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Birmingham Cycle Route Consultation – A457 corridor, city centre to City Hospital

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 City Hospital, through the Jewellery Quarter then parallel to the A457 Dudley Road.**

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

In the Jewellery Quarter, the route provides a one-way cycle lane (away from the city centre) on Graham Street and Legge Lane with cyclists travelling towards the city centre sharing space with general traffic. On Carver Street a two-way cycle lane provides dedicated space for inbound and outbound cyclists.

There will be some changes to parking in the Jewellery Quarter Controlled Parking Zone, with a reduction of 30 permit holder bays on Carver Street, 18 permit holder bays on Legge Lane and 15 Pay & Display bays on Graham Street. Most of these reductions are already in place for the current pop-up cycle route.

Once the route crosses the A4540 Middleway ring road, the proposal is for a one-way cycle lane on each side of Hingeston Street, with space shared with pedestrians around bus stops. On the quieter Knightstone Avenue and Capstone Avenue, cyclists will share space with general traffic, then on Clissold Street, a two-way cycle lane provides separate facilities.

At Clissold Passage, an off-road two-way cycle lane will run alongside the pedestrian footpath. Here the route links with existing cycling facilities on the canal towpath, and with planned improvements on the A457 Dudley Road (more details at www.birmingham.gov.uk/dudleyrd).

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All cycle lanes will be 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).

This scheme will create approximately **1.2km of new segregated cycling facilities** (about 0.8km of two-way facilities, 0.4km of one-way facilities on Graham Street and Legge Lane).

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/a457-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:

- An **online briefing session** on **Tuesday 16 November 2021 between 6pm and 7.30pm**, where you can 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 **Thursday 25 November 2021 between 4pm and 7pm**, at Ramgarhia Community Centre, 15 Newhall Hill, Birmingham B1 3JG. 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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