

Active School Travel

New Safe Walking and Cycling Routes

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

How can I find out more detail about the proposals?

The detailed drawings will be available on our website from the 1st October 2020. Please also refer to the Information and Engagement booklet. Online meetings or site meetings (subject to Covid-19 restrictions) will be facilitated on request.

What signage are you proposing along the routes?

Each of the routes has a different colour and different name, Sea to Mountain: turquoise, Park to Park: green and Mountains to Metals: dark blue. Along each of the routes the signage will be consistent. Please see page 15 of the Information and Engagement booklet for more details. In summary we are proposing paint markings in the three colours of the routes on the ground in the form of dots and arrows along with signs at key junctions. Where needed there will also be statutory cycling and walking signage.

What is going to happen on Dean's Grange Road?

The proposal is to prioritise walking and cycling by implementing a protected two-way cycle track on Dean's Grange on the west side of the street (adjacent to the cemetery) between Brookville Park and Kill Lane. To provide the space needed for the protected two-way cycle track the proposal is to change Dean's Grange to one way for cars and buses north to south whilst retaining on-street car parking. Northbound buses 84 and 84a (BusConnects line 226) will be redirected to Abbey Road and use the existing bus stops, southbound buses will remain. The impact on northbound car traffic will be monitored.

What will happen to northbound car traffic on Dean's Grange Road?

We are proposing safe infrastructure to encourage local journeys to be made on foot or by bike, so we envisage that, by providing safe walking and cycling infrastructure, we will see a modal shift where a significant proportion of people will make the shift from using cars to active travel options. We envisage that northbound drivers will decide to stay on the N11 north if travelling further north thus reducing the potential

for rat-running car traffic in the area. Car traffic at the junction with Kill Lane northbound will be directed along Abbey Road.

How can I travel north by bus on Dean's Grange Road?

Northbound buses 84 and 84a (BusConnects line 226) will be redirected to Abbey Road and use the existing bus stops, southbound buses will remain. The impact on northbound car traffic will be monitored.

What do you mean by pilot routes?

We are putting these routes in place with pop-up measures so that the community can use and experience the routes. These include markings, bollards and hatching on the ground and will not require any changes to kerbs, removal of street furniture or trees. These pilot routes will go through the 2-month testing phase (Phase 2) after which we will assess them based on how people have experienced the new routes (Phase 3). Then we will look to make changes where needed and implement the routes permanently with high quality finishes and placemaking measures.

How will you be monitoring impacts on traffic?

We are working with Ramboll, the sustainable society consultant, to look at both historic and current car traffic movements via GPS data. This data allows us to track changes to car traffic movement in real time as well as comparing to historic car movements. In addition, we will also count the people walking and cycling along the new routes at key points. We are engaging with the National Transport Authority (NTA) to monitor impacts on bus traffic.

What happens if part of your scheme causes issues with car traffic congestion?

Using GPS data we can monitor average time taken for cars to travel through junctions as well as delays. If we are observing undue delays we will be able to make alterations to minimise the impact as we have been doing on the coastal route, and other mobility intervention projects we've completed in the last number of months.