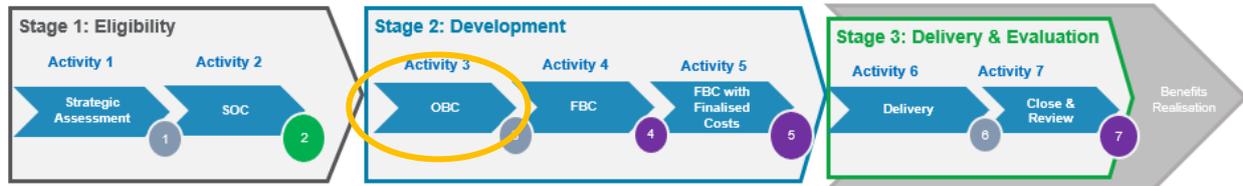


Section A: Scheme Summary

Name of scheme:	City Connect Phase 3 Canals
PMA scheme code:	LTP-CCAG-003e
Lead organisation:	Canal and Rivers Trust (CRT)
Senior responsible officer:	Andrew Norman, Transport Partnerships Lead, WYCA Lizzie Dealey, Partnership & Engagement Manager, CRT
Lead promoter contact:	Paul Tranter, Project Manager, CRT
Case officer:	Vicky Dumbrell, WYCA
Applicable funding stream(s) – Grant or Loan:	WY+ Transport Fund
Growth Fund Priority Area (if applicable):	Priority 4 – Infrastructure for Growth
Approvals to date:	Decision Point 2 Case Paper: CityConnect Phase 1 & 2 extension.
Forecasted full approval date (decision point 5):	November 2020
Forecasted completion date (decision point 6):	April 2021
Total scheme cost (£):	£1.363 million
Combined Authority funding (£):	£1.363 million WY+ Transport Fund
Total other public sector investment (£):	N/A
Total other private sector investment (£):	N/A
Is this a standalone project?	No
Is this a programme?	No
Is this project part of an agreed programme?	Yes, City Connect Phase 3

Current Assurance Process Activity:



Scheme Description:

The scheme will deliver a high-quality cycle route in the Kirklees and Bradford districts, between Huddersfield and Slaithwaite on the Huddersfield Narrow Canal, and Shipley in Bradford on the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. In total, 6km of improvements will be delivered, building upon previous City Connect scheme improvements, by utilising the canal towpaths, as a traffic free, flat and attractive alternative to the main roads. The new upgraded towpath will increase widths available for cyclists and pedestrians, as well as providing a durable all-weather surface that is also in keeping with the nature and historic value of the canal environment.

Business Case Summary:

Strategic Case

The Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan recognises the importance of active travel for the region's economy and identifies the establishment of cycling as a major mode of transport, with increased active travel benefiting health, as one of the principles for future transport investment and policy. The project is fully aligned to Priority 4 - Infrastructure for Growth, as it will provide sustainable and active transport infrastructure.

The West Yorkshire Transport Strategy 2040 includes ambitious mid-point targets to increase cycling trips by 300% and walking trips by 10%, by 2027. Enabling more people to walk and cycle is also an important part of delivery of other strategies within the region, including our partner councils' cycling, physical activity and health and wellbeing strategies, as well as the West Yorkshire Low Emission Strategy.

The aim of the CityConnect programme is to encourage more people to travel by bike, through the creation of high-quality infrastructure and delivering engagement initiatives to enable shifts in behaviour change.

The projects will build upon the routes already constructed in the areas through CityConnect, including the Airedale Greenway on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal and the Huddersfield Narrow Canal Phase 1 schemes. Infilling the gaps will ensure a high quality, strategic cycle and walking network.

