



Greater Manchester's cycling and walking network

Consultation on Riverway/Darlington Street/
King Street pedestrian facilities and
junction improvements

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Proposals to revolutionise travel on foot or by bike in your area

Work has started on a Greater Manchester-wide programme to make journeys on foot or by bike much easier and more attractive.

Chris Boardman, Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner, is working with all ten boroughs to improve the cycling and walking experience across the region and provide a real alternative to the car.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, cycling and walking has played an increasingly important role in the city-region's response. There has been an increase in journeys by bike of around 34%, with cycling and walking accounting for 33% of all journeys, compared to pre-lockdown figures.

More people taking journeys by foot or by bike and the quick response of councils to create safe space for people to do so is playing a significant role in Greater Manchester's economic recovery, whilst also providing a safe travel option for the 1/3 of GM residents who do not have access to a car.

This scheme is being delivered through Northern Powerhouse funding and forms an element of the strategic walking and cycling network planned for the borough. This route will connect to a number of other routes that have been developed as part of the Bee Network and will improve connections between communities across Wigan and Greater Manchester.

In Wigan, we have developed the following proposal which we would like your feedback on.

Riverway/Darlington Street/King Street pedestrian facilities and junction improvements:

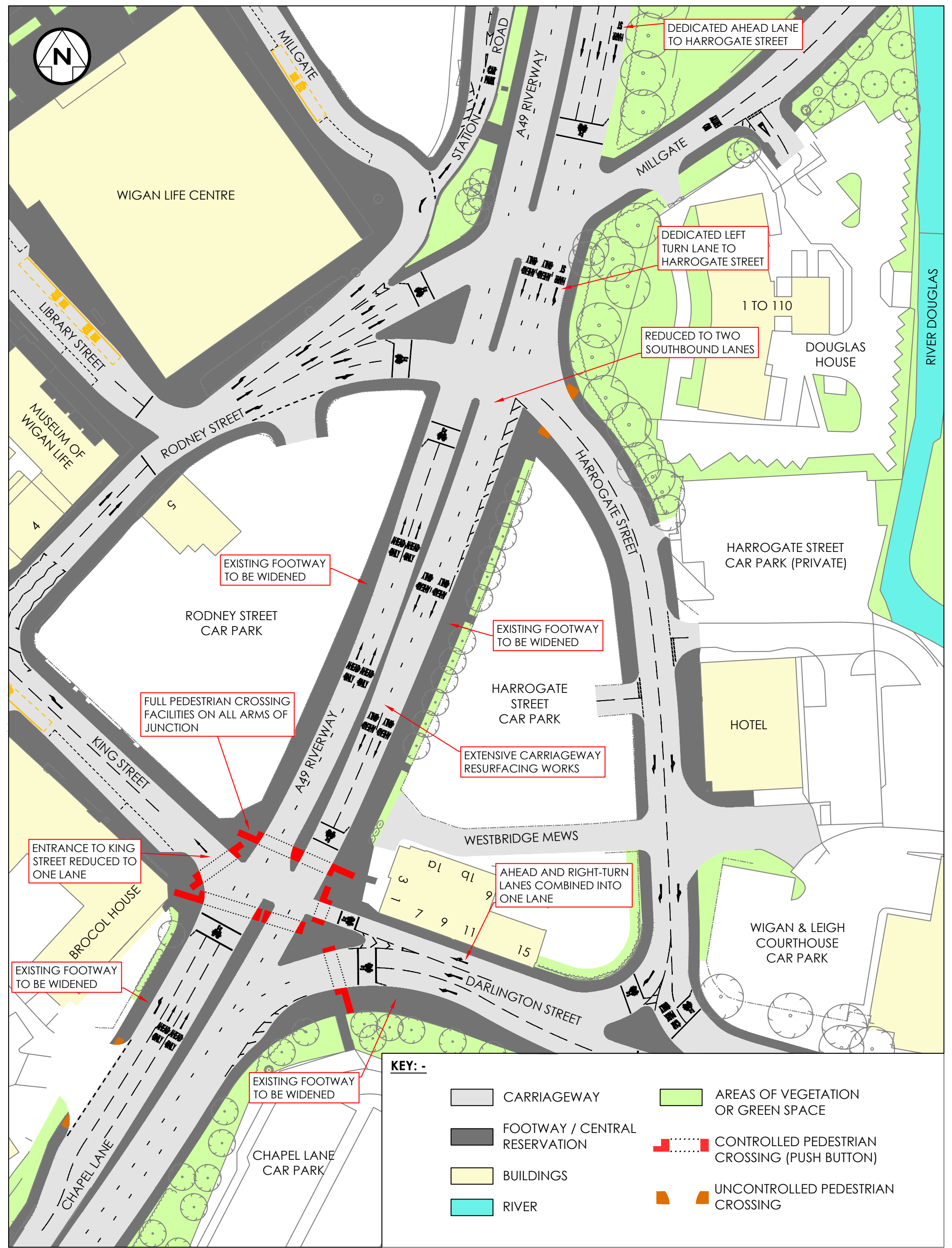
This scheme aims to transform the experience for people travelling by foot, by addressing the current difficulties for safe crossing posed by the ring road (Riverway). This will be achieved by providing safe and direct walking routes with crossing facilities at one of the main junctions along Riverway. The improvements will be at the Darlington Street/King Street junction.

This is predominantly a pedestrian improvement scheme that will address severance, congestion, and air quality issues at this junction.

Providing new crossings and more space for pedestrians by widening pavements and with additional crossing points on all sections of this busy junction, will make it much safer to cross Riverway to get to many town centre destinations.



Darlington Street/King Street junction



How can I give my views on the proposed changes?

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is working with Wigan Council to ensure all residents, businesses and other stakeholders are kept up to date on all changes and plans for the scheme.

There will be a four week consultation on these proposed changes, from Monday 22 February to Friday 19 March you can give your views.

Anyone with views and opinions on the proposed changes to the Riverway scheme should contact Wigan Council:

Online

www.wigan.gov.uk/majorprojects

By email

majorprojects@wigan.gov.uk

By post

The Major Projects Team, Wigan Council, Places Directorate,
PO Box 100, WN1 3DS

"More people travelling on foot or by bike is a by-product of creating better places to live, work and socialise. The improvements to Wigan will make life easier for people who want to be able to make local trips on foot or by bike, leaving the car at home."

Chris Boardman

Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner

