



Greater Manchester's cycling and walking network

Consultation on Leeds & Liverpool Canal
Towpath and Links

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

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 third of GM residents who do not have access to a car.

In Wigan, last year we had a consultation on Safe Streets, asking for your input to help us create attractive, safe and accessible streets for now and for the future. We are now building on this consultation work, developing proposals for areas that were highlighted by residents for improvement.

The existing Leeds & Liverpool Canal towpath was identified as an established route that is popular with walkers and cyclists, but one that needs improvement to maximise its use throughout the year. This consultation is asking for your views on our initial proposals for the canal, and also proposed routes that will provide links to Robin Park, and other well-used destinations.

The Mayor's Challenge Fund (MCF) Leeds & Liverpool Canal Towpath and Links 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 and improving public space, we can help families and communities travel safely, cut down unnecessary car journeys and attract more visitors to our borough. The canal and linked routes provide an opportunity for a safe and attractive commuter route to major employment areas, including Martland Park and Robin Park.

The scheme includes the following:

- Upgrade to the towpath along the Leeds & Liverpool Canal from Wigan town centre to the border with West Lancashire district, including an upgraded surface.
- Improve links to and from the canal around Martland Park and Marsh Green, with links to Robin Park and Frog Lane. The map included in the leaflet may be difficult to read but you can zoom in and see the maps a lot more clearly by accessing the following consultation website **leedsliverpoolcanaltowpath.commonplace.is/**

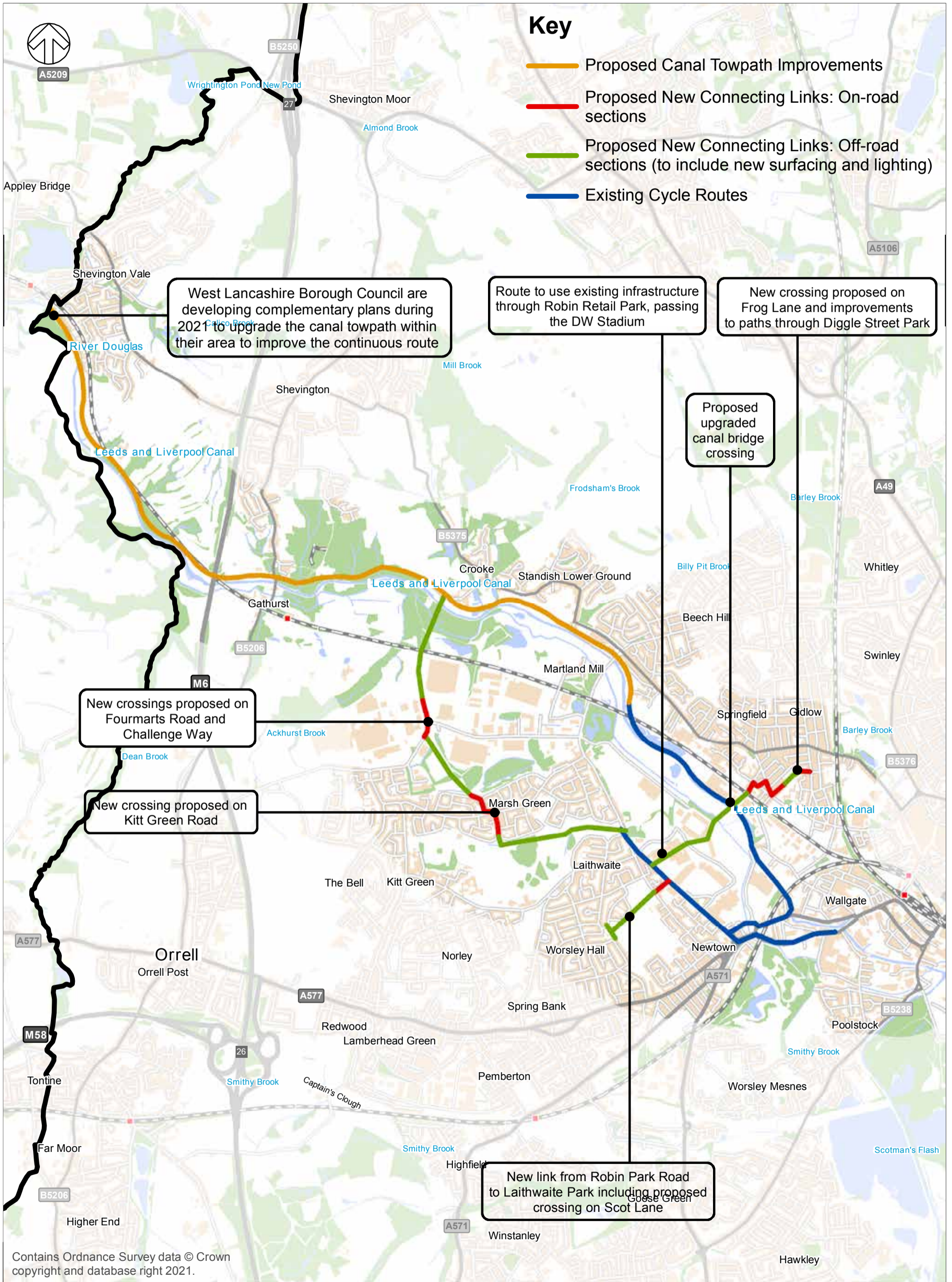
The links are described on the consultation website in the following five sections:

- Appley Bridge to Martland Park
- Crooke Village to Canberra Road
- Canberra Road to Scot Lane
- Robin Park Road to Gidlow Lane
- Robin Park Road to Laithwaite Park

For more information on each link, to view plans and make comments, visit our commonplace site **leedsliverpoolcanaltowpath.commonplace.is**

Alternatively, if you cannot access the internet, you can call in at one of these venues to view the plans and share your views by completing a short survey:

- Marsh Green Library, Harrow Rd, WN5 0QL
- Fur Clempt, Central Park, Montrose Ave, WN5 9XL
- Robin Park Leisure Centre, Loire Dr, Newtown, WN5 0UL



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 four week consultation on these proposed changes, from Monday 28 June to Monday 26 July 2021 when you can give your views.

Anyone with views and opinions on the proposed changes to the Leeds & Liverpool Canal Towpath and Links scheme should contact Wigan Council:

Online

leedsLiverpoolcanaltowpath.commonplace.is

By email

majorprojects@wigan.gov.uk

By post

The Major Projects Team, Wigan Council, Places Directorate,
PO Box 100, WN1 3DS

Find more about active travel across Greater Manchester at activetravel.tfgm.com

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

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Greater Manchester’s Cycling and Walking Commissioner

