



Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013

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Introduction

2 Meaning of “active travel route” and “related facilities” etc.

- (1) For the purposes of this Act a route in a local authority's area is an active travel route if—
 - (a) the route is situated in a designated locality in the area, and
 - (b) the local authority considers that it is appropriate for it to be regarded as an active travel route.
- (2) In this section “route” means a highway, or any other route to which the public has access, (including a crossing of a highway or any such route) and which may lawfully be used by, or by any description of, walkers and cyclists.
- (3) In this Act “walkers and cyclists” means—
 - (a) people who walk,
 - (b) people who use pedal cycles, other than pedal cycles which are motor vehicles for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act 1988, and
 - (c) disabled people not within paragraph (a) or (b) who use motorised wheelchairs, mobility scooters or other aids to mobility.
- (4) In this Act “designated”, in relation to a locality, means specified, or of a description specified, in a direction given by the Welsh Ministers.
- (5) The Welsh Ministers may, in particular, specify a locality, or description of locality, by reference to—
 - (a) density of population,
 - (b) size,
 - (c) proximity to densely-populated localities above a particular size,
 - (d) position between such localities,
 - (e) proximity to community services and facilities, or
 - (f) potential for other reasons to be a locality, or description of locality, in which more travel is undertaken by walkers and cyclists by active travel journeys.

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- (6) In considering whether it is appropriate for a route to be regarded as an active travel route, a local authority must take into account—
- (a) whether the route facilitates the making by, or by any description of, walkers and cyclists of active travel journeys, and
 - (b) whether the location, nature and condition of the route make it suitable for safe use by, or by any description of, walkers and cyclists for the making of such journeys,
- and must have regard to guidance given by the Welsh Ministers.
- (7) In this Act “active travel journey” means a journey made to or from a workplace or educational establishment or in order to access health, leisure or other services or facilities.
- (8) For the purposes of this Act “related facilities”, in relation to an active travel route, means—
- (a) facilities for shelter, resting or storage,
 - (b) toilets or washing facilities,
 - (c) signage, or
 - (d) other facilities,
- which are available for use by, or by any description of, walkers and cyclists using the active travel route.
- (9) In determining whether anything constitutes related facilities for the purposes of this Act a local authority must have regard to guidance given by the Welsh Ministers.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 10A-10C inserted by [2024 asc 2 s. 11](#)