



Inclusive Streets Meeting:

Wednesday 8th July 2026.

Bootle Town Hall and on Teams.

Attendees:

Helen Cumiskey – Strategic Infrastructure Planner,
Sefton Council

Jayne Rodgers - Transport Planning Project
Manager, Sefton Council

Michelle Anglesea - Consultation, Engagement and
Accessibility Officer, Sefton Council.

Charlotte Groom - Transport Planning Support
Officer, Sefton Council.

Pauline – Kelly's Support Worker

Kelly Barton – Pocklington Trust

Jackie – SLC Volunteer

Joy Warland

Vicky

People first

Sam – People First

Phil – People First Merseyside

Simon Walker



Lesley Curran

Micheal Reid

Jan Comer

Bernard Powell - Retired, Southport Access for Everyone (SAFE) voluntary group to improve life for those with disabilities.

Neil Gibson – Sefton CVS

Lou Henderson – Cycling UK, Liverpool's Cycling Development Officer & member of Liverpool City Region disability panel

Paula Hodson

Mandi Cair - MSDP

Janice Connolly – MSDP

Peter Roome – Crosby resident and Merseyside Cycling Campaign

Brian Kelsall – Crosby Resident

Vikki Bridson – MSDP interpreters

Apologies:

Phil Morris - Ainsdale Horticultural Society /
Ainsdale Lunch & Learn

Mike Wright – Merseyside Sight Loss Council

Emma Wright





Eric Woodcock - Churchtown resident, cyclist



1. Welcome and Introductions.

The group introduced who they were.

The internet and link to the Teams call was set up.

2. The Greenways Strategy Introduction and discussion. Jayne Rodgers.



Members of the group discussed how there are limited accessible routes by the train station in Waterloo.

The underpass has been closed off for station users.



Jayne concluded that this would be taken away to be discussed and find more information about this issue – **ACTION**.



Jayne started to introduce The Greenways Strategy.

The Greenways Strategy is about improving a green area, route or path to support nature.

A member of the group asked if the public have a say in the areas chosen and the plants that will be planted.





Questions

1. What do you think about it?

☐ Good

☐ Bad

☒ Not sure

Jayne explained there will be a public consultation for people to understand more about The Greenways Strategy. Jayne will inform the group when the consultation goes live – **ACTION**.

A public consultation is usually an online form for people to tell us their views.

This will be done when The Greenways Strategy is in place.

A question was asked if housing developers have put in place sustainable ways of dealing with flood risk.

Jayne replied there is guidance to be released about dealing with flood risk sustainably.

This will be a document with information for designing sustainable urban drainage systems.

Sustainable urban drainage systems are features that encourages rain to be absorbed by the soil. For example, planting vegetation.

Kelly raised an issue about a road in Southport having an overgrown road tree line. This caused access issues. Kelly discussed how it shouldn't get





to a point where the issue must be raised with Green Sefton.



Jayne explained how there is a push to ensure streets are better maintained.

Awareness will be raised with the Highways Maintenance team about why overhanging vegetation should be prevented – **ACTION**.



Michelle asked a question about if reducing mowing will free up resources. Jayne responded that going forward this will be thought about in the maintenance contract.



A member of the group asked about promotion work being put in place to encourage people to be proud of where they live.

Jayne and Helen explained how this is part of the Inclusive Streets and School Neighbourhoods work.



Jayne discussed the idea of creating a Greenway Network will involve creating spaces across Sefton so nature can thrive, that will make areas nicer.





Jayne explained there may be opportunity sites for improvement that are connected to active travel routes and corridors.

The group discussed the accessibility and safety of cycle routes.

There was concern about cycle routes not being accessible due to obstruction.

A few members raised questions about mowing schedules.

Jayne confirmed we cut the grass around 8 times a year. Jayne explained the grass may look untidy when wildflower seeds are first placed as they need time to grow.

A member of the group asked what kind of accessible features would be installed to make green infrastructure available for everyone.

Jayne replied that features will be installed to make green infrastructure accessible. For example, instead of stepping stones there would be a bridge or a path put in place to allow wheelchair users or individuals with a visual impairment to access these areas.





The accessibility concern about green infrastructure is to be raised with the design and the highways development control teams –

ACTION.

Jayne and Helen finalised this presentation by asking if anyone has any more questions.



The group mentioned making compost available at recycling centres and plans for trucks to drive around Sefton taking food waste away to be recycled.

There will be an arrangement for a waste minimisation officer to attend a future meeting –

ACTION.



3. Improvements to A565 Formby Bypass.

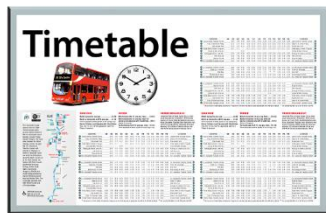
Jayne Rodgers.

Jayne asked the group about an action taken at the last meeting. This action was to do with bus stops and seating.



The group mentioned that previous surveys were carried out with the LCRCA around bus stops and no feedback was given.





Kelly also mentioned there was a trial around using QR codes on bus stops to access bus timetables.

Jayne told the group that there is an opportunity to arrange for someone from the LCRCA to come in and talk about this issue – **ACTION**.

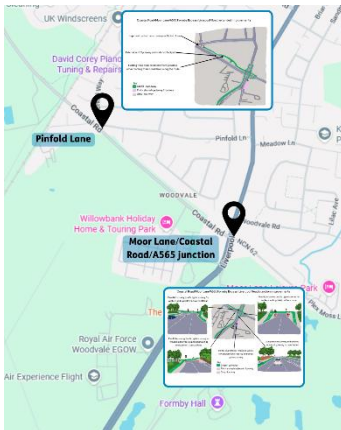
Jayne gave an overview of the two junction improvements at Woodvale and Formby.

A question was asked about the timescales for the works to take place. Jayne confirmed the works will hopefully start taking place in the summertime 2027.

A member of the group asked a question about a walking and cycle path that follows the railway line through Formby to Woodvale.

Jayne explained that this pathway may belong to Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (was called Sustrans) and it's about creating safe routes using facilities that already exist on highways.

The group had a few queries about the designs of the junctions.





Jayne explained the junction designs are just first designs, and the detail of junction improvements will be thought about at a later design stage.



Lou asked a question about a lane next to the bypass and overgrown trees. Jayne advised Lou to send a pin map of this location to investigate further – **ACTION.**

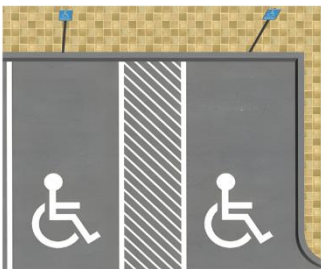


Helen asked the group if anyone would like to be a vice chair. It is to be confirmed who the vice chair will be – **ACTION.**



A few members of the group raised an issue about the echo in the room.

Helen replied that for future meeting dates we will make sure a better room is in place for the group as it's a priority for those with interpreters – **ACTION.**



Bernard raised a complaint about not being contacted with the next meeting details for the removal of disabled parking spaces by The Atkinson in Southport.

Michelle said we will follow up and find out the relevant details for the next meeting – **ACTION.**



Next Inclusive Streets Meeting:

Date – 14th October 2026

Time – 1pm – 3pm

Location – Birkdale Room, Southport Town Hall

Please contact Helen if you have any questions or need anything to make sure you can take part in the meetings

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