Route K: Stratford Road Parallel Route
This is an existing signed route which will be upgraded to provide a better cycle link between Yardley Wood and the city centre (Eastside) via Billesley, Springfield, Greet, Sparkhill, Sparkbrook, Bordesley and Digbeth.

The route runs parallel to the Cole Valley green route between Highfield Road in Yardley Wood and Formans Road in Greet, providing several points of access to this route.

The route is mainly on-road with crossings upgraded to shared-use to provide cyclists with a safe route across busy roads such as Stratford Road, Warwick Road, Golden Hillock Road and Bordesley Middleway.

Parallel routes provide an alternative to busy 'A' and 'B' roads. They will generally be identified by directional signing and cycle markings on the road. Existing white lining will be repainted where it provides a benefit to cyclists. Where more specific measures are proposed this will be indicated on this map by a yellow box which directs you to a more detailed plan in this pack.

Specific measures could include marked cycle lanes, shared pavements for pedestrians and cyclists, improvements to side road junctions, new and upgraded signalised crossings where routes cross main roads, and measures to reduce vehicle speeds (including traffic calming features) in some places.