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**CYCLE MONITORING****1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1. Members are asked to note the contents of a report monitoring use of the County's cycle routes.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Monitoring of the County's Cycle routes is carried out every three years to provide statistical evidence of the number of cyclists utilising the dedicated and on road routes. Two sites are monitored in the Rochford District.

**3. B1013 ACCESS LINK, HALL ROAD ROCHFORD – DEDICATED ROUTE 12 HOUR COUNT****Total Cycles**

1996	1999
101	98

**ASHINGDON ROAD “ON ROAD” ROUTE 12 HOUR COUNT****Total Cycles**

1996	1999
100	117

Cycle usage is directly related to distance and to facilities sited along the route, for example shops and schools. Anyone using Hall Road is travelling at least 2km and probably more to reach neighbouring towns and villages of Southend, Hawkwell and beyond. Clearly the maximum potential for cycle trips is related to the shorter trips and therefore the proposed Ashingdon Road cycleway should prove more popular since it will link up residential areas, shops, rail stations and other attractions.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RECOMMENDS:**

That the number of cyclists monitored as using the two routes be noted.

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