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Black Country Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Plan Consultation Results:

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Thank you to everyone who responded to our survey about the proposed Black Country walking, wheeling and cycling plan. We received responses from across the Black Country and wider West Midlands which have been very insightful and will be taken into account as our projects grow and evolve.

Key Findings

The Key Findings were that the majority of respondents (86%) agree or strongly agree that it would be valuable to have a walking, wheeling and cycling network in the Black Country.

This, in addition to the fact that 89% of respondents didn't feel like the existing network could fully connect them to where they want to go, and 76% didn't feel that the current network was inclusive, means that there is a clear need and desire to expand and improve the existing active travel network across the Black Country.



WM Cycle Hire bikes in Walsall.



Many of the respondents raised concerns about their safety when walking, wheeling and cycling on the existing network.

To improve this, respondents asked for cycle lanes to be separate from the carriageway and the pavement, more safe road crossings and better maintained pavements. These concerns raised by the respondents align with our intended outcomes for this project, as we hope to deliver routes and infrastructure that is safer and more inclusive for users.

We hope that delivering these improvements will encourage more people to use the Black Country active travel network in the future.

The proposed network

When shown the plans for the proposed network, many respondents stated that it is a clear improvement on the existing infrastructure, offering more connectivity and inclusivity. However, 64% of respondents also felt that the proposed network would still not fully connect them to where they want to go.

Whilst this is an improvement on the existing network, respondents clearly still felt like there were sizable gaps in the proposed network.

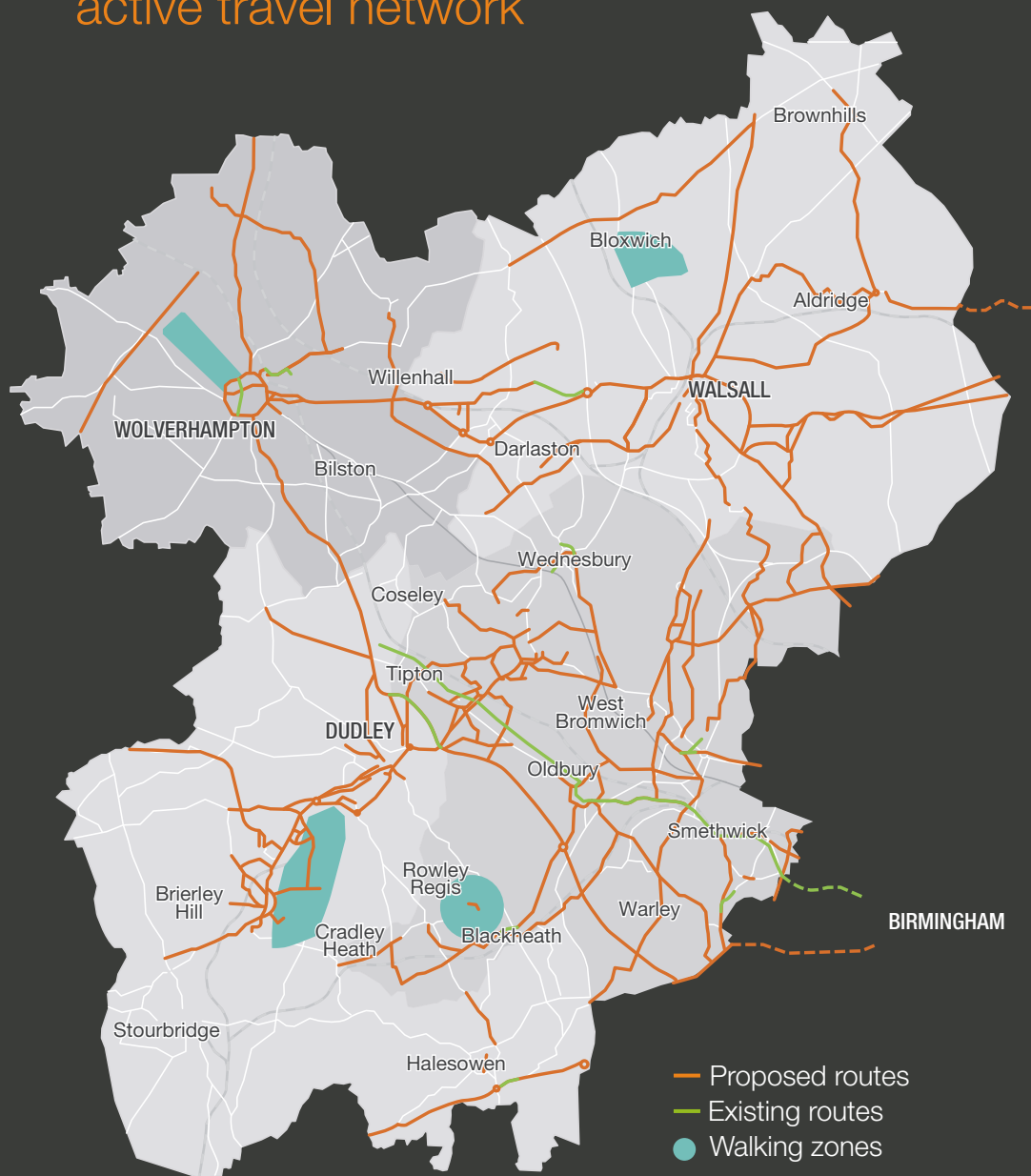
More routes were requested for Dudley and Sandwell, connecting Halesowen, Rowley Regis, Black Heath Stourbridge and Cradley Heath (train station). These requests will be reviewed with relevant stakeholders with the aim to expand connectivity to these locations as projects within the plan continue to develop.

We look forward to continuing to work with people and communities across the Black Country to develop an inclusive walking, wheeling and cycling plan that works for you, connecting you to where you want to go. As our schemes develop, we will be sharing information and updates via our Commonplace page.

If you would like to be updated this way, please sign up for News by selecting the toggle to **'yes please'** on this link [**https://black-country-walking-wheeling-cycling.commonplace.is/news**](https://black-country-walking-wheeling-cycling.commonplace.is/news).

Please also visit our website, [**www.blackcountrytransport.org.uk/index.html**](http://www.blackcountrytransport.org.uk/index.html) to be informed of any more consultations that we will be doing as projects within the Black Country Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Plan get closer to development stage.

Proposed Black Country active travel network



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