

## Objective B. Promoting Sustainable Transport



Bridge is well served by bus services to Canterbury, Dover and Folkestone. There are train connections from Canterbury to London and other destinations, including a high-speed link from Canterbury West to St Pancras. Bekesbourne railway station is approximately one mile from Bridge and provides an alternative to the journey by road to Canterbury, which has its own traffic congestion and parking difficulties. This line only serves the Canterbury East route.

The Canterbury District Local Plan has strategies relating to sustainable transport in the District and these form the Plan's policies as far as they relate to Bridge.

Bridge currently lacks a cycle route to Canterbury which is not physically separated from motor vehicle traffic. The Plan regards this as an essential development for the village. The CDLP has provision for such a route which is strongly supported by this Neighbourhood Plan.

### **Project B1**

To control the level and environmental impact of vehicular traffic and improve air quality, by installing air monitoring equipment and by encouraging driving instructors and delivery drivers to switch off engines while stationary.

Parents collecting and dropping off children at school times create congestion in the village. Local parents will be encouraged to walk children to school individually or by 'Walking Bus' using drop off points away from the centre of the village. The Neighbourhood Plan will seek to make the environment safer for children by limiting and controlling vehicular access to the school at peak times. This would reduce congestion, alleviate car parking problems and improve air quality.

### **Project B2**

To work towards achieving a 20mph speed limit throughout the village.

The introduction of electric charging points for cars in residential areas should be supported as technology allows.

Bridge has a good bus service, which is well used and valued by the community. Encouragement should be given to all residents to help the environment and reduce pollution by using the buses.

### **Project B3**

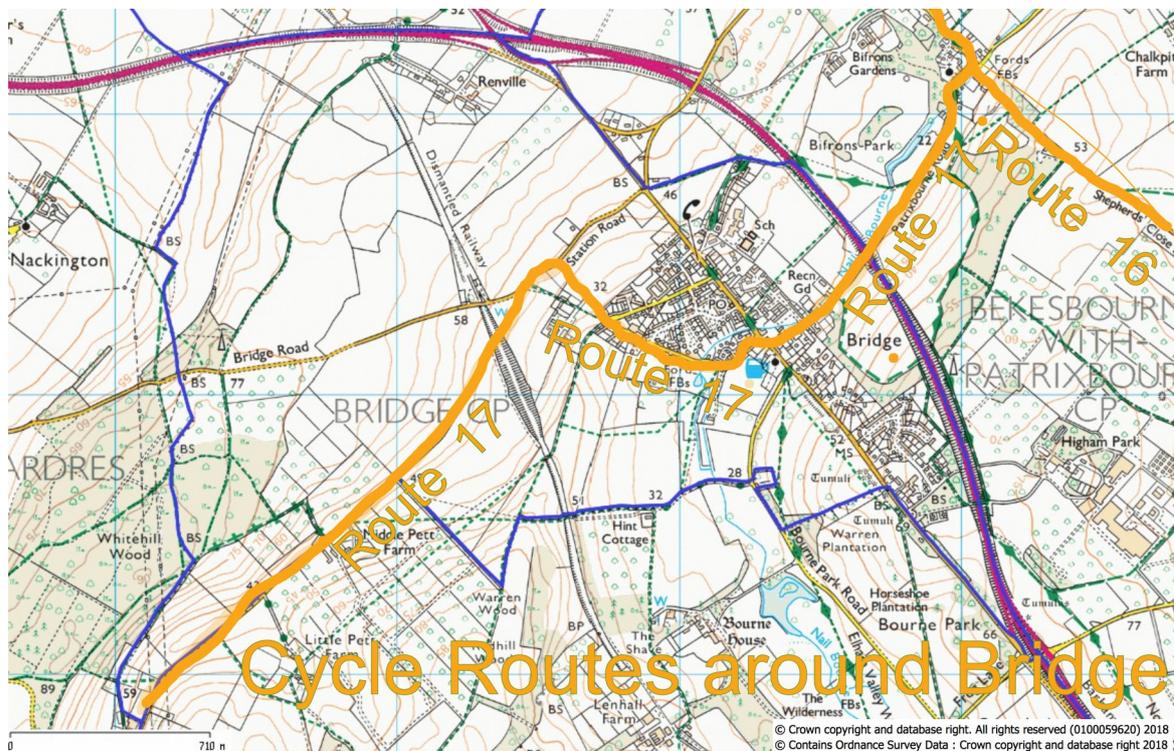
To promote the use of public transport and retain the existing bus service through Bridge.

### **Project B4**

To work with Canterbury City Council and others towards providing a safe cycle path between Bridge and Canterbury .

### **Project B5**

To explore ways to alleviate parking difficulties within the Village



Map Showing Route of Regional Cycle Routes 16 and 17 around Bridge

The current cycle route from Canterbury is partly along the busy A250. A safe cycle route would enable children from Bridge to cycle to the secondary schools in South Canterbury. This would reduce car use on 'school runs' and provide health benefits.

### Policy B1

Development proposals must integrate with and take opportunities to expand the local cycle route network.

Bridge has no car park. This is a problem especially pressing on weekdays in term time and a shortage of parking spaces drives people away from village shops and businesses. Employers should be encouraged to find their staff alternative parking away from the High Street. The potential for providing a village car park should be examined together with ways of increasing existing parking bays.

### Policy B2

All development proposals will provide adequate provision for off street parking, in accordance with Canterbury Local Parking Standards, as currently set out in Appendix 4 of the Canterbury District Local Plan.

Development applications that would significantly increase the parking problems in Bridge will not be supported.