



Greater Manchester's cycling and walking network

Consultation on Victoria Street /
Warrington Road improvements

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

The network will be made up of more than 1,800 miles of routes, including 75 miles of Dutch-style segregated bike lanes, 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. Please take a look at the proposals and let us know what you think.

In support of this ambition, the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, has allocated £160 million to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund. This has been made possible thanks to the national government's Transforming Cities Fund which is investing in public and sustainable transport to improve productivity and spread prosperity.

Victoria Street / Warrington Road improvements

Our ambition for Wigan Borough is to grow the economy, create jobs, attract investment and build strong, healthy communities.

The Victoria Street junction with Warrington Road can be difficult to negotiate for people travelling on foot and by bike - there are currently no pedestrian controlled crossings and the existing cycling facilities are poor.

There is also a safety issue with traffic merging at the junction. Current data tells us there have been nine road traffic accidents at this junction since 2014.

This scheme will significantly improve the pedestrian experience at the junction, improving safety. It also gives the opportunity to connect walking and cycling routes to Robin Park Road, Saddle / Wallgate and Alexandra Park up to Skew Bridge.

The scheme will cost in the region of £1.4 million and is being funded by the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund.

The scheme will:

Modify the existing traffic signals to remove the merge so that traffic from Victoria Street and Warrington Road can pass through the junction separately.

Improve the overall efficiency of the junction. We propose to create two lanes on Warrington Road instead of one to make the traffic movements much safer and smoother and to reduce traffic queues.

Change the number of traffic lanes at certain points to improve lane discipline and reduce traffic conflict.

Implement segregated pedestrian and cycle crossing facilities. Currently crossing this busy junction isn't very safe and there are lots of people travelling on foot using this route.

Connect into cycling and walking routes to Robin Park Road, Saddle / Wallgate and Alexandra Park up to Skew Bridge.

Add a new toucan crossing near Alexandra Park.



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 12 August to 8 September, when you can give your views.

Anyone with views and opinions on the proposed changes to the Victoria Street / Warrington Road scheme should contact Wigan Council:

Online

www.wigan.gov.uk/majorprojects

By email

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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 Victoria Street and Warrington Road 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 Cycling and Walking Commissioner

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