

Project Update

St Helens Active Travel Scheme

For any further information or queries please email:
majorprojects@wigan.gov.uk

The St Helens Road Active Travel Scheme aims to create a safe and efficient cycling corridor along the western side of St Helens Road. The works feature a new bi-directional segregated cycle route which will require alterations to the existing street layout, incorporating environmental improvements to pavements and footway surfaces. The works include improvement of footway facilities with toucan crossings to be implemented at existing crossing points by Bonnywell Road and West Bridgewater Street. Works started on Monday 30th September, with the aim for completion by Easter 2025.

Work Carried Out In March

In March, ENWL remained on site, but work was limited to small sections.

- Dutch Kerbs were installed, allowing continuous raised footways and cycleways across side roads.
- The Etherstone St junction speed table was constructed.
- Kerb installation began towards Diamond St.
- The footway between Schofield St and Etherstone St was reconstructed.
- The bus shelter was temporarily removed for a new bus platform.
- At the southern end, the kerbed build-out and pedestrian crossing ducts were completed.
- The old road was planed off along the west kerb for future cycleway surfacing, with shallow trenches excavated for demarcation blocks.



Work Planned For April

The relocation of BT and Virgin Media cables between Derwent Rd and Schofield Rd has been delayed until early April. Once completed, footway reconstruction in this section will begin.

- Diamond St footway works will be completed, including pedestrian crossing ducts.
- The bus-stop platform near Etherstone St will be finished, with the bus shelter reinstalled by month-end.
- A new drainage system is being installed along this stretch.
- Cycleway demarcation blocks will be placed in the coming weeks.
- On Friday, April 11th, the temporary one-way system will be replaced with two-way signals, as work will focus on smaller areas. A new centreline will be painted beforehand to allow for two-way traffic.

