

Atherton & Tyldesley Strategic Links North Scheme

“You Said, We Listened”



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The Major Projects team have secured funding from the Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) to develop and deliver improvements to local cycling and walking infrastructure in Atherton and Tyldesley to improve connectivity, accessibility and encourage active travel.

Despite being so close together, getting between Atherton and Tyldesley can be difficult. Better sustainable transport links between local communities and Atherton train station, Tyldesley's guided busway stop, and local amenities, are critical to support the local economy, and decarbonise our transport as we tackle our climate crisis.

Now the consultation has closed, we have reviewed the valuable comments received and collated our responses and further actions below. All feedback has been considered, and where possible and appropriate the proposals have been changed to accommodate any further suggestions.

You Said	We Listened
You said you strongly oppose the closure of Marlborough Road/Mayfair Drive due to concerns about congestion, journey times, and air quality.	We listened and as part of the detailed design removed the modal filter from the scheme in response to these concerns.
You suggested upgrading the ramp at Upton Road would be good to include.	We understand the existing ramp has a step at the top and is in poor condition, therefore does not meet modern accessibility standards. We have listened and as part of the detailed design have included this, to increase the amount of users to and from the main route.
You said you are sceptical about the demand for walking and cycling routes via Shakerley Lane.	We have listened and installed walking and cycling monitors that show the demand for the upgrades. As the existing bridleway provision is currently poorly lit and surfaced,

	<p>the intention is to upgrade this to make it safer to use, which will no doubt increase the amount of users walking wheeling and cycling along the route.</p>
<p>You said you suspect the proposals are a precursor to housing development.</p>	<p>This active travel scheme has no connection to any housing development.</p> <p>We are aware of a potential planning application to Shams Farm off Shakerley Lane and can confirm that any potential housing development would be independent of this scheme.</p> <p>Should any future development come to fruition, the Council will work closely with the developer to ensure that there are minimal abortive works, and the bridleway surfacing is replaced like for like.</p>
<p>You said you would like to see CCTV installed on Shakerley Lane to enhance safety.</p>	<p>We will not be able to install CCTV in this location. However, lighting, widening the path, and removing vegetation along the bridleway will improve safety and confidence so more people will use the route, increasing the natural surveillance.</p>
<p>You said you are concerned that improvements may encourage anti-social behaviour or illegal off-road bike use.</p>	<p>We are committed to inclusive access for all. We aim to prevent unauthorised vehicle access without excluding people using wheelchairs, mobility scooters, adapted bikes, or buggies.</p> <p>We will continue to work with GMP and local teams to tackle illegal off-road vehicle use. Action is based on reported incidents, so we encourage residents to report</p>

	<p>concerns via 101 or the GMP website. More reports mean more targeted enforcement.</p>
<p>You said you are generally opposed to the Tyldesley one-way systems and Shuttle Street improvements.</p>	<p>We have modelled the crossing point to ensure that this does not generate any significant impacts on traffic flows. We have observed the volume of HGVs using the gyratory, combined with their width, this effectively is already reducing the carriageway to a single lane in practice, with minimal complaints.</p>
<p>You said the zebra crossing on Elliott Street proposal is a waste of money and doesn't need moving from one side of the road to the other.</p>	<p>We are still planning to improve the zebra crossing by moving this across the junction in front of the Mort Arms pub.</p> <p>This is due to poor visibility for motorists turning left from Well St. onto Elliot St, which poses a risk to pedestrians using the zebra crossing.</p> <p>Relocating the zebra also provides a more direct active travel route, once at the Milk Street section of the scheme.</p>
<p>You said you would like to see improvements to road surfaces and pothole repairs, and increased enforcement against illegal or obstructive parking.</p>	<p>We understand that good surfacing and removal of obstructions can make it easier to walk, wheel and cycle. We have included new surfacing as part of the main Strategic Links North Route, including Shakerley Lane.</p> <p>We ask residents to report potholes and obstructive parking via the below link:</p> <p>Report roads and pavements</p>