

Rugby Road cycle route, Binley Woods

Frequently Asked Questions

Section 1: About this public engagement

1a. Why are you undertaking public engagement?

Warwickshire County Council is undertaking public engagement on proposals for the Rugby Road footway and cycleway improvement scheme in Binley Woods to provide an opportunity for the local community, businesses and other stakeholders to feedback and comment on the proposals.

1b. What are the roles of the different organisations?

Warwickshire County Council is promoting the proposed scheme. National Highways and Octavius Infrastructure Limited are working closely with them to build the proposed improvements.

Warwickshire County Council is the local highway authority with responsibility for maintaining local roads such as the A428 Rugby Road, including verges, footways, cycle tracks, signs and street lighting. Warwickshire County Council is leading on formal consultation on this project and the technical review of designs. The County Council will take on the long-term responsibility for maintenance of the proposed cycle route.

National Highways is responsible for strategic roads including the A46 and is providing funding towards the design and delivery of this project. This work will build on the recent works completed at Binley Junction and provide connections towards Coventry's cycling network, including the new Binley Cycleway.

Octavius Infrastructure Limited is designing and constructing the scheme on behalf of Warwickshire County Council.

1c. Where can I find out more about the scheme proposals?

Information about the scheme is available online at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycling/cycle-route-schemes-consultation/9> where you will also find a link to the online survey.

You can also go directly to the survey by clicking [here](#).

A drop-in public information event is being held where you can find out more about the scheme proposals and speak to the project team.

Date	Times	Location
Wednesday 15 May 24	2pm-4pm	Broadstreet Rugby Football Club The Ivor Preece Centre 105 Rugby Road Coventry
	4.30pm-6.30pm	Warwickshire CV3 2AY W3W: ///alive.privately.update

1d. How can I respond?

Warwickshire County Council is inviting people to provide their feedback via the online survey at <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/transport-planning/a428-rugby-road-binley-woods/>.

Alternatively, feedback can be provided in writing via email to tpu@warwickshire.gov.uk or by writing to: Alison Kennedy, Communities Directorate, Shire Hall Post Room, Northgate Street, Warwick, CV34 4SP.

The closing date for comments is 28 May 2024.

1e. What will happen with my feedback?

All feedback must be submitted by 28 May 2024. After this date, all the feedback received will be reviewed and used to refine the scheme plans and supporting information where appropriate.

Warwickshire County Council may not be able to respond to comments and feedback on an individual basis but your feedback to the engagement is valued and will be considered as part of the development of the scheme.

Data protection – please read [here](#) for further information on customer privacy at Warwickshire County Council.

Section 2: Scheme development and delivery.

2a. Why do we need this scheme?

The aims and objectives of the scheme are outlined below:

- **Integration:** The footway and cycleway improvements will improve active travel connectivity and greater consistency with existing facilities, including the shared use path and crossing at the A46 and Binley Cycleway in Coventry.

- **Walking, wheeling and cycling:** the existing footway will be enhanced for the use by people on foot and on cycles by providing additional widths and designating the footway for shared use.
- **Safer and more accessible roads for all:** linking other shared use routes to the network and delivering a better experience as the current facility is narrow next to a busy road. The proposed road hump at Greens Home & Garden will help to reduce speeds of motor vehicles and provide greater priority for people on foot and cycle.
- **Communities:** This small-scale project will support people to walk, wheel and cycle which can benefit their health and wellbeing and potentially reduce congestion on the roads and at the Binley Junction.

The cycling strategy also recognises that providing more attractive safe, accessible and integrated cycling facilities will encourage cycling participation and remove some local motor vehicle journeys from the strategic network. Improving cycling provision on the A428 may reduce local traffic through the Binley junction, improving junction operation and providing greater sustainability and reduced environmental impacts. The current footway falls below guidelines for the provision of a shared footway/cycleway and does not provide good access for disabled users or parents/guardians with pushchairs.

2b. Does the cost of the scheme represent value for money?

An economics and feasibility study identified the costs, benefits and need for the scheme – identifying the preferred option, using the Department for Transport (DfT)/National Highways Value for Money Framework and Transport Analysis Guidance. A value for money statement will be provided by National Highways economics team before final funding is granted.

2c. Is the scheme definitely going ahead?

Warwickshire County Council is progressing development of the scheme as part of its commitment to improving the local transport network, however delivery is not yet confirmed.

2d. When will construction start and how long will it take to build?

We are hoping for a start date of August 2024, but this is subject to finalising the design and securing the required funding and permissions. We anticipate construction taking approximately 3 months.

Section 3: Information about the scheme.

3a. Where is the scheme located?

The scheme is located on the A428 Rugby Road between the Greens Home and Gardens access and Oakdale Road.

3b. What does the scheme involve?

The proposed scheme involves the widening of the existing footway into a shared footway/ cycle track along Rugby Road between A46/A428 junction and Oakdale Road. This will be segregated from motor vehicles. The proposed footway extension is approximately 250m in length and 2m to 3m wide.

We are also proposing a road hump across the access to Greens Home & Garden.

3c. How long will construction take and how much disruption will it cause?

We expect the scheme to take about 3 months to construct and every effort will be made to minimise impacts on road users and nearby residents and businesses during this time.

3d. How will the County Council acquire the land it needs for the scheme?

This will be achieved by reclaiming land within the existing legal highway boundary. It will involve the removal of some areas of grass verges and some vegetation. This will be subject to a detailed design process.

Section 4: Managing the environment.

4a. What is the environmental impact of the scheme?

Best practice will be used during construction to manage and mitigate any negative impacts on noise, dust, vibration, light and air quality.

In areas of new construction and excavation where tree roots are likely, the design has considered this and included tree root protection measures. The measures and materials used will limit disturbance and damage that such construction activities could have on the tree and similarly help protect the newly constructed route from tree route damage. Excavation in these areas will be carefully considered and managed.

This project may involve the removal of small areas of grass verges adjacent to the carriageway and small trees. However, new verges will be created at the back of the footway, and there is scope for new tree planting if desired.

Section 5: Next steps

5a. How will residents and businesses be kept informed on the progress of the scheme?

Updates on progress with the project will be provided in letters to adjacent residents and on the following website: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycling/cycle-route-schemes-consultation/9>

5b. What other plans are there for walking and cycling improvements in Warwickshire and Coventry?

Warwickshire County Council has recently set out its future plans for walking and cycling – please see the Warwickshire Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/cycling-warwickshire/developing-warwickshires-cycle-network/3>.

Coventry City Council is working on extensions to the Binley Cycleway and other projects – for more details, please visit <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/7009/binley-cycleway-plans>