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Dear Resident / Business owner

Walking and Cycling improvements in your area

Wigan Council are working with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to develop infrastructure proposals around the region which will improve facilities for people to walk and cycle.

Within this programme of schemes, the Council have been awarded external funding from the Greater Manchester Mayor's Challenge Fund to improve the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Towpath (to the boundary with West Lancashire). The funding will also enable us to upgrade some connecting routes which help people to get to and from the towpath.

During summer 2021, we ran a first phase of public consultation on these proposals, which established the principle of the routes we want to enhance. This was hosted on a Commonplace website which you may have seen or heard about:

<https://leedsliverpoolcanaltowpath.commonplace.is/overview>

Following this engagement, we have developed proposals for new enhancements between the existing pedestrian and cyclist facilities on Robin Park Road and Laithwaite Park. We are proposing to:

- **Widen the connecting path between Robin Park Road and the end of Laurel Street.**
- **Install a new Toucan crossing on Scot Lane.**

These proposals are shown in the attached plan.

There are existing signalised crossings on Robin Park Road which can be used to cross the busy road, and onward cycle routes alongside Empire Cinema towards the DW stadium.

If you wish to comment on our proposals, or would like further information, please contact the team via email to majorprojects@wigan.gov.uk by 11th March 2022. Once we have received all feedback the team will review it and develop the proposals accordingly.

The planned Toucan crossing will tie in with the works that have started to enhance the sports facilities within Laithwaite Park. You can read more about the Laithwaite Park project in this news article (www.wigan.gov.uk/NewFootballHubs). This project will also resurface and new lighting to the paths which cross Laithwaite Park, from Scot Lane to Buchanan Road and Bramble Grove.

We look forward to hearing your views.

Yours sincerely
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