Paths for Everyone

A National Cycle Network fit for the future

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View of Bristol Railway Path

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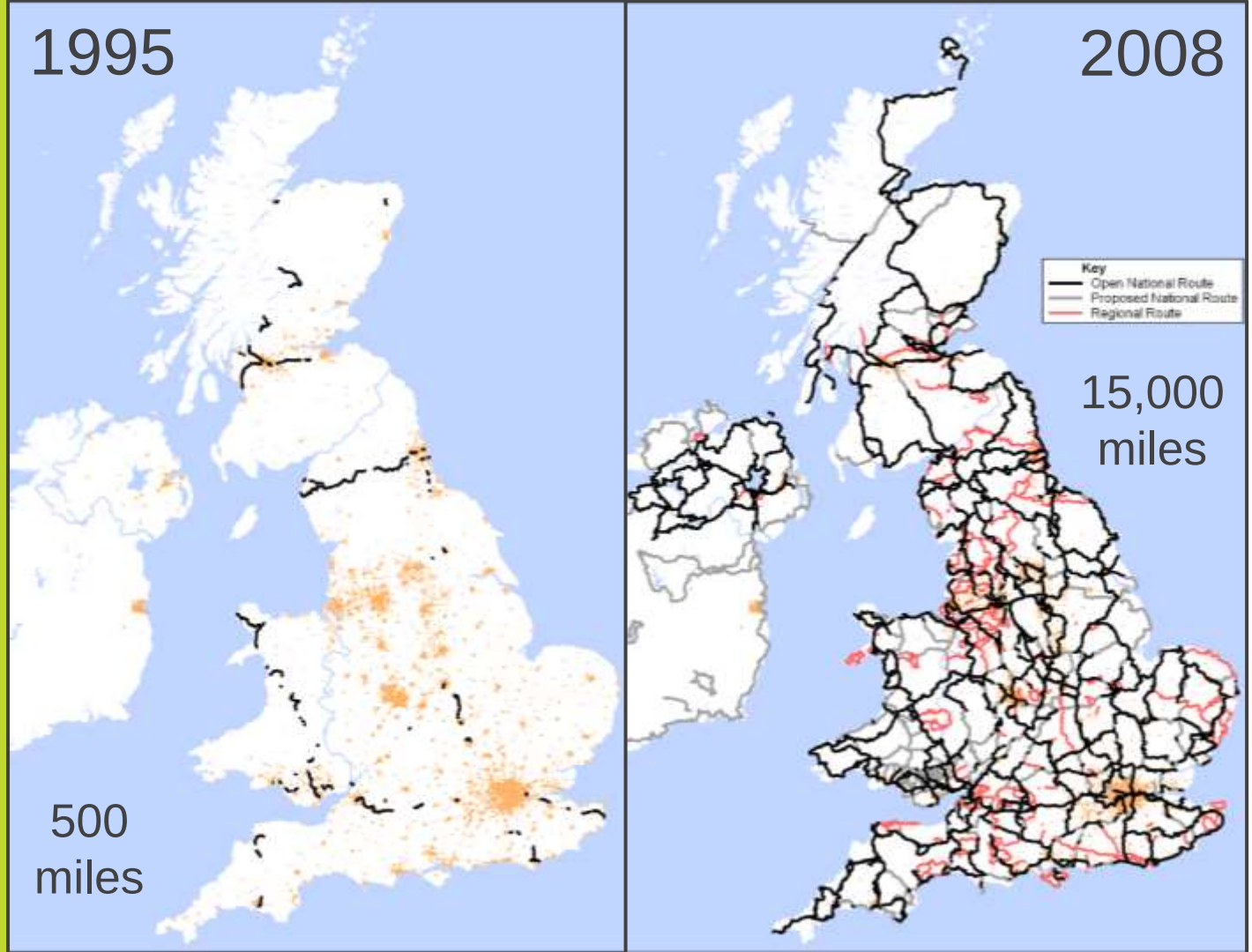

