

ACTIVE TRAVEL ROUTE: LEA GREEN TO WHISTON HOSPITAL- PHASE 1

PROJECT UPDATE - JULY 2024

Consultation Background


St Helens Borough Council conducted a consultation over a six-week period, ending 12th August 2022 on the designs for the whole route. A total of 107 people provided responses either via the online survey and/or at the in-person consultation event, the online consultation event and/or intercept survey.


Local stakeholders and residents were engaged through letter drops delivered to their addresses, social media posts and local press.


The feedback from this consultation has helped to inform and shape the final preferred design options for delivery. Since successfully securing ring fenced funding from the Department for Transport's Active Travel Fund, the active travel route has been split into three phases to be complete on a phased proportional basis, with funding still to be secured for the further phases.


The first phase due to start construction in late Summer connects into the works at the Bloor Home Development on Elton Head Road (east of Sherdley Road) to the west of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School, including the upgrade of the crossing outside of the school.

You said


 Where should parents park when dropping off or picking up their children from the school?


 Is there going to be an enforcement to stop people from parking on the newly constructed cycleway?


 Bollards give a 'restricted space' feeling for cyclists and are ineffective.


 There is no mention for mobility scooters within the plans, regarding dropped kerbs and if they can use cycle lanes.

We listened

 St Helens Borough Council will continue to work with the school to encourage modal shift to enable more parents and guardians to walk or cycle to school to collect their children.

 We have included parking restrictions such as double yellows within the designs, alongside high kerbs which will prohibit those from parking.

 We can reassure that the protected cycleway will be constructed with a kerb protection rather than bollards and therefore will not feel like a 'restricted space'.

 Additional dropped kerbs are being installed as a result of the scheme and therefore will allow greater accessibility along the route than currently in place.

Key Results

57%

Supported the proposal of a protected cycle route along the B5204 Elton Head Road between Sherdley Road and the B5413 Rainhill Road
- Only 32% disagreed and 11% with no preference.

63%

Agreed with extending the existing parking restrictions in the vicinity of St John Vianney Catholic Primary School to make the road safer for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Only 20% disagreed and 17% with no preference.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE :

<https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/article/6204/Active-travel-proposed-route-Lea-Green-to-Whiston-Hospital>



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