

Phase 2 - Station Road, Yate

Frequently Asked Questions - COVID-19 response to recovery

1. What are you doing in Station Road, Yate?

In August we installed mandatory cycle lanes on both sides of Station Road from Culvert Avenue (Badminton Road roundabout) to the B&Q roundabout. This created safe space for cyclists to encourage them to use the road instead of the pavement. Double yellow lines were installed to prevent parked cars blocking the new cycle lanes.

Phase 2 proposes to extend the cycle lanes around the centre of Yate to connect to other routes in the area. The eastbound cycle lane will continue on Station Road from the B&Q 'lozenge' roundabout to the Goose Green Way/Link Road roundabout. The westbound lane will link to Station Road at the B&Q 'lozenge' roundabout from Scott Way/Link Road roundabout along Kennedy Way (see draft plan below).

A third phase will also be proposed to upgrade the advisory cycle lane between the Nibley Lane junction on A432 Badminton Road to Coalpit Heath.

2. Why are you putting in the cycle lanes?

The government announced the council's network management duty and guidance in May 2020 to speed up improvements to cycling networks with the aim of encouraging use of active travel, helping people become fitter and healthier and reducing emissions and air pollution.

The new cycle lanes will make travelling on the road safer for cyclists, particularly at the junctions and traffic lights. They will reduce the number of cyclists using the pavement, also making a safer environment for pedestrians and space where it is easier to maintain social distancing.

