



Artist's impression of plans, as of November 2020

Dear resident / business of Wimborne and Colehill

We are making Leigh Road and Wimborne Road West a cleaner, greener, healthier place to live, work and visit. This is one of the first areas in south east Dorset to benefit from a £100m+ sustainable transport investment secured by Dorset Council and BCP Council through the government's Transforming Cities Fund (TCF).

The average traffic flow in 2019 down these roads was 12,600 cars a day, making it one of the busiest routes in the local area.

We are seeking to reduce local carbon emissions and make the area safer for local people and visitors. The scheme aims to reduce traffic by providing safe alternatives to the car and improve the user experience for everyone.

We want to encourage uptake of green modes of transport so people have the chance to enhance their wellbeing by taking a safe cycle or walking route as part of their day.

About the improvements

We are working on a series of walking and cycling improvements along Leigh Road and Wimborne Road West from January 2021 onwards. We anticipate these works will complete in Autumn 2021. New crossings and segregated cycleways will improve the local area for walkers, cyclists and other users of the footways.

We are seeking to reduce the traffic speed on the route from 40mph to 30mph to enhance safety for users of the roads and footways.

Consultation with the local community took place in July 2019, when we asked a series of questions about how people felt about using the roads for their day-to-day activities. *'62% of people didn't feel safe walking along Leigh Road. 72% of people agreed that improving walking and cycleways would make the area a lot safer and more inviting to use'.**

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*based on Sustrans consultation 2019.



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Protecting and enhancing the environment

Cycling

The new protected space for cycling will provide a sustainable transport link between residential areas, employment hubs, leisure facilities and schools between Wimborne and Ferndown. It will connect two existing sections of the National Cycle Network with the cycleways providing a continuous, largely traffic-free route between Poole, Ringwood and beyond towards the New Forest.

Walking, mobility scooters and wheelchair users

New crossings on Leigh Road - one is west of Old Ham Lane and the other west of Hayes Lane - will enable both pedestrians and cyclists to cross the road safely. These innovative crossings will be the first of their type in Dorset.

Accessing Leigh Road and Wimborne Road

Driving

Both Leigh Road and Wimborne Road West will remain open to traffic in both directions. We are also seeking to reduce the speed of the road from 40mph to 30mph to enhance road user safety.

Public transport

We have sought to minimise the impact of these works on local bus services. There may be a few bus stops that will be relocated, although no stops will move significantly from their current location. To stay up-to-date about any impacted services, please visit: www.travelinesw.com.

How are you protecting our natural environment?

The design of the scheme has taken into account the local natural environment. Additional green space and planting will be introduced including new trees.

In building the cycleway, some of the existing verge currently designated as Common Land will go through a process of de-registration. A more valuable area of open space at BytheWay Field will be designated as Common Land in place of the existing highway verge.

Managing and minimising disruption

Construction of the project will be phased in sections up to 400m long at a time to help minimise disruption. The first element, between the Canford Bottom roundabout and junction with Hayes Lane, is due to start in January 2021.

Access for residents and businesses will be maintained as far as possible, although some temporary changes, such as short-term lane closures, will be needed while the improvements are made. We will work to minimise these closures. Please allow more time for your journeys through the area and for updates check: dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/leigh-road-scheme.

Advice for businesses

If you own or manage a business in the area, some additional delays along Leigh Road/Wimborne Road West may affect your day-to-day operations while the works are completed. Please start working with your customers and suppliers to plan ahead. For example, it may be possible to reschedule regular deliveries or collections to quieter times, or use alternative routes to avoid delays.



Yours faithfully

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on behalf of Dorset Council.**

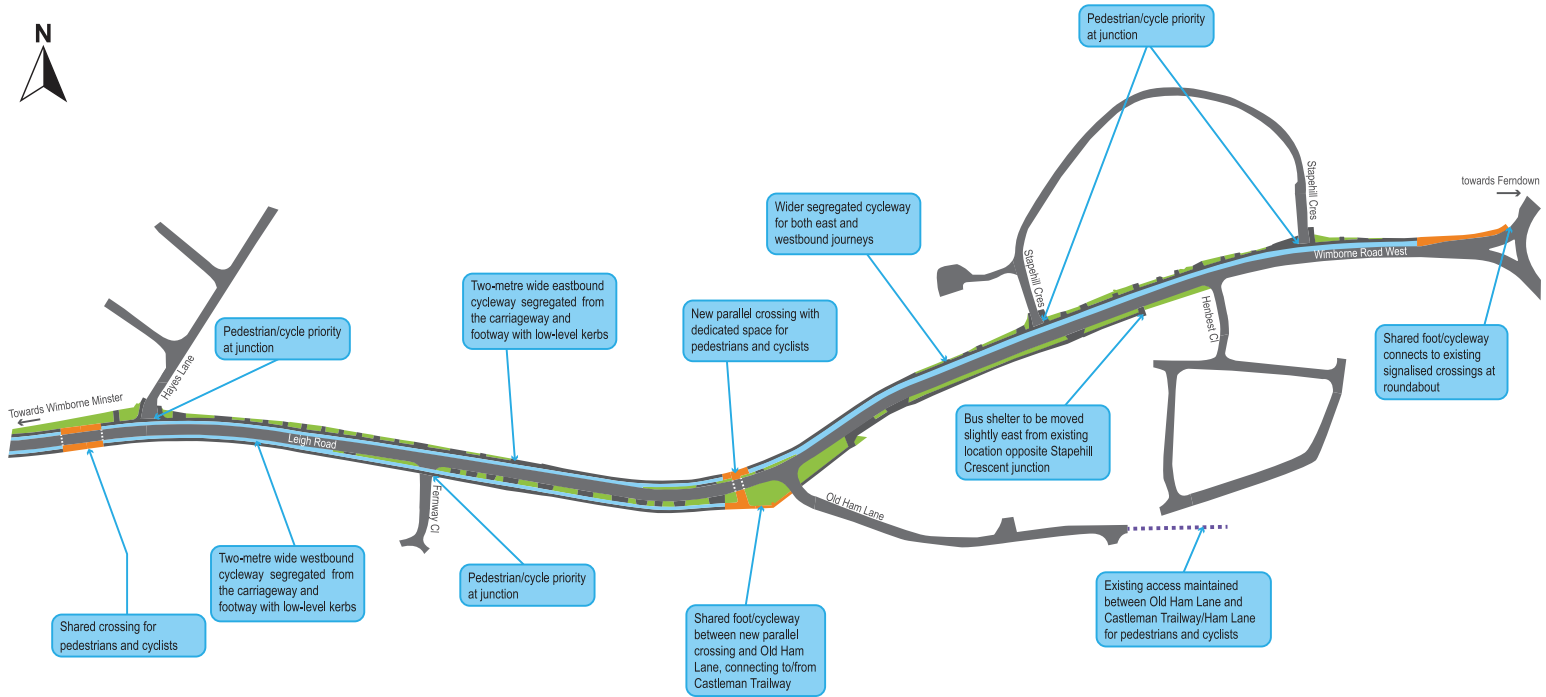
How can I find out more information?






