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Dear Resident,

Emergency Active Travel Trial Scheme – Southcourt, Aylesbury

As you are aware, in November 2020 a trial scheme was introduced in Southcourt, to encourage more walking and cycling through ‘point closures’ (stopping through-traffic) on selected roads in the area, together with a section of segregated cycleway on Churchill Avenue and the addition of shared use paths (paths for pedestrians and cyclists). The trial scheme helped to improve links between Southcourt, the Town Centre and Stoke Mandeville as well as between local schools.

Throughout the trial period, we have received and reviewed feedback, making subsequent changes to the scheme as appropriate. We have also reviewed data usage and held regular review meetings with Aylesbury Town Councillors and local Buckinghamshire Councillors and Cabinet Members.

During Summer 2021, a public opinion survey was undertaken, and we were grateful for the responses and suggestions received. As explained earlier this year, the survey was undertaken to allow us to consider if there is support for all or certain parts of the scheme to be made permanent.

Following the feedback received and reviewing all information available, Buckinghamshire Council has decided to progress to statutory consultation for some (not all) aspects of the scheme, with the intention of making these measures permanent (pending the outcome of the consultation). The statutory consultation will include the segregated cycleway on Churchill Avenue, shared use paths on Churchill Avenue, the point closure at Old Stoke Road/Clover Lane and the wayfinding (direction) signs throughout the route. Any aspects of the scheme not progressing to statutory consultation will be decommissioned in line with the end of the trial scheme as previously communicated (by the end of March 2022).

We would encourage you to please respond to the statutory consultation when this is announced, further information will be circulated and published online by the end of the year. In the meantime, we continue to welcome feedback via our online feedback form at <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/active-travel/> and via transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

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