

Active Travel Needs Assessment

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Why is Active Travel important?



Healthier populations



Stronger economy

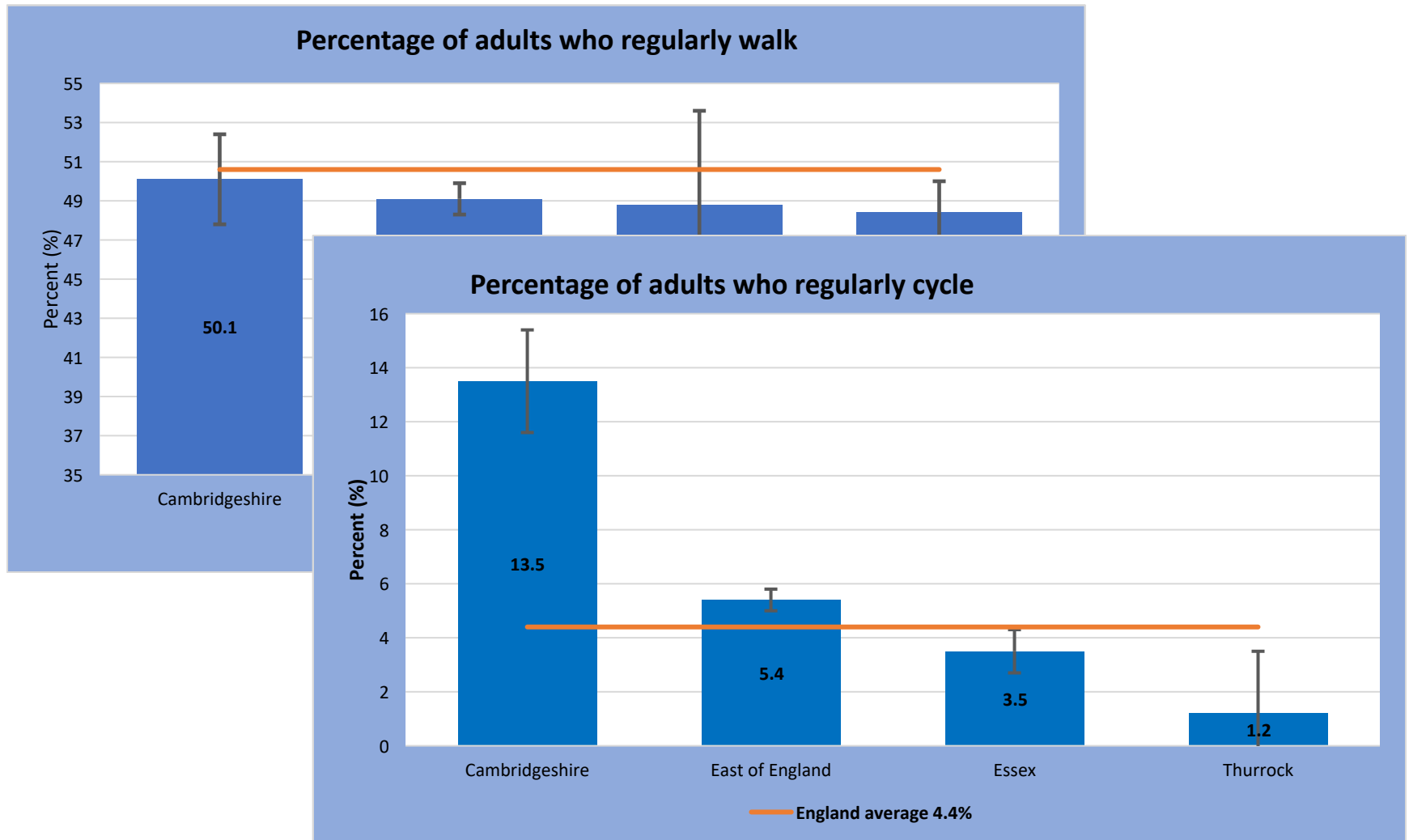


Environmental improvements



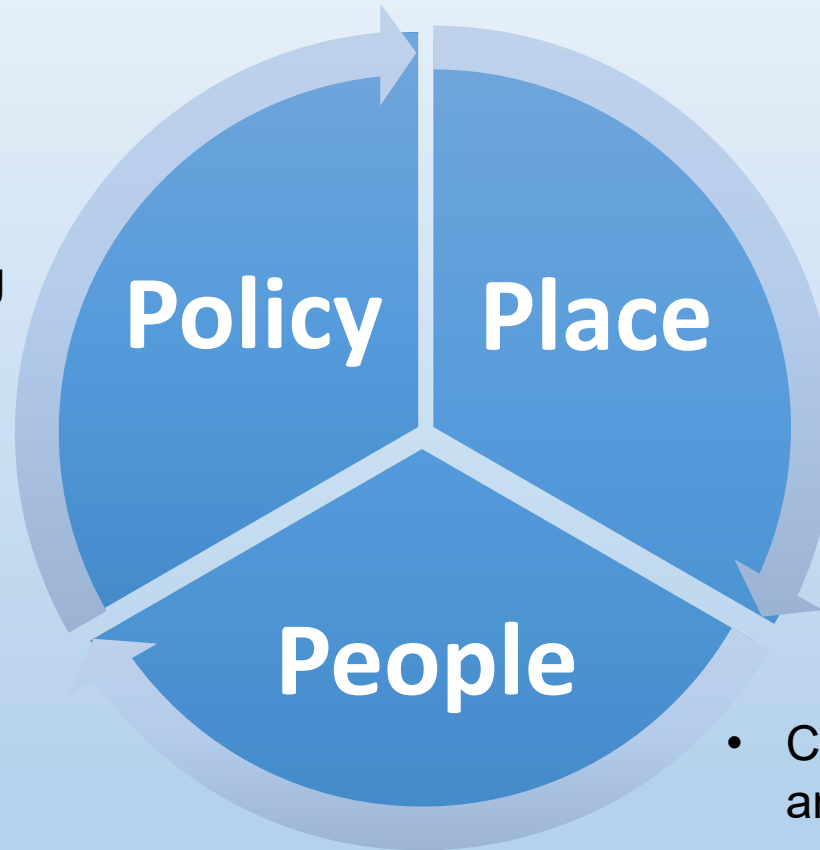
Higher quality public realm

Walking and cycling in Thurrock



Factors for success

- Lead strategic documents outlining a vision and how to achieve it
- Local Walking & Cycling Infrastructure Plan
- Local plan establishes the right policy framework
- The use of planning conditions within the development management process



- Supportive infrastructure
- 20 minute neighbourhoods
- Co-design infrastructure and facilities with local communities
- Changing attitudes and behaviour
- Addressing barriers

Local recommendations



Policy and Strategy context:

- Supportive but uncoordinated and requires a central vision on a mode shift to walking and cycling
- Embed into departmental strategies and key planning documents – Local Plan and Design Strategy
- Local Walking & Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)
- Importance of corporate and political buy-in

People

- Strong culture of car use - response to an unsupportive environment
- Addressing the needs and concerns of different groups
- Community engagement is key to building support and ownership over key measures

Place

- Our neighbourhoods are built for cars, partly a consequence of the above
- 20 minute neighbourhood concept and wider connectivity between wards and public transport
- Opportunities to work with local communities and businesses
- Exploring links with future developments such as the IMWCs, Thames Freeport and SEE Park

What's happening now and next steps

- Transport Vision is out for consultation shortly. The Transport Team will attend Local Plan roadshows to get peoples view on Active Transport
- Collaborative approach - ensuring active travel in embedded into departmental strategies and policies
- Working with the transport and planning team to develop the new Thurrock Transport Strategy
- Develop a model for investment through the production of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)
- Key leadership - Identify a cycling champion
- Support from HOSC and HWB Board for health impacts of active travel