrian crossing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 64 people continued along the path and didn't use the crossing; • 18 people used the crossing to join the path; and • 19 people used the crossing to leave the path. <p>Of these:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94.1% were pedestrians; and • 5.9% were cyclists <p>To date counts are only available for 2021. However, monitoring will continue on these paths enabling their use to be tracked over time. This data will inform future iterations of this report.</p> <p>Swansea Council intend to make a request to enable them to purchase a number of mobile counters as part of a scheme monitoring package for their submission to the 2022/23 Active Travel Fund. If successful, going forward, this will enable monitoring of pedestrian and cycle usage of each new active travel route introduced both before and following construction. This data will be used to inform future iterations of this report. Where use of mobile counters</p>

	is not possible on any new route, manual counts will be considered.
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I confirm that this report will be published online and made available in hard copy on request, in accordance with the statutory Active Travel Act Guidance (2021 edition).

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