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Proposed cycling and pedestrian improvements in Kingswood and surrounding areas

About the proposal

This scheme proposes to deliver a series of improvements which will improve safety and accessibility for pedestrians and wheelchair users. We would also like to introduce short stretches of new cycle lanes which would connect Kingswood with other quiet road cycle routes and on into Bristol.

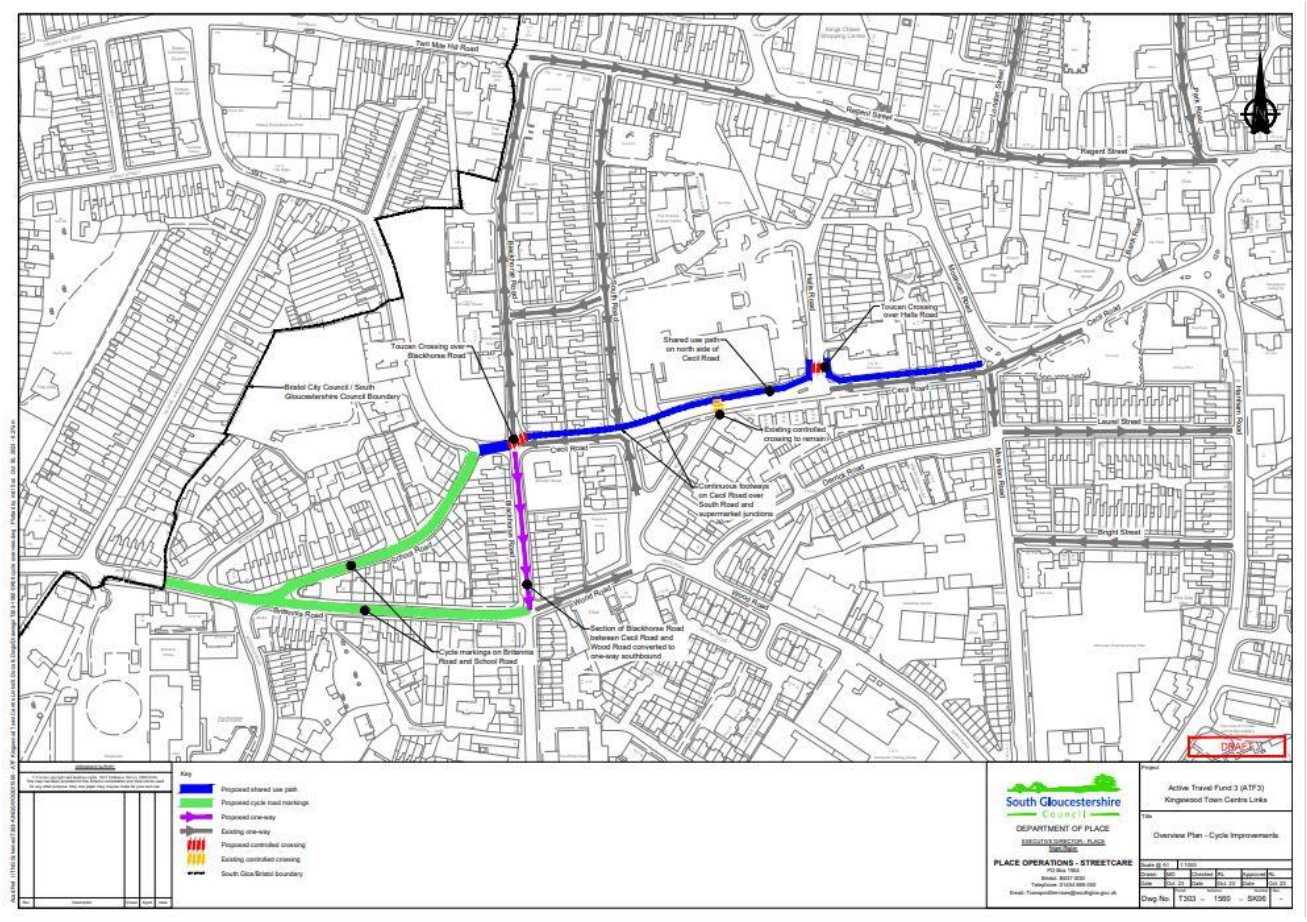
This work is part of South Gloucestershire Council's ongoing regeneration work in Kingswood.

