

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
SECTIONS 65 & 66 HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

**PROPOSED CONVERSION OF FOOTWAY TO SHARED USE FOOTWAY/CYCLE
TRACK ON A3400 BIRMINGHAM ROAD, STRATFORD UPON AVON**

1. STATEMENT OF REASONS

Warwickshire County Council proposes to exercise its powers under sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980 to convert sections of existing footway into a shared use footway / cycle track facility on the lengths of road as described in the Schedule below.

The purpose of these proposals is to:

- *improve highway safety for all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists.*
- *provide safer and more convenient facilities for cyclists and to improve connectivity between existing and proposed cycling routes.*
- *encourage active travel, including walking and cycling, as sustainable alternatives to the use of private motor vehicles.*
- *improve access to local facilities.*
- *support the efficient and safe movement of traffic on the highway network.*
- *enhance the local environment and contribute to the creation of safer and more attractive streets.*

This statement has been prepared in support of the proposed exercise of powers under the Highways Act 1980.

2. BACKGROUND

The A3400 Birmingham Road is a key route linking the A46 northern bypass with Stratford-upon-Avon town centre and serves as an important gateway to the town. It also provides access to major retail destinations serving both the town and surrounding rural area. The proposed improvements will help the corridor accommodate future growth and travel demand.

As part of the approved A3400 Birmingham Road Active Travel Route (Phase 2), it is proposed sections of the existing footway will be converted to shared-use footway/cycle track, improving connectivity between Stratford-upon-Avon town centre and the Bishopton Island development and encouraging sustainable travel.

3. SCHEDULE

Road	Extents
A3400 Birmingham Road (northeast side)	From a point approximately 222m northwest of the centre line of Buckingham Way, south eastwards for approximately 447m.
A3400 Birmingham Road (Southwest side)	From a point approximately 105m northwest of the centre line of Worths Way, south eastwards for approximately 221m.

4. PLANS

PTRO26 033

Ends.