

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 May

The relocation of the BT and Virgin Media cables between Derwent Rd and Schofield Rd were finally relocated, enabling the completion of the footway and cycleway in this section in early May.

The traffic lights and works area then moved to the next section between Schofield St to Etherstone St. to complete the bus stop island and reconstruct the footway on this length. We were still having difficulties installing the new drainage between the existing services, but with collaborative working with Wigan BC and the site team we were able to overcome these with a combination of re-design and on-site decisions.

Towards the end of May we started on the final section of footway/cycleway: Etherstone St to Diamond St. There is no additional drainage on this section so we are confident it will be completed in early June in time for the programmed road resurfacing.

Work Planned For June

All major footway and cycleway works should be complete by early June (with the exception of some minor works to Bonnywell Road, access to the canal and reinstatement of the compound area)

The road resurfacing is programmed for 3 consecutive Sundays to minimise traffic disruption, with the first one planned for 15th June. The road surface will be removed for the full length on the first visit, the northern section will be surfaced on the second Sunday and the southern section on the third, as well as replacing the road markings. Warning signs (no road markings, temporary road surface, Ramps etc. will be displayed until works are completed.

There will be limited access to properties on the days that this is taking place.



