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Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposal for temporary 'quietway' scheme between Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross

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 designed 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 new measures to support these changing travel patterns.

I am pleased to let you know that a route between Chalfont St Peter and Gerrards Cross will be one of the first to benefit from this funding. An indicative plan of the route is shown overleaf.

The scheme has been designed to support the re-opening of local high streets and improve access to Gerrards Cross station. From early August, a series of temporary closures to vehicular traffic will be installed in Lower Road and South Park to create a new 'quietway'. Pedestrians and cyclists will be able to pass through these closures freely, but through traffic will be redirected to the A413, making the route safer and more attractive for walking and cycling trips. Of course, residents and businesses will still be able to gain access to properties via other local roads.

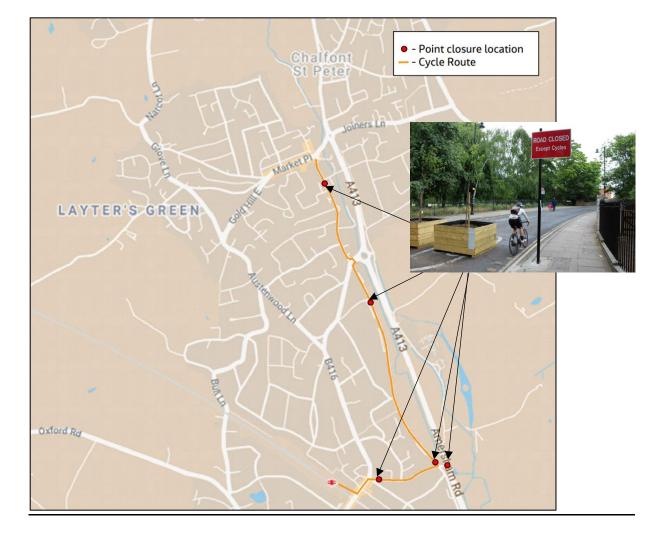
The team have had to work quickly to meet the Central Government deadlines for this fund. Updated detailed information and an online feedback form will be available shortly at https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/active-travel. We are utilising temporary materials in all these schemes to ensure we can easily 'tweak' measures in response to your feedback, and your input will help inform a decision later this financial year on which schemes (if any) to make permanent.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We will be in touch again shortly with further details. If you require any further information or assistance, please contact us at transportstrategy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk, quoting the reference 'EATF Chalfont St Peter to Gerrards Cross'.

Yours faithfully,

Joan Hancox

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Appendix 1

Modal filters are to be installed in varies locations linking Chalfont St Peter High Street to Gerrards Cross station. The filters will be used to eliminate vehicular through traffic and encourage cycling and walking. Residential access is maintained.

What is modal filtering?

Modal filters, also referred to as point closures, are physical features placed within the carriageway. These are used to limit through-journeys by prohibiting private motor traffic and allowing free passage by walking or cycling. This scheme will use decorative planters as modal filters.

The proposal

Planters will be situated at the following locations:

- Lower Road south of the junction to Chiltern Hill.
- Lower Road south of the junction to Claydon Lane.
- Lower Road north of the junction to South Park.
- South Park north of junction to Oak End Way.

In addition to the point closures by planter, a temporary road closure to all traffic will be present between the existing A413 Amersham Road exit and South Park. Alternative routes are available.