

Project Update

St Helens Active Travel Scheme

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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 April

On Friday 11th the temporary one-way system was replaced with 2-way signals, This has enabled the re-opening of the road to 2-way but also limits the works to small sections at a time (between junctions)

We have been concentrating on completing the works from the compound up to Derwent St, but there have been complications in installing the new drainage, due to the location of the existing water mains and gas pipes.

Unfortunately, the relocation of the BT and Virgin Media cables on the section between Derwent Rd and Schofield Rd still haven't been relocated, so footway work in this area is still postponed, but we have been assured they will be completed in early May.



Work Planned For May

It is hoped that the section of footway between Derwent Rd and Schofield Rd will be completed early May and then the traffic lights and temporary barriers can be moved to the next Phase; Schofield St to Etherstone St. This will allow us to complete the bus stop island and reconstruct the footway on this length.

We are also planning on completing the drainage works near Etherstone St. Preliminary works have indicated that we cannot lay the new drain as designed and it will have to be connected to the existing pipe on the other side of the junction. To minimise disruption (and avoid closing the junction again) this will be done over a weekend using 3-way lights.

