



1a & 2-6 Cheadle Road,  
Village Hotel Cheadle,  
Life Leisure Cheadle,

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Sir / Madam,

**New Cheadle Railway Station & Walking and Cycling Routes**  
**Proposed Crossing, Cheadle Road – Amendments**

The Council recently consulted the local community, on behalf of the Cheadle Towns Fund Board, on plans for a new railway station and walking and cycling route in Cheadle. The walking and cycling route is proposed between Manchester Road and Bruntwood Lane, and includes a new signal-controlled crossing on Cheadle Road.

The route joins a large residential area of Cheadle to the proposed Railway Station, Abney Hall Park and Bruntwood Park. It runs along a combination of off-road paths and quiet roads, avoiding busy main roads. Where it does encounter busy roads, new off-road cycle paths and signal-controlled crossings are proposed.

The proposals were presented to Cheadle Area Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> November, alongside details of the consultation response, and local Councillors have given their support to the scheme. Full details can be viewed at [www.stockport.gov.uk](http://www.stockport.gov.uk) (search 'Cheadle Area Committee' from the Council home page).

The scheme is now progressing through detailed design and associated Traffic Regulation Orders will be subject to legal advertisement in due course. A business case is being developed and, subject to funding being allocated for delivery, construction of the walking and cycling route is planned from later this year.

**Cheadle Road Crossing**

We are working with Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to deliver walking and cycling infrastructure to the highest standards across the Borough, segregated as much as possible, seeking to make journeys on foot or by bike much easier and more attractive for all users.

Discussions have been ongoing with TfGM with this in mind and with regards to the signal-controlled crossing on Cheadle Road, which had been proposed as a Toucan (shared by pedestrians and cyclists) in accordance with budget constraints on the project. TfGM indicate that additional funding can be made available to upgrade the crossing to a segregated layout. Hence the Council has developed a 'Sparrow' Crossing design, where pedestrians and cyclists cross at the same time but segregated from one another. The introduction of segregation at this crossing will provide an enhanced facility and further improve the attractiveness of the route for pedestrians and cyclists alike.

The Toucan Crossing and Sparrow Crossing layouts are shown by the enclosed drawings. The operation of the crossing is generally the same, however, key changes from the Toucan Crossing layout consulted in autumn are identified below.

- Widening of the crossing to facilitate segregated pedestrian and cycle use. The crossing needs to be re-located to the east of the proposed location of the Toucan crossing so that there is sufficient space on the north footway to allow for the segregated facilities.
- Reconfiguration of the existing service road in front of 2-4 Cheadle Road to accommodate the widened crossing and adjoining cycle track (see below). Driveway accesses are maintained and there is an opportunity for an extended green area in between, with additional planting.
- The introduction of segregated 2-way cycle track connections between the crossing, Shiers Drive and Bruntwood Lane. This involves some tree and vegetation clearance adjacent to the path to Bruntwood Lane.
- Cycling is still proposed to be on a shared path along Shiers Drive into Brookfields Park, and on-carriageway along Bruntwood Lane.
- Relocation of the post box, a new location for this will be agreed with Royal Mail.

**As a key stakeholder in this element of the scheme we would like to arrange a meeting with you, on Teams or in person on Cheadle Road within the next week or two, to discuss the proposals in more detail. I would be grateful if you could contact the team (details above, voicemail checked daily) so this can be arranged.**

Alternatively, please provide any comments by email **by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February** and these will be given consideration in development of the detailed design.

More information about the Cheadle Towns Fund project can be found at [www.stockport.gov.uk/cheadle-towns-fund](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/cheadle-towns-fund).

Yours faithfully,

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