



LINKS 4

4.1 INTRODUCTION

The river and canal passes through or close to many districts of Leeds. As a linear corridor it is therefore an ideal route for a pedestrian and cycle network to link these areas and other facilities along its length.

The provision of good pedestrian and cycle routes is particularly relevant to establishing a sustainable environment with less reliance on cars.

Of particular importance is the need for easy and clear links between the waterside and the City Centre to counter the perception that the corridor is isolated and hard to access. This will encourage people to use the corridor as a route to work or for shopping, which in turn will generate activity which will make the waterside a lively and vital area.

Pedestrian and cycle routes need to link with other forms of transport as an integrated system, allowing part journeys to be undertaken on foot or bicycle. It will give access to the waterside for people who want to come to the area from further afield and use it as a leisure resource.

The easy gradients of paths by the canal and river make them ideal for disabled or elderly people. However access onto the current network is poor and needs to be improved.