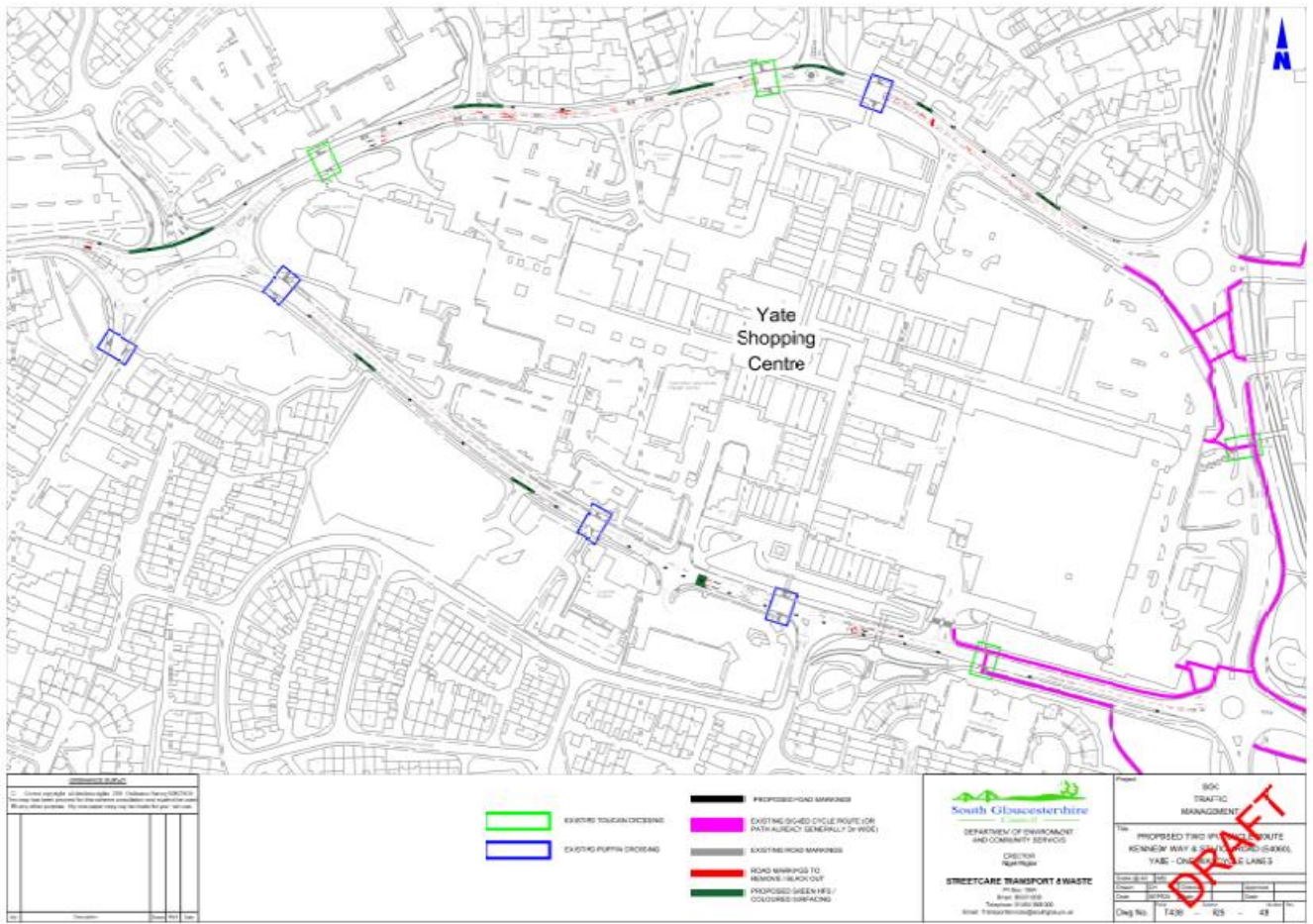


Figure 1 Station Road, Yate - Phase 2 proposed plan

3. Why aren't you joining the cycle lanes together on Link Road (B4059)?

We are not able to join the cycle lanes on Link Road between the roundabouts as part of Phase 2. This would require significant roadworks and changes which may be looked at later as part of another project.

4. Are you consulting people before implementing this scheme?

Yes. The scheme is under consultation until Sunday 22 November 2020. You can take part at www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation.

5. Why didn't you consult before Phase 1 of the scheme?

The previous scheme was implemented under an Experimental Traffic Order, following guidance from the government to improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians as soon as Covid-19 restrictions eased. The Experimental Traffic Order means we can observe the scheme in action before a decision on making the trial restrictions permanent is made. A consultation is taking place while the scheme is active and you can take part at www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation.

6. Who is paying for these measures?

This scheme is being carried out using funding announced by the governments Transport Secretary on 9 May 2020 at easing of the first lockdown. The funding is reserved for

installing cycle lanes and improving active travel and cannot be used for other works such as resurfacing or fixing potholes.

7. How will cyclists be separated from vehicles?

The cycle lanes will be separated from the carriageway using raised kerbs known as orcas and white lines. This will help keep cyclists safe and make it easier for pedestrians to maintain social distancing.



8. What else are you doing to encourage people to cycle?

We offer free loan bikes to anyone who lives and works in South Gloucestershire for up to 4 weeks. More information about this and other schemes is available at www.betterbybike.info/. A further phase to the Station Road scheme will link it to the other cycle lanes and routes in the area.

9. Can I use my e-scooter in the cycle lanes?

E-scooters under the government trial scheme will be allowed to use in cycle lanes. E-scooters are not currently legal to use on the highway, however those under the government trial scheme will be permitted on cycle lanes and tracks.

10. Are there any plans for more cycle routes in Yate?

It is our intention to carry out a Phase 3 part of the scheme to upgrade the existing cycle lane between the Nibley Lane junction on Badminton Road to Coalpit Heath to a mandatory lane. We welcome any useful suggestions from the public for improvements and interim measures we can introduce to easily help people maintain social distancing. Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/local-transport-priority-list for more information. You can contact us by email PlaceFeedback@southglos.gov.uk or call 01454 868000.

11. How many more schemes like this will there be and where?

This scheme is one of many we are delivering to support businesses, allow people the space to travel safely and be more active, reduce vehicle emissions as well as creating a more attractive, safe environment for those who walk and cycle as business communities restart. Further details of other schemes will be announced as they are confirmed.

12. Where can I find out more about this scheme?

Please visit www.southglos.gov.uk/making-public-places-safer for more information about the schemes we are introducing to help keep people safe in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

13. Have you carried out an assessment of how this scheme may affect different groups of people?

We have carried out an Equalities Impact Assessment and Analysis (EqIAA) for the scheme to assess any potential risk to different groups of people. You can find out more about this process at <https://www.southglos.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/equal-opportunities-information/equality-impact-assessment-and-analysis/>.

14. How do I have my say?

A public consultation is underway and we would like to hear your feedback about the scheme. You can comment on the scheme by searching for Station Road Cycle Lanes - Phase 2 Consultation on our consultation webpage www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation.

15. I want to see improvements in my area, how do I suggest a scheme?

We have adapted our Local Transport Priority List (Assess and Decide) process for considering requests from residents. We welcome any useful suggestions from the public. If there are any interim measures we can introduce to easily help people maintain social distancing we will put these in place as soon as possible. Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/local-transport-priority-list.