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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Proposal for a Temporary Cycle Facilities in Southcourt, Aylesbury**

Buckinghamshire Council has been awarded £514,000 by the Department for Transport for a programme of six temporary active travel schemes across the County. These temporary schemes are trials, with an initial duration of 3 months. The measures aim to help people to make local journeys on foot or by bike as a way of supporting their return to work or school, to shop and take part in leisure activities as lockdown restrictions gradually ease. Recent months have seen increased levels of cycling and walking, and the Council has received many requests for measures to support these changing travel patterns.

I am pleased to let you know that temporary cycle facilities in Southcourt, Aylesbury will benefit from this funding to enable a trial scheme to take place. The scheme includes improved signage and lining, installation of cycle lane segregation, and temporary road closures. It provides improved links to some of the existing Gemstone Routes, and a diverted routing to overcome the existing severed Jet Way.

The proposals will help to create quieter streets for everyone to be able to access their local shops and facilities, whether on foot or by bike, and improve access to the station and schools.

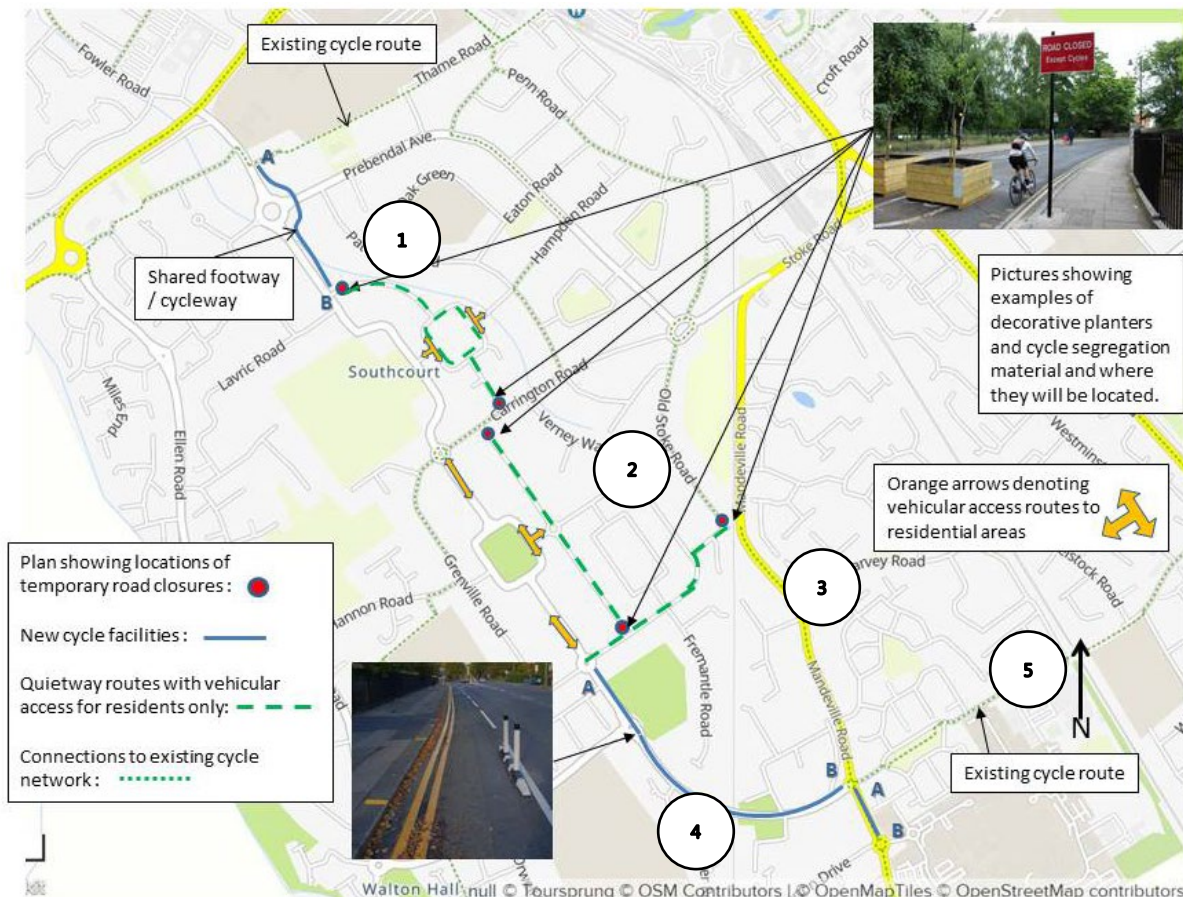
In late August/early September:

- 1) A temporary cycle route will connect into the existing Pebble Way and Pearl Way at the Churchill Avenue/Prebendal Avenue Roundabout by converting pavements to shared footway/cycleways. Cycle directional signage and lining will also be refreshed in this area.
- 2) Temporary point closures using decorative planters will be installed at the following locations to create quiet routes for cycling and walking:
  - Chalgrove Walk near the junction with Churchill Avenue
  - Challoner Road near the junction with Grenville Road
  - Thrasher Road near the junction with Grenville Road
  - Thrasher Road near the junction with Cottesloe Road
  - Old Stoke Road near the junction with Clover Lane.

The full length of the road will remain open, facilitating resident access, but vehicular access will only be possible from one side of the road.

- 3) The cycle route continues on to Cottesloe Road to connect to the existing Jet Way Gemstone route and onto Churchill Avenue. The existing Jet Way continues along Old Stoke Road, Nightingale Road and Penn Road towards the town centre.

- 4) Once the cycle route re-joins Churchill Avenue, a segregated cycleway using temporary pop up wands is provided for south east bound cyclists and the existing footway will be re designated as a shared use path for north west bound cyclists. The route then joins the existing shared use paths and advisory cycle lanes on Mandeville Road, connecting into Stadium Approach. Protective bollards will be added to the advisory cycle lanes on Mandeville Road between Churchill Avenue and the hospital roundabout to help protect cyclists from volume traffic.
- 5) Onward connections are available along Stadium Approach towards the Amber Way, A413 and Turnfurlong, in addition to the existing route on Harvey Road.



The team have had to work quickly to meet Central Government deadlines for this fund, and the timescales provided by the Department for Transport did not allow for public consultation. However, we welcome your feedback on the proposal which you can provide by following the link. <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/active-travel> . It should be noted that the scheme is temporary and we will be using feedback to help 'tweak' the scheme as necessary. Your feedback will help inform a decision later this financial year on which schemes (if any) could be made permanent. The trial will initially last for three months, and any decision to make schemes permanent would be subject to full consultation.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you require any further information or assistance, please contact us at [transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully,

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