



A34 MRN Corridor Improvement Plan



Stockport Council is consulting on proposed improvements along the A34 corridor between the A560 and A555 to alleviate congestion, unlock development potential in the surrounding area and enhance accessibility by sustainable modes.

Consultation
ends
November
13th 2020



In 2018, the Government designated the A34 as part of a Major Road Network (MRN) of routes, which they are seeking to improve. In February 2020, the Government awarded a grant to Stockport Council to develop proposals for part of the A34 in the Borough.

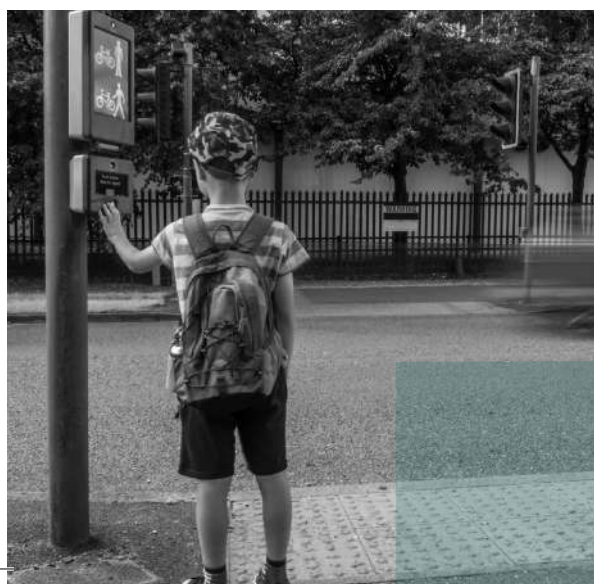


The improvements are designed to:

- Support sustainable travel with a 5.6km pedestrian and cycle route along the A34 corridor. This includes a segregated cycle track and controlled crossings with connections to the wider Greater Manchester Cycle Bee network and local public rights of way;
- Support businesses with works to improve access to the Cheadle Royal Business Park and the Stanley Green Industrial area by improving key junctions and providing better walking and cycling access;
- Support new homes and development with improvements to junctions to provide access to and mitigate the impact of any proposed new housing development on the local road network;
- Support education with replacement of an existing subway beneath the A34 at Kingsway School to provide a better link for the split school site and allow for a key east-west cycle route;
- Support motorists with improved junction layouts to reduce congestion, improve safety and provide enhanced driver information on new variable message signs.

This consultation, beginning on October 5, will ask for residents' views on the following proposals outlined within this leaflet. If funding is awarded by the Department for Transport, the council anticipates construction to take place in a phased approach between mid-2022 and 2025.

Overview Plan



A summary of the proposals is provided below, more details (including drawings) are online at:

 www.stockport.gov.uk/consultations

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Gatley Road



The proposal at Gatley Road is for a traffic light controlled crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on the A560 (Gatley Road), providing a link between Milton Crescent and Wensley Road. It includes the provision of segregated pedestrian and cycle facilities on Gatley Road close to the crossing. A 20mph speed limit with traffic calming measures is proposed on the Wensley Road estate, and traffic calming on Milton Crescent and High Grove Road.

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Wilmslow Road



The proposal is for a traffic light controlled crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Wilmslow Road, connecting Broadway and Brookfields Park; This will take the form of either

Option 1:

A Toucan (pedestrian and cyclist) crossing across Wilmslow Road at the end of Brookfield Crescent connecting via an opening in the park wall and a new path to the main drive in Brookfields Park;

Or Option 2:

Broadway / Wilmslow Road upgraded to traffic light control with controlled crossings and a new cycle track connecting to the entrance of Brookfields Park.

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Broadway



A traffic calmed route along Broadway is proposed with raised speed tables located at each junction to slow traffic and facilitate cycling on the carriageway. Toucan (pedestrian and cyclist) crossing is proposed at the western end of Broadway

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The Kingsway School Subway



Construction of a new subway under the A34 at Kingsway School, linking the two parts of the school site and providing high quality, safe, step free walking and cycling route between Broadway and Foxland Road. This is proposed to be supplemented by improved traffic calming on Foxland Road.