The proposals, which would be **fully funded by Active Travel England**, include the following:

- A new cycling route to Kingswood High Street along A420 Cecil Road and Halls Road,
- A new quiet road route through School Road and Britannia Road to link up with schemes in Bristol,
- A series of improved crossings and footway widening in and around the Kingswood area designed to improve pedestrian safety and open up accessibility for everyone.

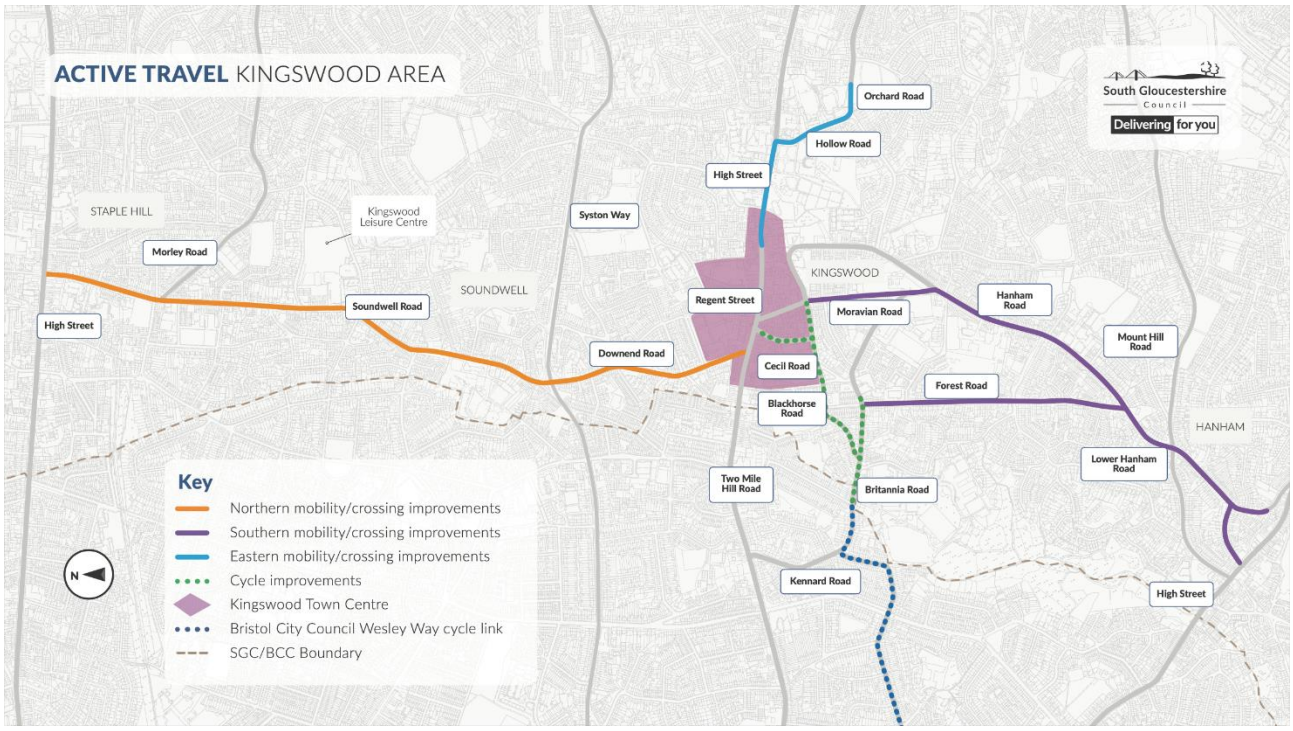
Proposed cycling improvements

The following improvements are hoped to make cycling safer and more accessible whilst reducing traffic.



Proposed pedestrian improvements

A series of improvements are planned to support pedestrians and wheelchair users. We have prioritised improvements including new and improved crossings and widened pavements in high footfall areas on the roads highlighted in the below map.



Proposed enhancements include:

Dropped kerb and tactile paving



Dropped kerbs and tactile paving are used in conjunction to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired, improving safety for all.

Pedestrian refuges



Pedestrian refuge islands improve safety for pedestrians when crossing roads by splitting the crossing into two sections, with a safe zone in the middle of the road. As well as improving safety, they improve accessibility for people with mobility difficulties.

Continuous footways



These provide uninterrupted footways extending across side roads to highlight that priority should be given to pedestrians. They also keep vehicle speeds down by ensuring drivers must travel up and over the footway, thus improving accessibility and safety for pedestrians.

