

## Lane Head Air Quality Improvements– June 2025

### *“You Said, We Will”*

In April/May 2025, the Major Projects Team consulted on proposals to introduce Air Quality improvement interventions in Lane Head. The primary focus of this scheme is to improve air quality along Winwick Lane particularly in areas where pollution levels exceed national limits outside residential buildings. By reducing harmful emissions from waiting vehicles and enhancing pedestrian safety, we aim to create a safer, more welcoming environment for residents.

#### **The proposals consist of:**

- Installation of New Traffic Signals - New northbound traffic signals on Winwick Lane to reduce harmful emissions from stationary vehicles positioned directly outside residential properties.
- Pedestrian Crossing Facilities - Three new controlled crossing facilities at the Newton Road junction to improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians.

Since the consultation closed, we have reviewed the comments received and all feedback has been considered. The below table shows a summary of the feedback received and our responses.

You said	We Will
You said that there will still be congestion outside the residential properties on Winwick Lane.	We will work with Urban Traffic Control (UTC) to create the best possible traffic light arrangements that will attempt to remove vehicles waiting outside residential properties on Winwick lane.
You asked how our proposed intervention will improve Air Quality along Winwick Lane.	We will relocate the vehicle stop line further south away from residential buildings on Winwick Lane, moving the harmful emissions from idle vehicles away from residents of

	Winwick Lane. In addition to this, we will increase pedestrian facilities, enabling residents to choose walking as opposed to driving.
You said you would like more vehicle weight restrictions introduced along Warrington Road.	Noted however Warrington Road falls outside the scope of this review
You asked how the scheme interventions will impact Traffic flow.	We will work with UTC to synchronize the traffic signals with those on Kenyon Lane. This will minimise the impact the lights have on traffic flow. There will be further developments coming soon to the area that tie into this scheme, creating a link that will increase the travel network for residents in Lowton and Golborne.
You wanted to know how the scheme will make the area safer.	Currently Winwick Lane and Newton Road junction is dangerous for pedestrians trying to cross, particularly for vulnerable people. By installing new puffin crossings, we are creating a safe place to cross the road.
You said pedestrian facilities will make congestion worse.	There will be a slight delay to traffic as a result of installing a new crossing. However, we will be working with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) signal design team to ensure the impact on congestion is minimal. Therefore, we are putting the safety of people before the movement of vehicles.
You said that crossing points are required on Kenyon Lane and Church Lane.	We are investigating the feasibility of installing pedestrian crossing facilities on Kenyon Lane and Church Lane. However, this is dependent on their impact on traffic flow.
You asked if there will be a Lane Head Bypass.	The Wigan Borough Transport Strategy was adopted in Autumn 2024 with the Lane Head Bypass (referred to as Lane Head South

	<p>Bypass) forming one of the 16 transport priorities for the Borough.</p> <p>Initial feasibility work has considered an option to divert traffic away from the A579 Winwick Lane and A572 Newton Road junctions by providing an alternative route to the A580 East Lancashire Road.</p> <p>The Draft Local Plan which is undergoing a review period also includes a commitment to consider the introduction of a bypass in this location.</p> <p>We will continue our discussions with key stakeholders on the delivery of this route.</p>
You asked if residents will be consulted a second time on the scheme.	<p>Wigan Council will reach out to key stakeholders at appropriate points as the scheme progresses. However, Wigan Council will not be consulting a second time on the scheme.</p>