

Case Study

Infrastructure change

Sully Primary School
Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan
Primary School



Figure 1: Provisional footpath alongside school ground.
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Background

In 2022, following discussions between the Sully Primary School leadership team and a few parents, the idea emerged to develop an active travel school plan to enhance safety and encourage more pupils to walk, scoot, or cycle to school.

Barriers to walking, wheeling, and cycling

The school, serving a diverse student population of approx. 400 pupils, faced several challenges. These included the need for bike racks, high traffic volumes during school peak times leading to one near miss on the school run in 2022, as well as dealing with inconsiderate parking.

One of the main safety issues highlighted in the ATSP was the lack of a secure footpath alongside the school grounds, making it unsafe for children to walk to the south entrance of the school.

Results

The collaboration between the school and the local authority was key in the development of a safe footpath outside the school.

Following a site visit in summer 2023, the local authority commissioned a small design study to draft a solution for the missing footpath.

Based on the draft design, a funding application for construction was submitted and granted via the Safe Routes in Communities Fund in January 2024.

The construction start is scheduled for late summer 2024.

Additionally, the active travel school plan provided the necessary evidence for the local authority to supply the school with additional balance bikes, funded via the Active Travel Fund core allocation.

Quote



“A proper and safe footpath near the school is very much needed. It’s great to see the school taking steps to make the school run safer for our kids.”

- Sully parent

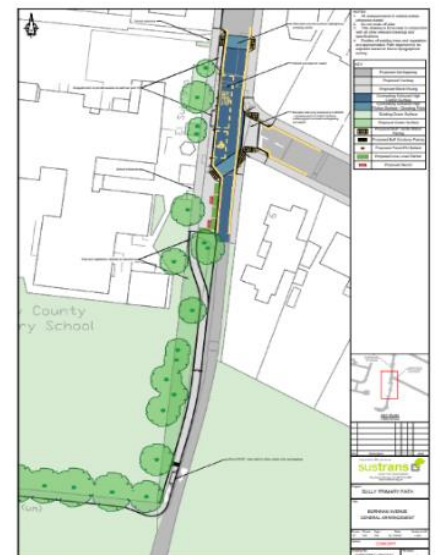


Figure 2: Preliminary technical drawing for footpath. ©Vale of Glamorgan

