

**Reference:** MCF Spencer Road West

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Dear Resident/Business Owner,

## **Wigan to Standish Walking and Cycling Network – Phase 1 – Spencer Road West Crossing**

### **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.

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.

Wigan Council hope to be awarded external funding from The Mayor's Challenge Fund to improve the junction at Spencer Road West.

The scheme aims to make our routes work for everyone and our borough a better place to live, work and visit. By creating routes that better connect our town centres an improving public space, we can help families and communities travel safely, cut down unnecessary car journeys and attract more visitors to our borough.

The scheme includes the following:

- New toucan crossing across Spencer Road West ( between passageways from Dawson Avenue and Barnsley Street / Lilian Drive )

There will be a **four-week** consultation on these proposed changes, from **23<sup>rd</sup> August – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021** when you can give your views.

Anyone with views and opinions on the proposed changes to the **Spencer Road West crossing** should contact **Wigan Council**:

**By email**

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**More information can be found on our website –**

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Yours sincerely

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| BUILDINGS          | AREAS OF VEGETATION OR GREEN SPACE           |
| CARRIAGEWAY        | CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (PUSH BUTTON) |
| FOOTWAY            |  |
| SHARED USE FOOTWAY |  |

