

I am on Benhall & Sternfield Parish Council but am speaking as an individual.

We live in an age of increasing obesity, of worsening mental and physical health. We need to get off our screens and out of our cars.

Saxmundham is where everyone from Benhall and Sternfield has to go for all our needs – GP, shops, station. cafes and everything else.

It's under a mile and a half away – yet until now there has been no suitable route to cycle, walk or wheel there.

We've been working for a long time to persuade East Suffolk Council to create a cycling, walking, wheeling, horse-riding route. And just a couple of weeks ago, they approved over £450,000 CILS funding for this.

Just wonderful... Safe for everyone.

*But* then along came this National Grid Sealink project. The prospect of hundreds of HGV movements daily along the B1121 have upended our plans.

Why? Because our route has to cross the B1121, exiting from School Lane -which will soon have no through vehicular traffic - across the road to Kiln Lane and the start of the footpath which is being upgraded to a surfaced bridleway.

This crossing is very close too to the access point for the new road to the converter site.

Our route will now frankly be dangerous – if not unusable.

Benhall primary was especially very excited that parents would be able to walk or cycle with their kids to and from school.

Can they do that once the Sealink lorries start using the B1121? Would you do that?

If this Sealink project does go ahead – and we all hope it won't – we need a cast iron guarantee from Sealink that they will pay for a suitable safe crossing, controlled with lights. Lights at suitable levels for all users.

Help keep all of us vulnerable cyclists, walkers, wheelers, horseriders safe : Make sure we get a lights controlled crossing.

Thank you

Susan Nicholson



Benhall & Sternfield Parish Council have spent 18 months working with East Suffolk Council on plans for a cycling, walking, wheeling, horse riding route between Benhall and Saxmundham. This route crosses the B1121 just south of the site of the planned access road for the converter station. It is now rendered unsafe for these vulnerable users because of the planned high volume of HGVs along the B1121 - and their long stopping distances. The funding for this route - approx £450,000 has now been formally approved by ESC from their CILS funding (more info available from ESC). I will attach a .pdf map of the route



## **PROPOSED BENHALL TO SAXMUNDHAM CYCLEPATH**

**(Total length 1430m)**