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A34 Kingsway from Broadway to Cheadle Royal



The proposal is to provide cycle facilities on both sides of the A34 between the Kingsway School Subway and Cheadle Royal roundabout. This will include a high quality segregated pedestrian and cycle route on the west side of the A34 connecting Foxland Road with the Cheadle Royal junction; and either

Option 1:

A shared pedestrian and cycle route on the east side of the A34 for the full distance between Broadway and the Cheadle Royal junction.

Or Option 2:

A cycle route following the service road for 261-321 Kingsway and a shared pedestrian and cycle route on the east side of the A34 from the south end of the service road to the Cheadle Royal junction.

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Cheadle Royal Junction



Modifications are proposed at the Cheadle Royal roundabout to improve traffic operation. This includes an extended slip road for northbound traffic, local widening and remarking and signal control of the A34 southbound off slip and Cheadle Royal Business Park exit. New traffic light controlled crossings and routes for pedestrians and cyclists will be provided throughout the junction. New bus stops will be provided on Wilmslow Road and landscaping will be improved.

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A34 from Cheadle Royal to Stanley Road



A new cycle route is proposed along the west side of the A34 from the Cheadle Royal junction to Stanley Road. This will include the following sections:

- A cycle path from the Cheadle Royal roundabout to the south end of the Cheadle Royal Retail Park car park;
- An upgraded segregated pedestrian and cycle path from the Cheadle Royal Retail Park to Etchells Road and a new traffic light controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Etchells Road.
- A segregated pedestrian and cycle path from Etchells Road to Eden Park Roundabout with a connection to Bradshaw Hall Lane;
- A shared pedestrian and cycle path along the verge of the A34 from Eden Park Roundabout to Stanley Green roundabout.

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Eden Park Roundabout



Remodelling of the junction is proposed to create a roundabout with through lanes for ahead traffic, a fourth arm to the west, widening the A34 to three-lanes through the junction and new controlled crossings for pedestrians and cyclists on all arms.

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The Stanley Road / Earl Road signal junction



It is proposed to widen the approaches to the junction to two lanes on the southern (Earl Road) arm and western (Stanley Road) arm to increase junction traffic capacity. Traffic light controlled crossings will be provided for pedestrians and cyclists on all arms. Connecting shared footway and cycleways will join the junction to the A34 and the proposed path to the Eden Park Roundabout, and will continue on Earl Road as far as the A555. Improvements will be made to the path from Earl Road leading to the A34 so users can connect with the A555 cycle route.

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The A34 / B5094 Stanley Road Roundabout



It is proposed to widen the A34 at the junction to four lanes in both directions to increase traffic capacity and mitigate traffic impact from the proposed Garden Village at Handforth. This work will include carriageway widening and the provision of gantry mounted signals. Please note that the introduction of a controlled crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Stanley Road on the east side of the junction is an already approved 'Bee Network' scheme.

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The A34 / A555 Junction



Proposal to widen the A555 westbound off slip and roundabout on the south side of the A34 roundabout to increase capacity and mitigate traffic impact from the proposed Garden Village in Handforth. Works will involve carriageway widening and the provision of gantry mounted signals.

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The Eden Park Cycle Route



An off carriageway cycle and pedestrian route is proposed linking Stanley Road to Bruntwood Park via the Eden Park estate. This includes:

- Improvements to surfacing and lighting from Stanley Road to Eden Park Road;
- Path widening on Bruntwood Lane between Bradshaw Hall Lane and Turves Road;
- A traffic light controlled pedestrian and cycle crossing on Turves Road;
- Widening and lighting of Bruntwood Lane in Bruntwood Park from the southern park entrance to the car park;
- Lighting Bruntwood Lane from the car park to Valley Road.



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Have your say

Stockport Council is running a six-week consultation on the proposals, ending 13th November 2020 and we would like to hear your views. All comments will be collected and analysed to help inform the development of this scheme.



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