

Commonwealth Games Public Realm Improvements: Public Consultation

Dear resident/occupier,

As part of the preparation for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham City Council is proposing a package of public realm improvements. The works will be undertaken to enhance the walking experience and improve pedestrian safety along some of the Games' designated walking routes. These routes connect transport hubs, such as stations and key bus stops, and Games venues.

Visitors will experience their first taste of the region when arriving at strategic transport hubs, through to local interchanges and then finally along walking routes to the Games venues. Birmingham city centre will be the first and last place where people will experience the Games. Therefore, with an increase in visitors, this presents an excellent opportunity to review and improve the existing network for non-motorised users, providing not only solutions required for the Games, but also permanent benefits for the city and its future visitors.

A brief summary of the proposals are as follows:

1. Enhanced lighting at Dudley Street underpass to improve visibility and safety;
2. Footway widening adjacent to existing cycle lane, resurfacing and installation of bollards along eastern footway on Hurst Street between the Village Inn and Sherlock Street. No changes will be made to vehicular access points, cycle lane width current no-parking and no-loading restrictions or assets on private land;
3. Removal and relocation of cycle stands on Pershore Road in front of Bellevue Pharmacy to declutter the footway;
4. Replacement of footway pavement behind the bus shelter on Pershore Road, south of Sir Harry's Road, damaged by tree roots;
5. Upgrade uncontrolled crossing on Smallbrook Queensway, by Worcester Street, to signal controlled; and
6. Upgraded Hurst Street/Bromsgrove Street junction introducing signal-controlled pedestrian phases to the four arms.

A map showing the location of these schemes is included.

Please access <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/economy/cwg-realm> to view the drawings showing the proposed changes and access the consultation online.

Construction work for the above measures is due to start in autumn 2021 and be completed by spring 2022. The exact timescales and sequencing will depend on traffic management requirements at the time but we will commit to minimise disruption.

All schemes are all located on the public highway and due to the nature of the schemes, there is no statutory requirement for a public consultation. However, we want to hear your thoughts about the proposals and suggestions, including if you think we have provided

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sufficient information. Please respond to the consultation online or email us at connected@birmingham.gov.uk before Friday, 28th May 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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