Plymouth City Council and its partners plan to deliver a Strategic Cycle Network (SCN) linking Plymouth’s neighbourhoods. In doing this, we will also provide improvements for pedestrians and people with disabilities. The SCN should be seen as a spine where particular priority will be given to providing safe and attractive routes for cyclists. This does not mean that the needs of cyclists, or other vulnerable road users, will not be addressed elsewhere on the road network.

Local movements not catered for by the SCN are also important, especially if they help access the SCN and important destinations such as schools, colleges, shops and employment sites.

The planned network is designed to provide for both experienced and inexperienced cyclists. To achieve this, the routes are categorised:

- Slower routes for less experienced, and possibly leisure cyclists as well as children (Green). The emphasis is on safety and at times amenity which will sometimes be at the expense of convenience and speed (suitable for Bikeability level 2). A higher level of segregation from traffic is likely, apart from on lower speed and quieter roads.

- Faster routes for more experienced cyclists who are generally better able to deal with road traffic (Purple). The emphasis is on speed and convenience and may require a higher level of skill to ride safely. On-road cycle provision may be more appropriate on these routes.

- Faster routes for all cyclists (Purple & Green). The best aspects of the routes above combine to form routes that are desirable for all cyclists.

Indicative routes are used to show the need for a route, but where the detail has yet to be identified, this is often used through new development sites.