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2018

16,575 miles

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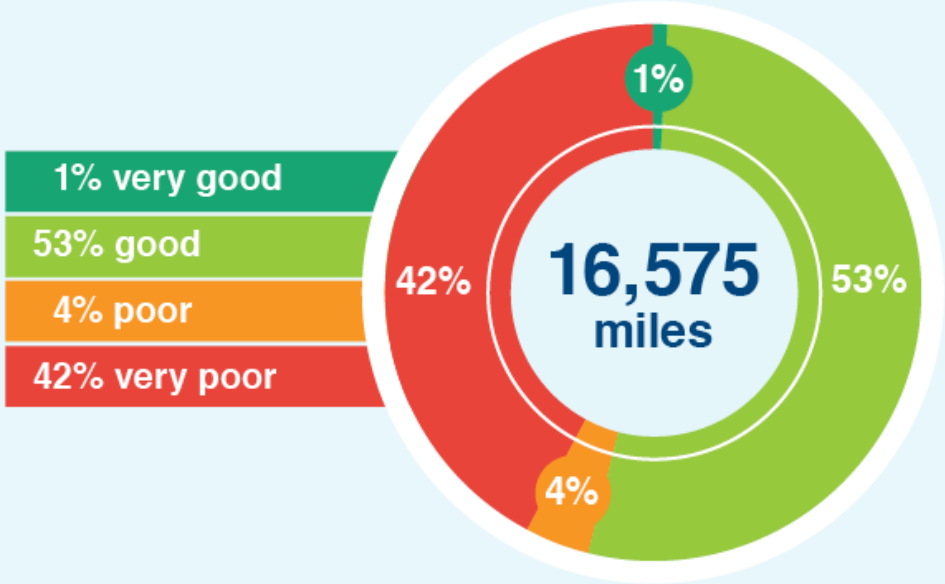
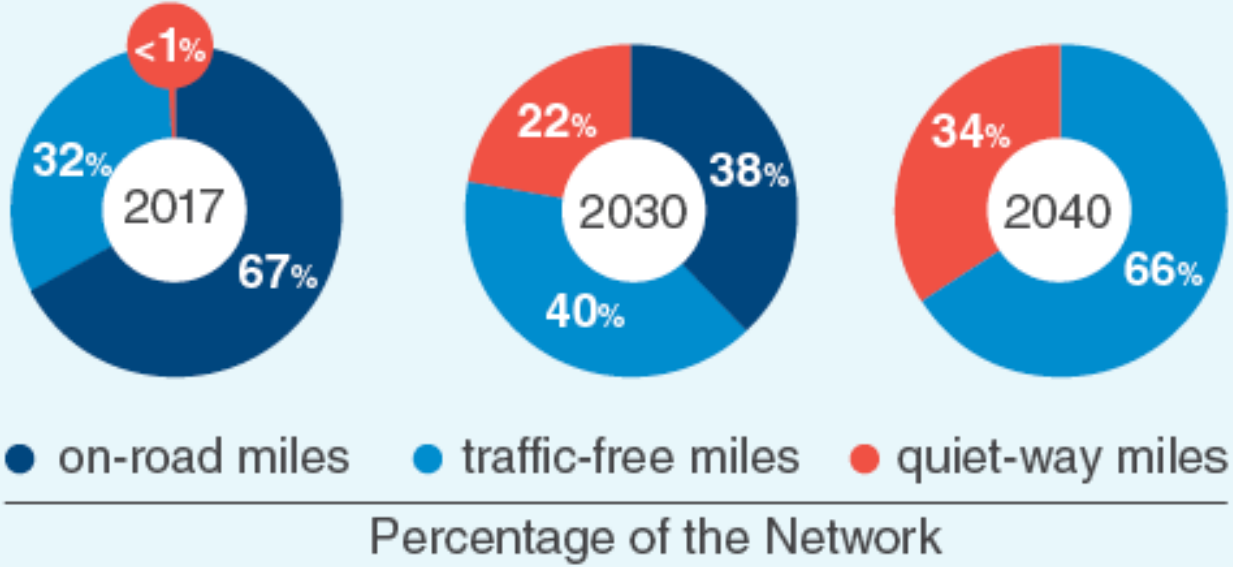
WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT

NATIONAL CYCLE NETWORK

The first ever review of the National Cycle Network unveils: an extensive network, but of intermittent quality



Where we want to be by 2040:



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Paths for Everyone Vision

A UK-wide Network of traffic-free paths for everyone, connecting cities, towns & countryside, loved by the communities they serve

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Paths for Everyone partners

An iconic asset for all

1 The National Cycle Network is made up of **12,786 miles** of signed routes spanning the UK.

2 It is used by walkers and people cycling, as well as joggers, wheelchair users and horse riders.

3 It began with a National Lottery Grant from the Millennium Commission in **1995** and a **pioneering** vision to create high-quality, convenient routes for walking and cycling.

4 Since then, we have worked with hundreds of partners to grow the Network into every corner of the UK.

5 The Network passes within one mile of around half of the UK population. In 2019 it carried an estimated **784.8 million trips**.

6 ...which boosted the UK economy by an estimated **£2.1 billion** in 2019 through health, congestion and environmental benefits.

7 Local businesses benefited by an estimated **£1.7 billion** in 2019 from people using the Network for leisure and tourism.

