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## Greater Manchester's cycling and walking network

Consultation on Smithy Brook Road /  
Warrington Road 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 Walking Commissioner, unveiled an innovative new plan to create a city-region-wide cycling and walking network earlier this year.

The network will be made up of more than 1,800 miles of routes, including 75 miles of Dutch-style segregated bike lanes, and will be the largest joined-up system of walking and cycling routes in the UK.

Once built, the network will better connect every community in Greater Manchester, benefiting 2.7 million people and making cycling and walking a real alternative to the car. Please take a look at the proposals and let us know what you think.

In support of this ambition, the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, has allocated £160 million to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund. This has been made possible thanks to the national government's Transforming Cities Fund which is investing in public and sustainable transport to improve productivity and spread prosperity.

## Smithy Brook Road junction improvement scheme

The A49 and M58 link roads together form a key part of the Council's growth strategy to make Wigan Borough a great place to live, work and visit.

The A49 and M58 link road schemes converge at the A49 Warrington Road / Smithy Brook Road (SBR) junction in Goose Green, meaning that it will become a major intersection.

This proposed scheme aims to improve traffic capacity at this junction, as well as providing improved facilities for people travelling on foot and by bike, enhancing connectivity and maintaining road safety for all users.

The scheme will cost in the region of £1.4 million and is being funded by the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund (MCF) and Growth Deal Minor Works (GDMW) funding.

The scheme will:

Provide better access to Wigan town centre and the M6 and M58 motorways.

Enable quicker connections across the east and west of the borough.

Help to alleviate traffic congestion on key routes such as Ormskirk Road (A577) and Poolstock (B5238).

Reduce the central refuge island to create additional traffic lanes in both directions on the A49 Warrington Road (between Smithy Brook Road and the A49 Link Road roundabout).

Create an additional left turn lane on the A49 Warrington Road northbound approach into Smithy Brook Road.

Deliver two-way segregated cycle facilities to aid connectivity and maintain road safety for people on bikes.

Improve pedestrian and cycle facilities at the 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 six week consultation on these proposed changes, from 16 December 2019 to 24 January 2020, when you can give your views.

Anyone with views and opinions on the proposed changes to the Smithy Brook Road / Warrington Road scheme should contact Wigan Council:

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**“More people travelling on foot or by bike is a by-product of creating better places to live, work and socialise.**

**The improvements to Smithy Brook Road and Warrington Road 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

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