For further information about the improvements along Leigh Road and Wimborne Road West go to dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/leigh-road-scheme

This project is part of the Transforming Travel initiative promoting changes in the way people travel in the area. To find out more go to transformingtravel.info

If you have any further questions about the plans, please get in touch by emailing transformingtravel@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

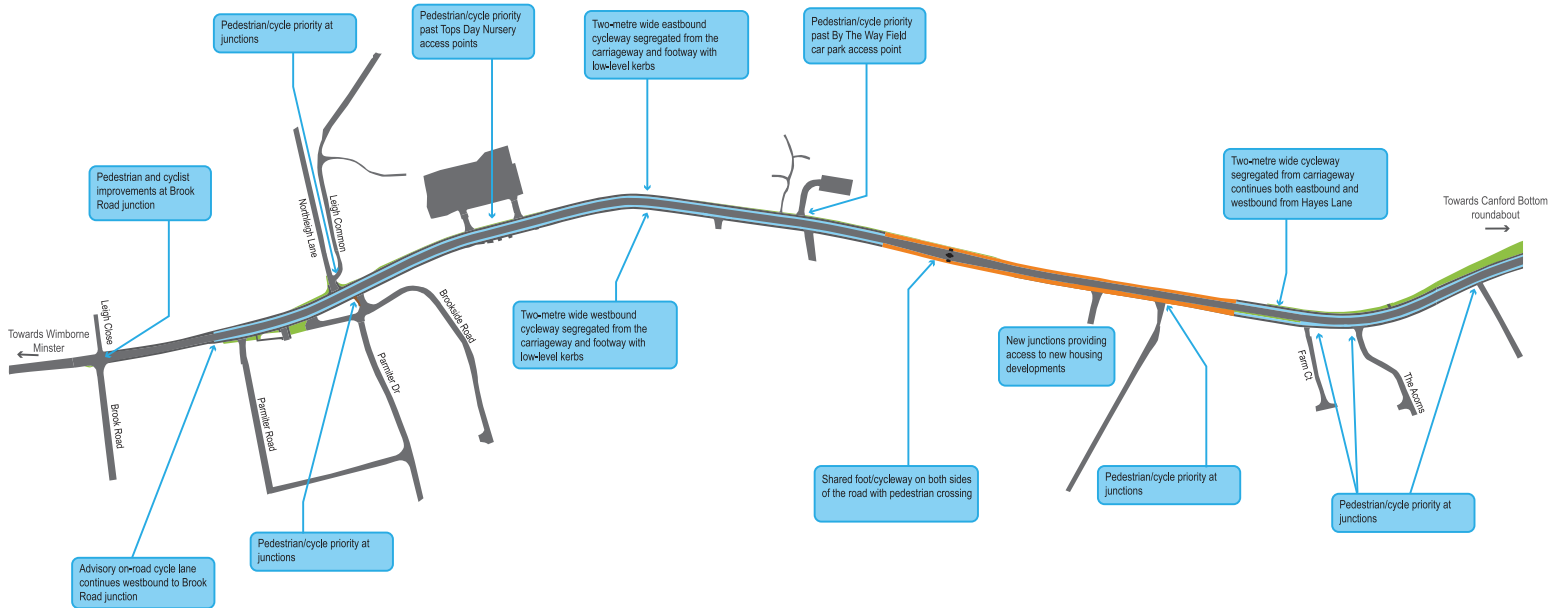
Leigh Road Improvements: Canford Bottom roundabout to Hayes Lane



Key	
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	Proposed segregated cycleway
	Proposed shared-use path
	Carriageway



Leigh Road Improvements: Hayes Lane to Brook Road junction



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	Proposed shared-use path
	Carriageway

