

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SECTIONS 65 & 66 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

PROPOSED CONVERSION OF FOOTWAYS TO SHARED USE FOOTWAYS / CYCLE TRACKS AT KENILWORTH ROAD, NORTHUMBERLAND ROAD, CLOISTER CROFTS & WOODCOTE ROAD, LEAMINGTON SPA

EXTENSION OF MANDATORY ON CARRIAGEWAY CYCLE LANE, CLARENDON AVENUE, LEAMINGTON SPA

1. STATEMENT OF REASONS

- 1.1 Warwickshire County Council is proposing, pursuant to sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980, to convert parts of existing footways on Kenilworth Road, Northumberland Road, Cloister Crofts and Woodcote Road, Leamington Spa (as described with approximate measurements in the Schedule 1 below) into shared use footways/cycle tracks for use by pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with the proposed signage and markings, and extend the mandatory on carriageway cycle lane on Clarendon Avenue (as described with approximate measurements in the Schedule 2 below).
- 1.2 The shared use footway/cycle track is being introduced on sections of the A452 Kenilworth Road to support access onto a new cycle route between Leamington town centre and north Leamington, which is the first phase of a longer route between Leamington and Kenilworth (K2L).
- 1.3 These sections are in addition to those sections advertised in Autumn 2022 as part of the original proposals for the cycle route along the eastern side of the A452 Kenilworth Road in Leamington Spa. During local engagement, there were a number of requests for greater priority for pedestrians and cyclists at side roads and better access to the cycle route from the western side of Kenilworth Road.
- 1.4 This has led to modifications of the design of the original scheme in order to:
 - Provide a priority crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Cloister Crofts. As this is set back from the junction with the A452 Kenilworth Road, it involves conversion to shared use footways / cycle tracks of existing footways on both sides of Cloisters Croft between Kenilworth Road and the crossing point, as described in the Schedule below.
 - Provide a better connection for cyclists to Woodcote Road. This involves conversion to shared use footways / cycle tracks of existing footways on the western side of Kenilworth Road between the signal-controlled crossing north of Woodcote Road and the junction of Woodcote Road and Kenilworth Road, as described in the Schedule below.
 - Provide a better connection for cyclists to Northumberland Road. The scheme will involve conversion to shared use footways / cycle tracks of existing footways on the western side of Kenilworth Road between a new crossing refuge south of Northumberland Road and the junction of Northumberland Road and Kenilworth Road, as described in the Schedule below.
- 1.5 The extension of the mandatory cycle lane will provide a continuous link along Clarendon Avenue between the Parade and Tavistock Street, enabling a safer connection between Leamington Town Centre and a new crossing refuge on Clarendon Avenue.

- 1.6 These modifications are detailed on drawing 9.2/A452/069/009E Scheme Overview Plan, A452 - Kenilworth Road.

SCHEDULE 1

(footways to be converted to shared use cycle track)

Drawing 9.2/A452/069/009E to be included in Schedule and attached to the Order

A452 Kenilworth Road (western side)

- (i) At Northumberland Road junction, 30 metres extending south
- (ii) At Woodcote Road junction, 60 metres extending north

Northumberland Road (southern side)

- (i) At Kenilworth Road junction, 15 metres extending west

Northumberland Road (northern side)

- (i) At Kenilworth Road junction, 15 metres extending west

Cloister Crofts (northern side)

- (i) At Kenilworth Road junction, 10 metres extending east

Cloister Crofts (southern side)

- (i) At Kenilworth Road junction, 10 metres extending east

Woodcote Road (northern side)

- (i) At Kenilworth Road junction, 20 metres extending west

SCHEDULE 2

(extension of mandatory on carriageway cycle lane)

Drawing 9.2/A452/069/009E to be included in Schedule

Clarendon Avenue, Leamington Spa

The length of carriageway on the South side of Clarendon Avenue, commencing approximately 36 metres west of its junction with the Parade for a distance of approximately 28 metres with a width of 2.0 metres in a westerly direction towards the junction with Tavistock Street.