

Local Active Travel and Safety Scheme

Halewood





Introduction

These are exciting times for Halewood. Around 1,300 high quality new homes are being delivered along with significant improvements to the local retail centre, greenspaces and leisure facilities. To complement this, we want to improve the walking and cycling links across Halewood to make Active Travel the preferred and safer alternative to driving for these shorter, local journeys.

For people to feel comfortable wheeling or walking they need to be provided with routes that feel safe to them. We have listened to local people and incorporated their views into the next phase of our works. Funded by UK Government, the proposals are outlined in this booklet.

What are we proposing?

Safety improvements for Pedestrians and Cyclists on Leathers Lane

- A new parallel crossing (for cyclists and pedestrians) will be installed on Leathers Lane near to the junction with Roseheath Drive.
- A raised table will reduce the speeds of motorised traffic on both approaches to the crossing.
- A short section of the footpath on Leathers Lane at the junction with Beechwood Ave will be widened to accommodate a shared use footway. This will increase the safety of cyclists at this location.



Safety improvements on Roseheath Drive and Barncroft Road

- Installation of double speed cushions on Roseheath Drive and Barncroft Road.
- In addition, a raised table will be introduced on Barncroft Road at the junction with Hillingden Avenue.
- The speed limit of these, and adjacent, roads (Figure 1 overleaf) will be reduced to 20mph.

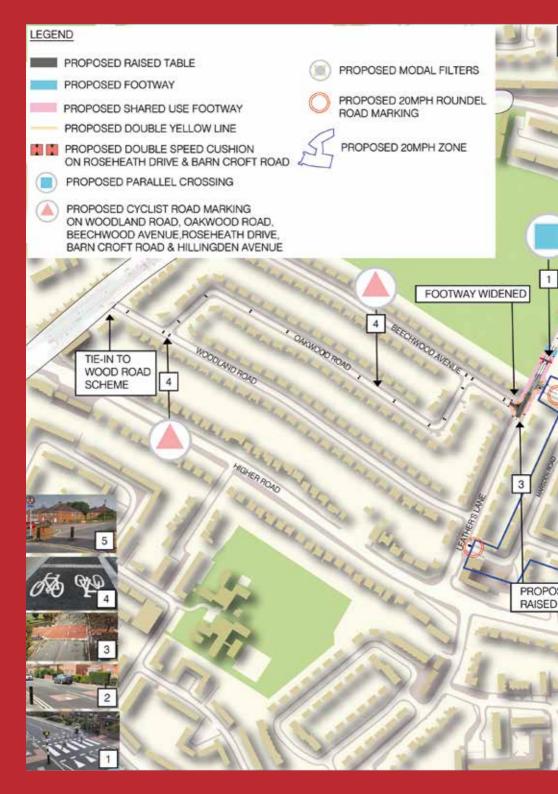
Safety improvements on Hillingden Avenue

 Bollards will be installed on Hillingden Avenue near to the junction with Kenton Road to restrict through traffic and provide a quieter, safer route for cyclists and pedestrians travelling from the leisure centre through to the shopping centre.

Cyclist route markings

 Road markings and signs will be introduced to direct cyclists along the preferred route to and from the shopping centre from the leisure centre and Leathers Lane approaches. Figure 1 highlights the proposed route.







Why are we doing this?

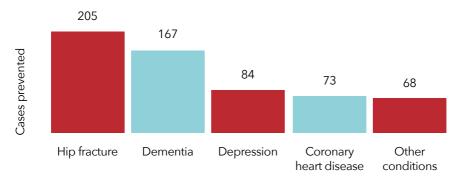
Earlier in the year we conducted a public consultation on the wider plans for Halewood. We spoke extensively with students from Halewood Academy and asked them what, if anything, would encourage them to travel more by bike or on foot.

Their overwhelming response was that they actually wanted to cycle more but needed more crossing points, direct routes that were lit and more attractive to use and most of all they wanted to feel safer and for traffic speeds to be lower.

A future scheme will include improvements to Wood Road. Leathers Lane will benefit from improved public realm works that will include safer pedestrian and cycling links through to Grace Park on completion.

Our vision is that eventually our residents will be able to travel by foot, bike or wheelchair from all corners of Halewood to the improved facilities that are being created. Not only will this reduce congestion and the associated pollution that comes with this, but more people walking and cycling will bring health benefits to not only those people but to the wider community.

Cycling in Liverpool City Region prevents 597 serious long-term health conditions each year



Other conditions include type 2 diabetes, stroke, breast cancer, colon cancer.

Saving the NHS in Liverpool City Region £7.6m per year equivalent to the cost of

190,000 GP appointments

Benefits of Active Travel



Reduced congestion - more people choosing active travel will reduce congestion on our roads.



Reduced air pollution / carbon emissions - a reduction in motorised vehicles on our roads will help in tackling air pollution and the negative impacts of this.



Improved physical, mental and social health - Active travel has clear health benefits as physical activity increases. Social connections are made and mental health is boosted by the activity and the time spent outdoors. Active travel is an important opportunity for savings in terms of preventing ill health.



Economic growth and vibrant communities - Investing in infrastructure and support for active travel can increase economic growth and vibrancy. Those walking, wheeling and cycling tend to spend more money locally than drivers.



It is inclusive and reduces inequalities - Accessible walking, wheeling, cycling and good public transport links can reduce inequalities by giving equal access to employment, education and other services.



For more information about Active Travel in Knowsley please visit our **Getting Around in Knowsley page**

Outline Programme Halewood Active Travel Scheme

Today: Initial Consultation	Feedback can be provided up until 21st October 2024	Plans will be reviewed using any feedback received.
Pre-start works	Signs will go up mid November 2024	Letters will be delivered to local residents.
Works	Start January 2025	Finish February 2025

Feedback

We want to hear your views on this project. Our aim is to build something that works for community.

Contact us

You can provide feedback via post, email or via our website. We won't be collecting your personal information as part of this consultation, so you don't need to provide your name or contact details with your feedback. Knowsley Council
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