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Opening up Bradley Stoke to more active travel opportunities

We want to invest in local transport to make it easier and safer for people walking, cycling, wheeling, and travelling by bus from Bradley Stoke and the surrounding area towards Aztec West and Bristol.

We have already completed two phases of engagement into this scheme. Our initial consultation showed overall support for the scheme, with large numbers of people wanting to switch away from their cars for more journeys. We then, earlier this year, captured some initial feedback from local people on the designs for the first stretches of proposed improvements.

We are now ready to present the designs for the full project.

The proposals

We have sought funding from the West of England Combined Authority to be invested in improved facilities for cyclists, pedestrians and bus users. This is part of a strategy to make it easier, safer and more pleasant to use active and sustainable travel options and therefore make it more feasible for people to switch away from their cars (especially for short journeys).

Improvements have been prioritised across South Gloucestershire, Bristol and the wider West of England which have the greatest potential impact to deliver benefits for all.

What is proposed as part of this scheme?

The improvements proposed here are part of a wider scheme linking up Bradley Stoke with the Aztec West industrial area, with a further stretch following the A38 north up to Thornbury and linking up surrounding villages via quiet roads.

There is already a well-used shared use path for pedestrians and cyclists on Bradley Stoke Way; the proposals involve creating a separate cycle lane to make it safer for pedestrians and cyclists. The schemes would link up with other existing and proposed tracks and paths to create an integrated network, opening up more and more places to active travel options.

Bus stop improvements are planned across both schemes and there is also a proposal for a new bus priority lane to minimise delays for buses.

What is proposed for Bradley Stoke Way?

- A new, separate two-way cycleway to free up more space for pedestrians and make it safer for everyone.
- Additional pedestrian crossing points along Bradley Stoke Way to make it easier for pedestrians and wheelchair users to get where they need to go.
- Revised speed limits to make getting around safer for everyone
- Improvements to bus stops along the route to make traveling by bus a more pleasant experience – especially when it is raining! All stops will be upgraded to have shelters and better crossings to improve access. Accessibility will be improved by raising kerb heights to reduce the step to the bus.

Your concerns

We recognise there were concerns raised in our previous consultation about the design of the scheme, particularly from people who live directly on the route, worried about potential disruption.

These concerns are understandable, and the council is doing all it can to minimise and mitigate impact so that we can deliver the wider benefits, which so many local people have told us they want.

Previous opposition to the scheme has primarily focused on how this scheme would be paid for and whether this money could be spent on other things.

Concern: I want my council tax money to be spent on other things.
Response: No council tax money is being spent on this scheme. Funding comes from Central Government on the pre-condition that money **must be spent on measures to encourage cycling and active travel.**

If we do not proceed with this scheme, money would be returned to Central Government so it could be spent on improvements elsewhere.

Concern: There aren't enough pedestrians/cyclists to warrant this investment
Response: There is already a well-used shared use path for pedestrians and cyclists on Bradley Stoke Way; the proposals involve creating a separate cycle lane to improve safety.

Safety concerns are often one of the main barriers to active travel and from our initial engagement work, we believe there are many more people who would travel more actively if these improvements went ahead.

The scheme design

We have produced visuals and maps to show the designs and how the scheme will work in greater detail.