Proposed northern mobility/crossing improvements

Soundwell Road	Page Road & opposite	Footway widening and realign bus shelter to improve pedestrian access. Continuous footway crossing and dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Northview	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Opposite Portland Street	Raise kerbs at bus stop to improve access to bus services Relocate lamp column, bin & bus shelter, bus flag on opposite side of road relocated to improve pedestrian access	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Crownleaze	Tightened radii, tactile paving and dropped kerbs to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Leicester Square	New pedestrian refuge island, tightend radii (which means giving more space to the footway and improving access for pedestrian/cyclists). Tactile paving and dropped kerbs to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Leisure centre access	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Church Road	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Hilltop Road	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Lansdown Road	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving (existing uncontrolled crossing removed) to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Crown Road	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Chase Road	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Castle Road	Continuous footway to improve safety for pedestrians	Google Maps
Downend Road	Hampton Street	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Downend Road	Worcester Road	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving (existing uncontrolled crossing removed) to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Downend Road	O/S Bar 501	Two new continuous footways to improve safety for pedestrians	Google Maps
Soundwell Road	Kingswood Leisure Centre	Footway widening to improve pedestrian access	Google Maps

Proposed eastern mobility/crossing improvements

High Street	Church Street	Continuous footway and footway widening to improve access and safety for pedestrians	Google Maps
Orchard Road	Hollow Road	Footway widening, no waiting restrictions extended to improve access and safety for pedestrians	

Proposed southern mobility/crossing improvements

High Street, Hanham	Lower Chapel Road	Continuous footway to improve safety for pedestrians	Google Maps
High Street, Hanham	Lower Hanham Road	Footway widening to improve pedestrian access Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Lower Hanham Road	Cul-de-sac	Continuous footway to improve safety for pedestrians	Google Maps
Chapel Road	Tudor Road	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Lower Hanham Road	Woodyleaze Drive	Footway widening to improve pedestrian access Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Lower Hanham Road	Mount Hill Road	Dropped kerbs, tactile paving and modifications to the traffic island to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Lower Hanham Road	Rose Court	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Hanham Road	Forest Road	Moving the kerbline and adding dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Hanham Road	No.'s 161 - 189	Footway Parking Ban to improve pedestrian access	Google Maps
Forest Road	Woodend	Dropped kerbs, tactile paving, tightened radii (which means giving more space to the footway and improving access for pedestrian/cyclists) to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Forest Road	Douglas Rd, Pillingers Rd	Dropped kerbs, tactile paving, tightened radii (Pillingers Rd) to improve safety for pedestrians and accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps
Forest Road	Trevethin Close	Dropped kerbs and tactile paving to improve accessibility for wheelchair users and the visually impaired	Google Maps

The costs and benefits of this proposal

Why has this project been prioritised and how does it fit with other local schemes?

The proposals are being developed by South Gloucestershire Council as part of a wider investment into active travel across the area. The active travel fund bid will support and enhance the wider regeneration of Kingswood, opening up cycling, walking and other active travel options and helping people get where they want to go.

How will the scheme benefit me?

Having a new walking and cycling route segregated from cars, vans and lorries would make it safer and more attractive for people to walk or cycle. By linking to schemes in Bristol, it will better connect Kingswood with the major employers and wider attractions Bristol has to offer.

New cycle lanes would not only enable more people to cycle but will aid in protecting them when they do by reducing road danger.

Promoting green and 'active' methods of transport will reduce car dependency. This has wide-ranging benefits including:

- cutting congestion and journey delays,
- reducing greenhouse gas and CO2 emissions,
- improving air quality and reducing associated health issues,
- promoting physical activity, and
- making our roads safer and more accessible for shorter journeys.

How much would this proposal cost?

Funding for this project will come from Active Travel England, meaning no money is diverted away from vital council services. Cost estimates will be developed as part of the design process.

What happens next?

Feedback from local people would be fed into the final designs for the scheme, which would be submitted to the funder for approval.

Sharing your views

How do I find out more about the scheme and share my views?

Please complete the survey form provided on the engagement website or if you have a question or would like to register to stay in touch, please email Consultation@southglos.gov.uk

How will my feedback be used?

By completing the survey, you can tell us if you want a new cycle or walking route, you can let us know if you think any aspects of the scheme could be improved, and you can let us know about other things we can do to encourage greater take-up of active travel and public transport in your area.