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Message from Chief Planner - Active Travel England seeking stakeholder views on role

This letter is to draw your attention to an important stakeholder survey.

Following the [launch](#) of Active Travel England (ATE) in January 2022, the Department of Transport (DfT) has published a stakeholder survey, seeking views on ATE's role as a centre of excellence for planning for active travel infrastructure and in its capacity as a statutory consultee on major applications within the consenting regime.

ATE are a new Executive Agency to support the Government's ambitious strategy for walking and cycling - as set out in [Gear Change 2020](#).

This survey forms part of DfT's pilot programme of engagement with stakeholders and local authorities as to how ATE can best support local planning authorities in promoting active travel in the planning system, boosting cycling and walking and delivering a healthy, safe and carbon-neutral transport system.

DLUHC and DfT will be working closely over the coming months to develop ATE's role further, with a target date of late 2022 for it achieving statutory consultee status. Those with an interest should read and respond to the survey. Responses will help shape and develop the thresholds for the types of applications ATE will get involved in, as well as its longer-term role in other areas of planning, including Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects and guidance.

The survey is open until 13th April 2022 and can be found [here](#).

Anyone with queries on the survey or ATE's spatial planning function should get in touch with the team at: ATEspatialplanning@dft.gov.uk.

Kind regards

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