Delivery – progress since 2018

Master plan

54/54
activation projects delivered

>400
improved miles delivered

47
on-road to traffic-free miles delivered

>2,200
barriers removed or redesigned

64%
of miles rated as good or very good (up from 54%)

177
new community groups involved

24%
increase in number of users per traffic-free mile

+53
Net Promoter Score (up from +47)

£400m
economic benefit from ~600m trips on the Network in 2023

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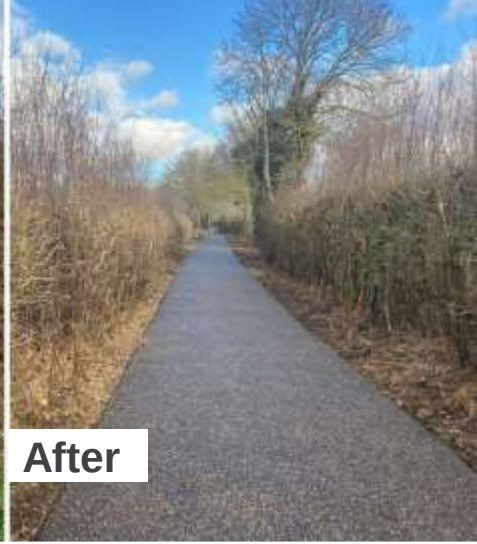
Litter
&
Dog
Waste

Before

After

Before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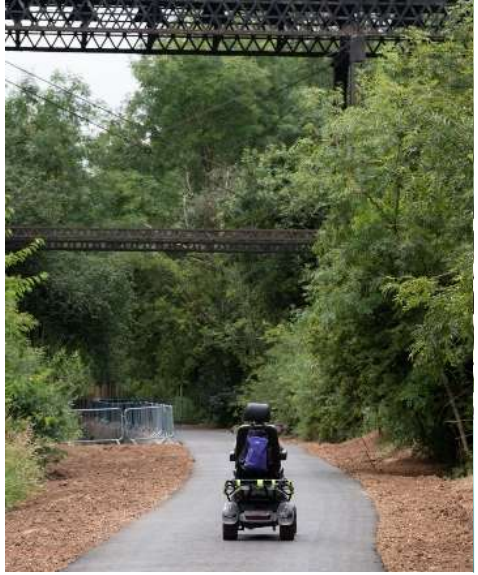

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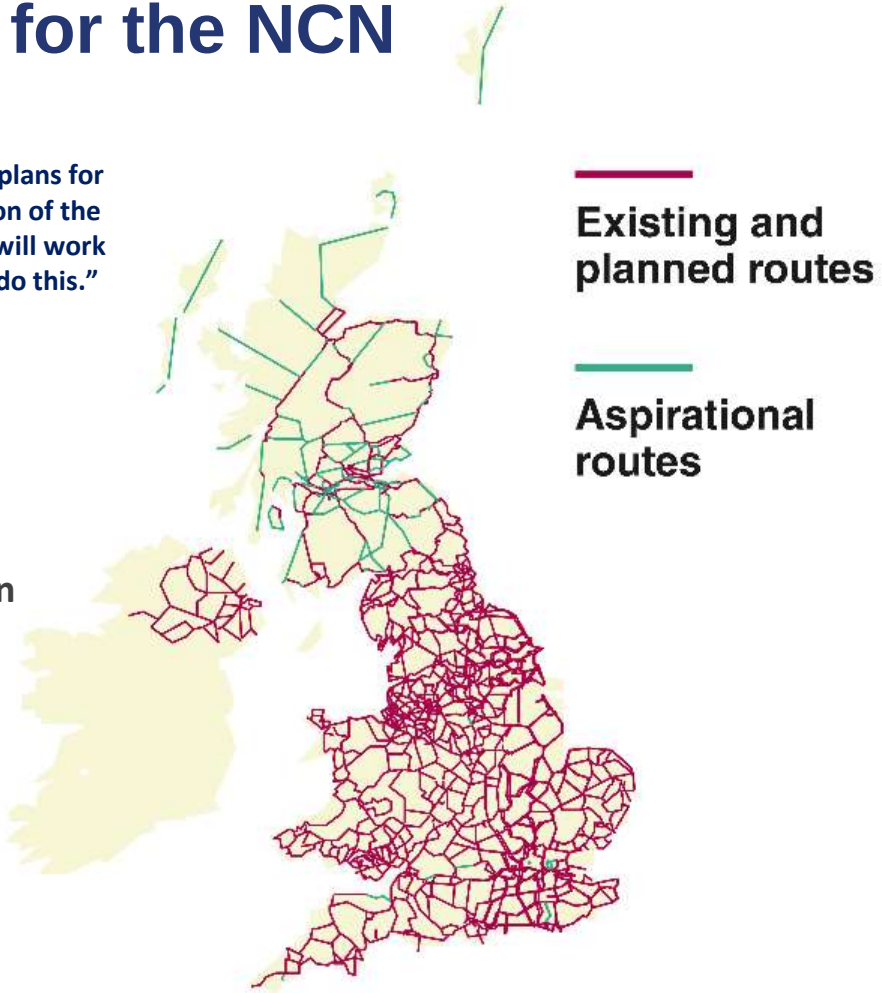
A new living master plan for the NCN

Paths for Everyone, Nov 2018

"By 2023 we will have developed detailed Network development plans for each region and nation that specify improvements for every section of the Network that will need to be upgraded to achieve the vision. We will work in conjunction with stakeholders, users and local communities to do this."

- **Stage 1: Masterplan, quality assured for consistency, joining up settlements**
- **Stage 2: Developing a concept and alignment plan for every mile of the Network**
- **Stage 3 – detailed planning, for live/pipeline projects**



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