

Regeneration, Environment and Housing

Significant Decision

Station Road Burnham Active Travel Scheme

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Purpose of Significant Decision:

- To seek approval to undertake consultation for the Station Road Burnham Active Travel Scheme for the proposed design and to prepare and consult on the necessary traffic orders;
- Following the consultation, present the results and final scheme design. Seek approval through a cabinet report to proceed with the construction works for the Station Road Burnham Active Travel Scheme.

Background:

In February 2023, officers submitted a bid to Active Travel England's (Department for Transport) Active Travel Fund 4 for the Station Road Burnham Active Travel Scheme, Burnham Corridor Active Travel Scheme and Uxbridge Road Active Travel Scheme. From the three schemes submitted, the Station Road Burnham Active Travel Scheme was the only successful bid. In March 2023, Slough Borough Council was awarded £413,000 to design, construct and monitor in line with the Cycle Infrastructure Design Guidance Local Transport Note 1/20 (LTN1/20), a cycle route along Station Road (Burnham) between its junctions with Burnham Lane and the A4 Bath Road.

Officers have now developed preliminary designs for the scheme, including a new off-road, two-way, mostly-segregated cycle route along Station Road (Burnham) between its junctions with Burnham Lane and the A4 Bath Road, traffic signals to allow cyclists to use the railway underpass in both directions, and better walking and cycling conditions.

The Station Road Burnham Active Travel Scheme aims to:

- provide better, safer cycling and walking conditions along Station Road (Burnham)
- improve access to and from Burnham rail station and between Burnham rail station and the A4 Bath Road (including the planned [A4 Cycle Route](#))
- reduce the north-south severance imposed by the narrow railway underpass
- provide facilities that encourage cycling and walking as alternative, sustainable and low cost modes of transport that will help residents improve their physical and mental health and save money
- help people access facilities more easily
- improve air quality and reduce congestion, carbon emissions and noise pollution by reducing private car journeys.

Consultation.

A consultation exercise is programmed to start on the 12th August 2024 for 21 days, with information about the proposed design for the scheme and an online survey published on the Citizen Space

portal and a leaflet containing the same information and a paper survey printed for local distribution. Local residents, commuters, ward members and statutory consultees will be consulted.

The consultation will cover the following proposed design for the scheme:

- a new off-road, two-way cycle route on the east side of Station Road (Burnham) between its junctions with Burnham Lane and the A4 Bath Road (with either a stepped (segregated), approximately 2.5 metre wide cycle lane or the use of shared use footway) – this will directly link with the planned [A4 Cycle Route](#) at the junction of Station Road (Burnham) and the A4 Bath Road
- new traffic signals to allow cyclists to use the narrow railway underpass in both directions
- upgraded road and footways on Station Road (Burnham), including resurfacing and new road markings on some sections
- realignment and reduction in width of some road and footway space, to allow the introduction of the cycle route and to make the best use of space
- a new parallel / dual zebra crossing (a zebra crossing which allows cyclists to cross alongside pedestrians at the same location) near the junction with Burnham Lane
- continuous footway across all side roads, with access for vehicles

We will only be making changes to areas that are adopted public highway (areas that are owned and maintained by Slough Borough Council).

Supporting National and Local Policies

The proposed scheme aims to deliver the following outcomes as set out in the supporting policies listed below:

National Policies:

- **DfT's Gear Change A Bold Vision for cycling and walking** that presents four themes to encourage cycling. These themes include Better Streets for cycling and pedestrians, cycling at the heart of decision making, empowering and encouraging Local Authorities and enabling people to cycle and protecting them when they do. The strategy sets an objective to double cycling rates and to increase the number of children aged 5 to 10 that usually walk to school from 49% to 55% by 2025
- **Cycle Infrastructure Guide Local Transport Note LTN 1/20** mainly focuses on cycle infrastructure design but briefly provides recommendations for the Planning and Designing for Commercial Cycling
- **The second Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy 2022** outlines the government's total investment into active travel across government through to 2025. The strategy firstly sets out the Government's objectives, secondly sets out the financial resources available for walking and cycling and lastly describes the specific actions planned to support delivery of the ambition and objectives

