

# Williams Avenue junction improvements

## What is happening?

Dorset Council is upgrading both ends of Williams Avenue to improve safety and accessibility, creating:

- better, easier crossings and wider footways
- shared footways and cycleways
- changed traffic lanes at the junctions
- modern, more responsive traffic lights
- resurfaced roads

## Why now?

- the junctions don't meet modern standards for walking, wheeling and cycling
- the traffic signals need urgent replacement
- government funding is supporting the signal upgrades

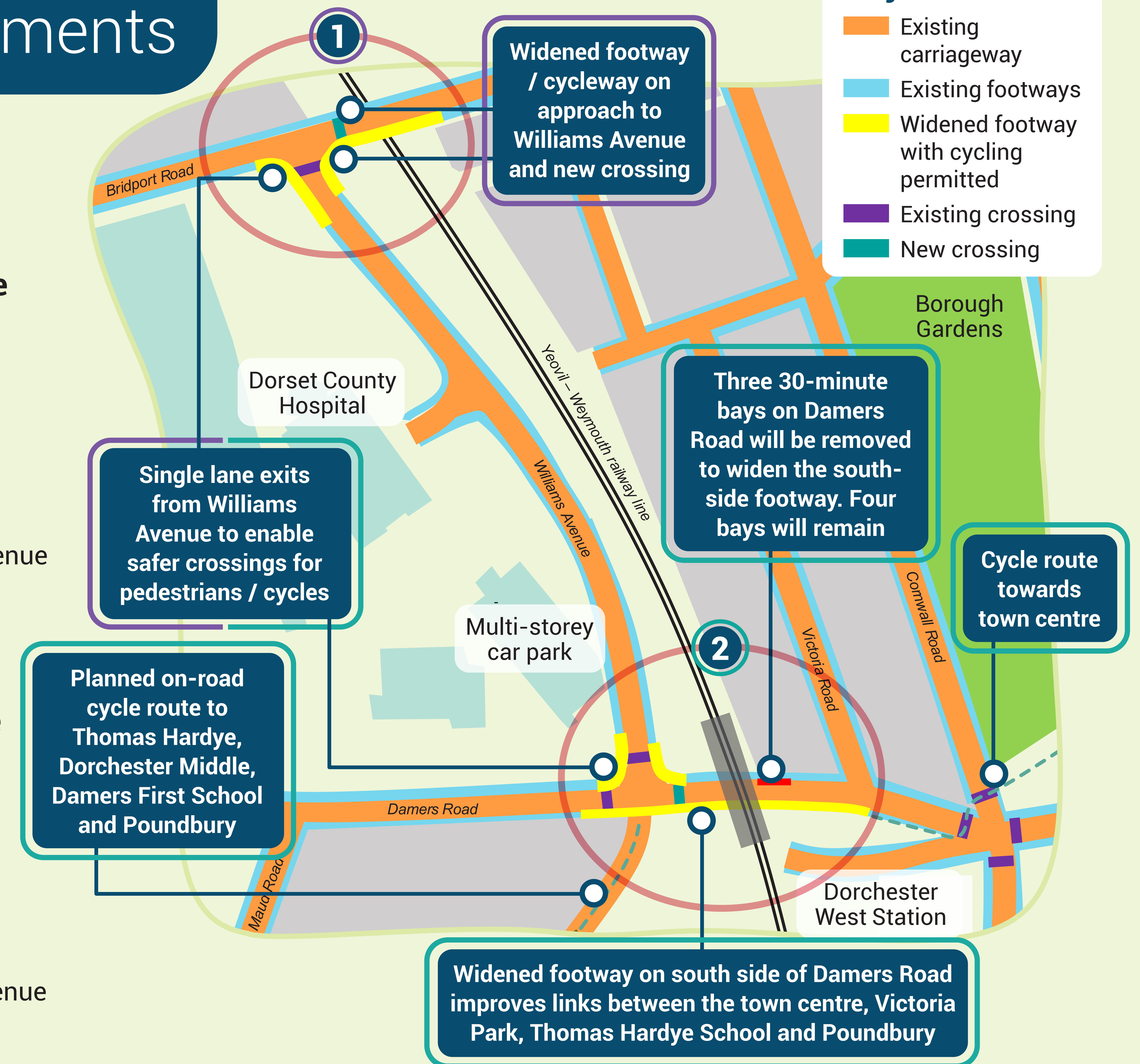
## Timeline

### 1 Bridport Road / Williams Avenue September to December 2025

- upgraded traffic lights
- new pedestrian crossing
- removal of the left-turn lane
- uphill cycle lane
- single lane exit from Williams Avenue
- road resurfacing

### 2 Damers Road / Williams Avenue January to April 2026

- upgraded traffic lights
- new crossing east of junction
- widened footway/cycleway
- uphill cycle lane
- single lane exit from Williams Avenue
- road resurfacing



## Hospital access

The works are occurring near the public entrance to Dorset County Hospital's Emergency Department and other critical care functions.

If travelling by car in the area please seek alternative routes, or travel by other means to minimise impact on emergency access to the hospital.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and co-operation while we work to improve Dorchester's road network.

Please find more information about the scheme by visiting [dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/williams-avenue](https://dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/williams-avenue)

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