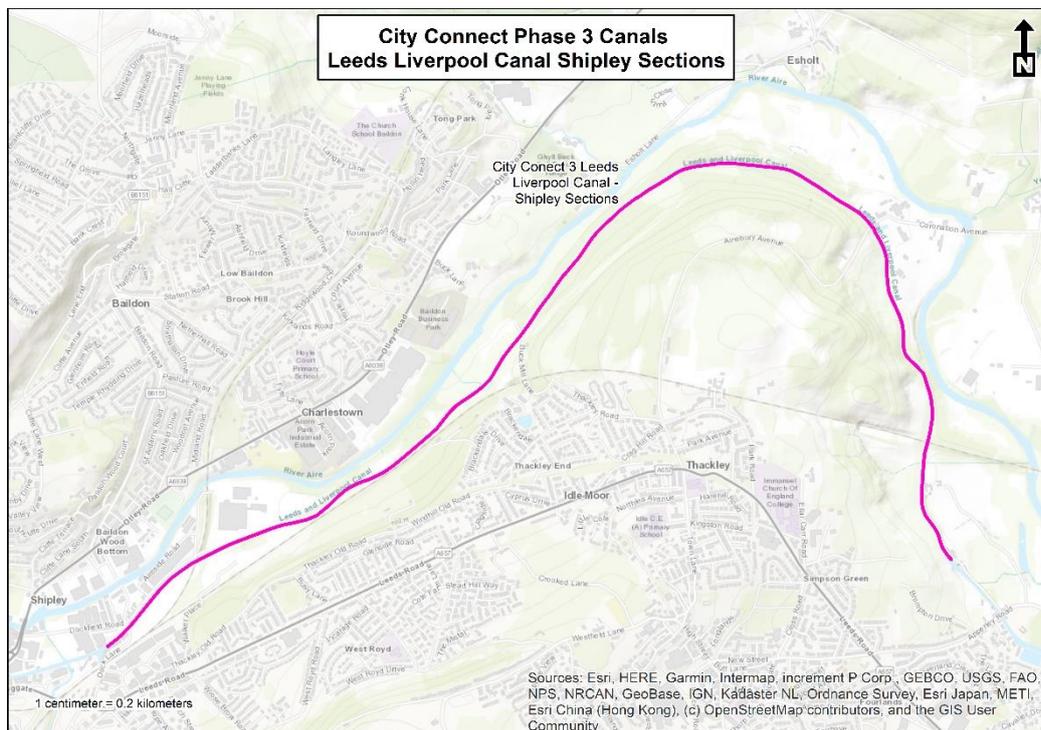
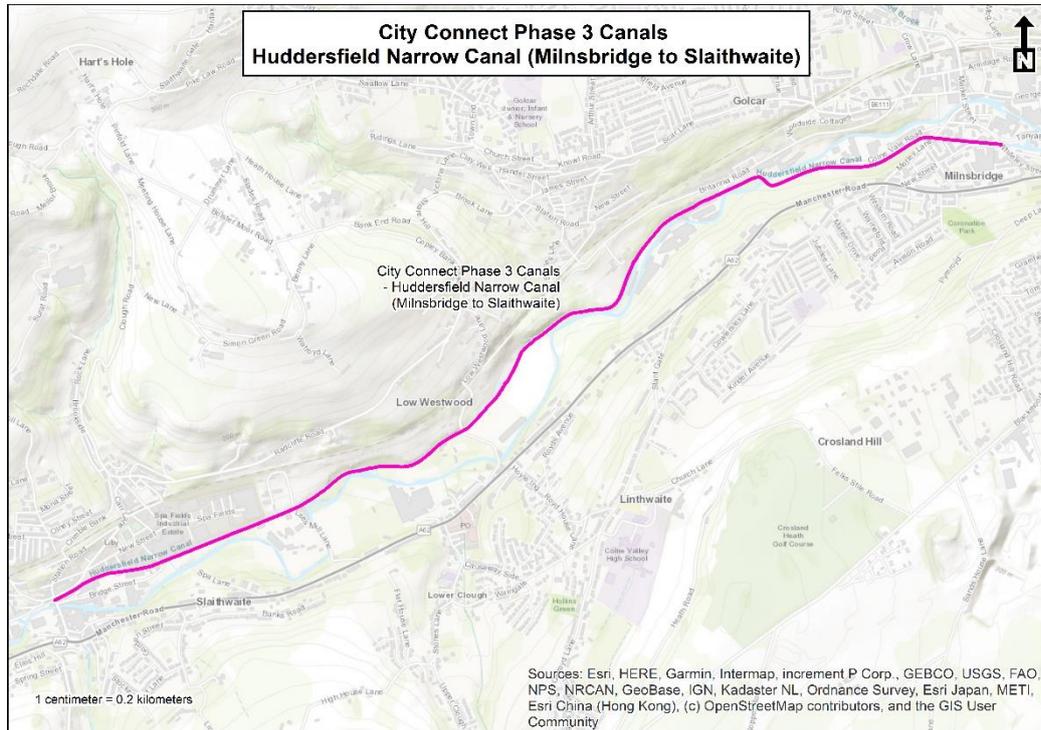
Commercial Case

Evidence from comparable schemes in West Yorkshire (canal towpath upgrades at Kirkstall Forge and Armley Mills) have shown an uplift in cycling of 53% and 66%, and an uplift in pedestrians of 5% and 55%, in the year following the scheme's implementation.

	<p>Other comparable schemes undertaken in Birmingham showed an uplift in cycling on four sections of canal ranging from 33% to 52% following each scheme's implementation</p> <p>The schemes will be delivered through the Canal and River Trust's existing framework contract with Kier, the development of the Works Information package will define the apportionment of risk between the parties as the project progresses.</p>
Economic Case	<p>The two lengths of canal towpath upgrades link to sections that have already been upgraded as part of previous CityConnect funding.</p> <p>Methodologies for assessing value for money and benefit to cost ratio have been applied in a proportionate manner to the size of the investment, in accordance with Department for Transport guidance. The core BCR has been calculated as 3.14, and the Value for Money (VfM) category is high. The intention is for GVA to be assessed at a programme level for CityConnect 3 using the Urban Dynamic Model.</p>
Financial Case	<p>The total project construction cost (including quantified risk budget) is £1,363,000 and is fully funded through Combined Authority funds. Development funding of £60,000, already awarded, will fund the design of the towpaths and signage, the project management and procurement to deliver the full business case with costs.</p> <p>The ongoing revenue costs to maintain the towpath over the long term will be met by the Canal and River Trust and a maintenance agreement will form part of the funding agreement, in line with the maintenance protocols agreed for other towpath improvement schemes.</p>
Management Case	<p>The project forms part of the Combined Authority's well-established CityConnect programme. The programme is supported by a dedicated communications and engagement team, who manage the consultation, communications, and engagement for all projects within the programme. The NEC3 contract with Kier will be managed by the Canal and River Trust.</p> <p>A programme level monitoring and evaluation plan is in place covering the monitoring requirements of each project. CityConnect's work on monitoring and evaluation has been identified as an exemplar and its approach and methodologies have been shared with other cycle cities to share this best practice.</p>

Location map:

The following location maps shows the location of the City Connect Phase 3 Canals scheme:



Please note, depending on the level of scheme development, the location and scope of the schemes indicated here are indicative only.

For further information on Combined Authority schemes across the Leeds City Region please refer to: <https://www.westyorks-ca.gov.uk/growing-the-economy/leeds-city-region-infrastructure-map/>