Local Policies:

- **The Corporate Improvement and Recovery Plan Corporate Plan 2023-27 (A fresh start)**

- i. **A borough for children and young people to thrive;** by providing active travel schemes that support alternative modes of transport that will increase outdoor activity and reduce the negative impacts of cars in the borough
 - ii. **A town where residents can live healthier, safer and more independent lives;** by introducing schemes that reduce the reliance on cars, planning for sustainable travel and improving air quality thereby encouraging more people to walk and cycle
 - iii. **A cleaner, healthier and more prosperous Slough;** by providing enhancement works that help deliver safer crossing facilities and safer passage to places of work, school, home, worship and entertainment
- **Slough's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**
The LCWIP activities will support our local strategic objectives by evaluating our existing infrastructure and providing designs and maintenance guidelines for cycling and walking infrastructure. When built, this infrastructure will contribute to the physical and mental wellbeing, social cohesion, safety and security of Slough residents and visitors and enhance the quality of life of Slough residents through improvements to accessibility and walkability.
 - **Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan**
The council has committed to challenging targets, with a net zero carbon target by 2040 for the borough, and a stretch target of 2030 for the Council's operations. Increased public transport provision will make a significant contribution to reducing carbon emissions through encouraging a shift away from private car use, with benefits from reduced congestion.
 - **The Low Emission Strategy**
Active travel and improved public transport will have an important part to play in improving air quality along Station Road (Burnham). Improved cycling facilities and enhanced modal interchanges will contribute significantly to low emissions along Station Road (Burnham) and improved multi modal connectivity.
 - **The Local Transport Plan**
This is the over-arching plan for the provision of transport services and infrastructure at local level, across the borough. The current version (LTP3) is currently under review.

Legal Implications

- The Traffic Management Act 2004 (Section 16(1)) imposes a Network Management Duty to ensure that Slough Borough Council secures the expeditious movement of traffic on the authority's road network and facilitates the expeditious movement of traffic on road networks for which another authority is the traffic authority.
- All proposals that require permanent and temporary traffic orders are subject to procedures under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA 1984) and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. It should be noted that under the RTRA 1984 s.122 the Council has a duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians), which involves a balancing exercise in accordance with that Act.
- The introduction of signage and road markings will be undertaken using the Council's statutory powers as the Highway Authority and The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

Financial Implications:

The Council was awarded £413,000 grant funding by Active Travel England (Department for Transport) to deliver the LTN1/20 compliant scheme. The grant has been allocated to the Station

Road Burnham Active Travel Scheme cost code C4001 P249 A4000 and will fund costs associated with the design, construction and monitoring of the scheme.

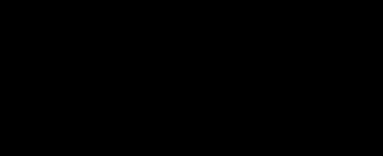
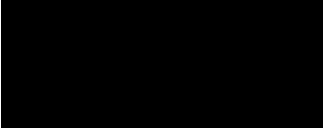
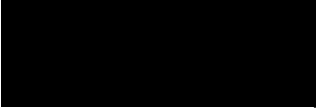
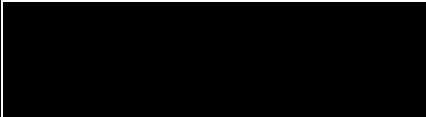
Supporting Documents

1. Appendix 1 – Consultation leaflet
2. Appendix 2 – Scheme drawing

Recommendations:

1. That the consultation exercise on the proposed design for the scheme is undertaken to gather feedback from local residents, commuters, ward members and statutory consultees
2. That the necessary traffic orders are prepared and consulted on in preparation for the scheme delivery

Approved:

Executive Director Pat Hayes		Date 18/09/2024
Director of Environment & Highways Matthew Hooper		Date 16/09/24
Associate Director Place Operations Savio DeCruz		Date 26/07/2024
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Appendix 1 – Consultation leaflet

See attached

Appendix 2 – Scheme drawing

See attached