



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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11th January 2022

Carol Beattie
Chief Executive
Stirling Council
Old Viewforth
Stirling
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Our Ref: ALMG

Dear Chief Executive,

Re: King's Highway Petition

I am writing to update you on a petition that I started last year to promote the proposed King's Highway cycle route project.

As you will know the King's Highway is a proposed active travel route that would run from Drymen at the western-most point to Stirling in the east. It would join up existing national cycle routes 7 and 765 and promote more active travel in the area. This project has backing locally most notably from the Gargunnoch Community Trust and from Sustrans.

The response that I received regarding this project was incredibly positive. Four hundred and fifty five people put their name in support of the route which made up 97.8% of respondents. I believe that this positive response shows the demand for such a route that would serve to link Stirling with the National Cycle Route 7.

The route will provide greatly enhanced walking and cycling opportunities, not only for local residents but for many visitors as well, giving a major boost to the tourist industry. In addition, the existing A811 is not very safe for cyclists and is obviously totally unsuitable for walkers and wheelchair users so there will be clear health and safety benefits.

I hope that you and your team have had an enjoyable new year. I hope that this coming year will bring more exciting projects such as these into reality. I thank you for your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Alyn Smith MP