



Bee Network Standish Mineral Line Extension

Have your say on proposals to improve
travel on foot or by bike in your area

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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 Transport Commissioner, unveiled an innovative new plan to create a city-region-wide cycling and walking network.

The network will be made up of more than 1,800 miles of routes 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.

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 up to 42%, 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.

The Government is supporting this with increased investment to local authorities to enable the provision to allow people to make more active journeys and 'create a new era for cycling and walking'.

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

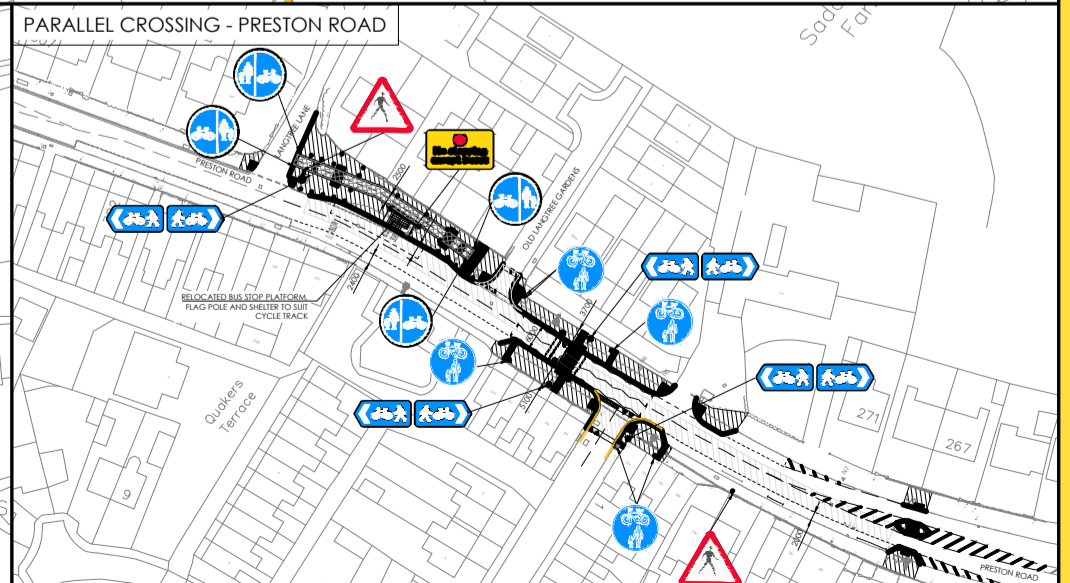
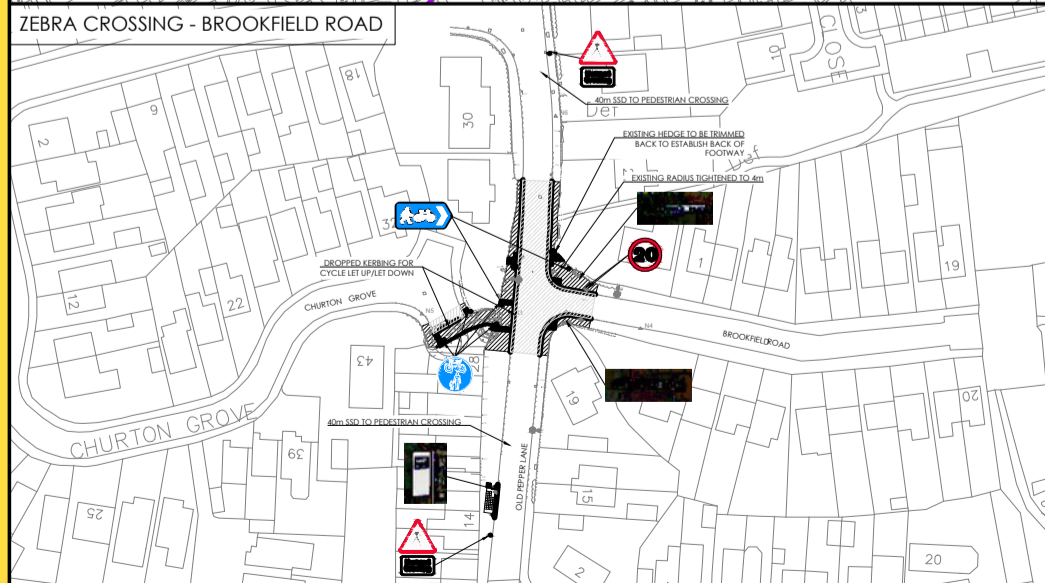
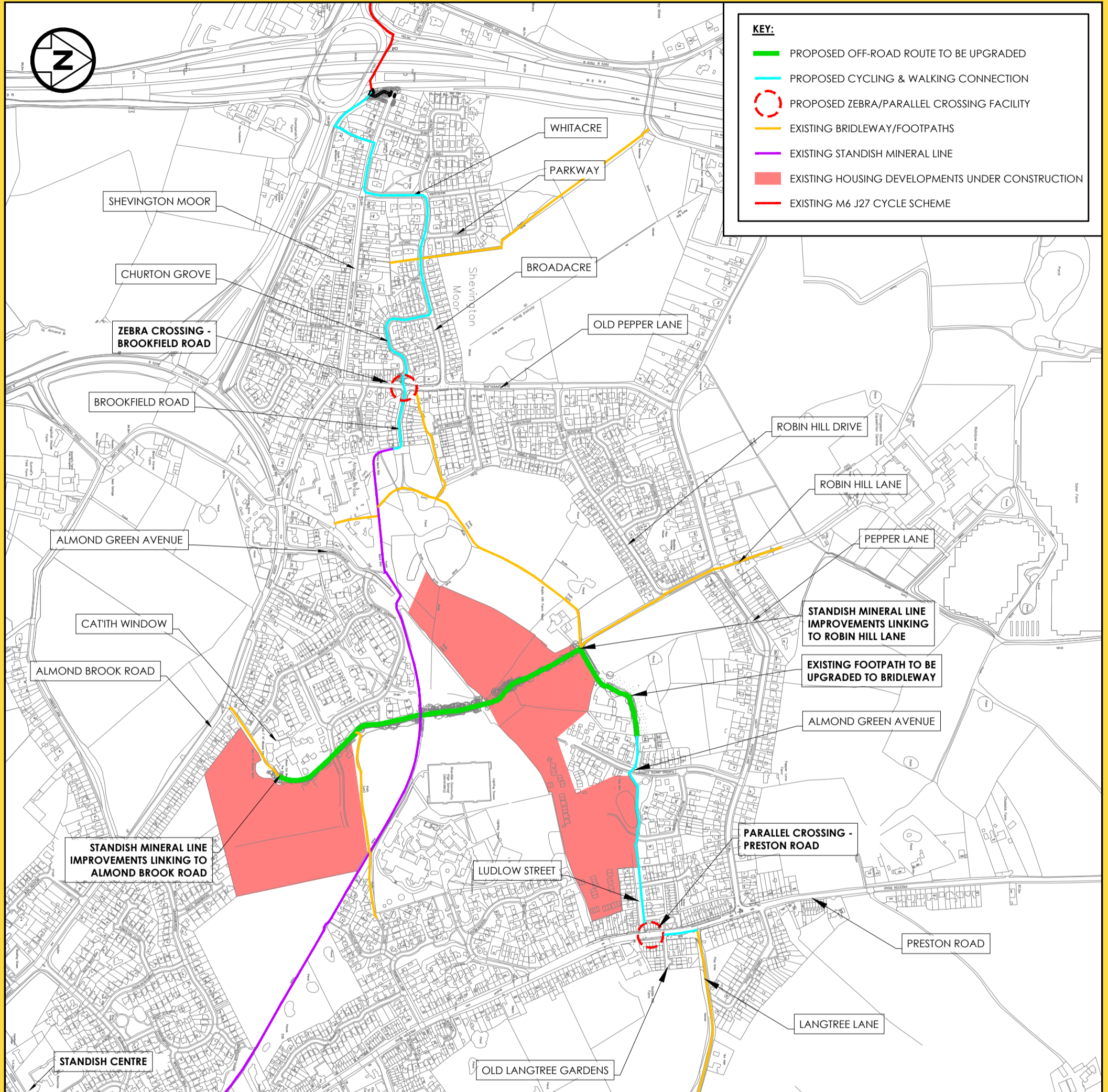
The proposed scheme aims to build on the popularity of the Standish Mineral Line, developing an extension, to connect Robin Hill with Almond Brook Road, whilst providing the missing connection to the west, linking with the cycle improvement scheme at Junction 27 of the M6.

The scheme will provide additional and improved sections of on and off-road facilities, creating high quality multi-user routes (walking, cycling, equestrian and wheelchair) to extend the existing Standish Mineral Line, connecting Standish through to Shevington Moor. It will provide a safe route for journeys into the local shopping centre in Standish, as well as to schools, health services and leisure venues.

The improvements will resurface existing informal routes, public rights of way and bridleways, providing new connections, crossing points and links to new housing developments. Off-road routes will be illuminated, taking account of the existing ecology.

New crossings points will be introduced at key locations on two heavily trafficked routes.





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 two week consultation on these proposed changes, from 27 September 2021 to 10 October 2021 you can give your views.

Anyone with views and opinions on the proposed changes to the Standish Mineral Line Extension should contact Wigan Council:

Online

wigan.gov.uk/majorprojects

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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 routes and crossings in Standish 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 Transport Commissioner

