

November 2021

Birmingham Cycle Route Consultation – A45 corridor, city centre to Small Heath Park

Dear resident/occupier

We aim to make walking and cycling everyday choices for local journeys and leisure activities, as part of a safe and integrated transport network for Birmingham.

In 2020, we installed a number of temporary ‘pop-up’ cycle lanes across the city, to help people to travel safely and actively during the COVID-19 pandemic. The routes chosen align with the Birmingham Walking & Cycling Strategy and Infrastructure Plan, which set out proposals for a city-wide cycle network. In many cases, these temporary cycle lanes included ‘light segregation’ from other traffic using plastic bollards.

Following a review of all the pop-up cycle lanes, **we are now proposing to improve and make permanent the route from the city centre to Small Heath Park, parallel to the A45.**

We are keen to hear your feedback on the plans and will be running a public consultation until **Tuesday 30 November 2021**.

About the scheme

The new proposal follows the same route, past Bordesley Circus then via Bolton Road, Byron Road and Tennyson Road. Most of the route will still be a two-way cycle lane, separated from general traffic and from pedestrians, using a combination of level differences (the lanes are higher or lower and there is a kerb in between), lane separator units (the lanes are at the same level and there is a rubber or concrete kerb between them) and lines marked on the ground (the lanes are at the same level).

Following feedback from residents, cyclists will share the road with general traffic on Byron Road, with space for on-street car parking restored on the straight section, but double yellow lines added on the bend to improve safety and visibility.

On Tennyson Road, cyclists and pedestrians will share the footway, which will not affect on-street parking.

There is also a change to the current arrangement on Bolton Road, with the one-way (except cycles) section shortened, but improved with extra kerb build outs and upgraded pedestrian crossing facilities.

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This cycle route links directly with the cycle route along Bradford Street into the heart of the city, which we are also proposing to upgrade from a pop-up to a permanent route (we are also consulting on this scheme, details at www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/bradford-street-cycle-route). Together, these will create approximately **2km of new segregated cycling facilities**.

A detailed plan is attached to this letter.

Have your say

Full details of the consultation, including a short questionnaire for you to give your feedback can be found at www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/A45-cycle-route. If you do not have access to the internet, you may send comments by post to the address at the bottom of this letter.

Consultation closes on Tuesday 30 November 2021.

We are also holding two events as part of this consultation; both cover the Bradford Street and A45 cycle routes:

- An **online briefing session** on **Wednesday 10 November 2021 between 6pm and 7.30pm**. Find out more about the plans and ask questions. Please visit the consultation webpage to sign up for this briefing or to find a link to the recording after the session has taken place.
- A **face to face drop in session**¹ on **Tuesday 23 November 2021 between 4pm and 7pm**, at the Old Library in Digbeth (Zellig, Gibb St, Deritend, Birmingham B9 4AT). No booking is needed for this event, just turn up to chat with members of the project team.

You can also contact us at connected@birmingham.gov.uk with any questions.

What happens next?

After the consultation closes, we will review all responses and make any necessary changes to the scheme. This will be followed by a statutory consultation period for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), the legal document needed to make changes on roads. This is likely to take place in early 2022.

This project is funded by the Active Travel Fund and is part of the West Midlands Cycle & Walk programme.

Yours faithfully

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¹ This event may be cancelled should COVID-19 restrictions change. This will be an indoor event, and we ask attendees to be considerate of others and consider wearing a mask if talking to staff for a long time.

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