



## **Emerald Way walking and cycling route improvements scheme**

**Open date:** 16 Feb 2022

**Close date:** 9 March 2022

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### **Overview**

**We are proposing some changes to the Emerald Way cycle route along Rabans Lane, through Fairford Leys and into the Town Centre.**

We want to encourage walking and cycling for sustainable travel between Waddesdon and Aylesbury by upgrading the existing Emerald Way cycle route along Rabans Lane, through Fairford Leys and into Aylesbury Town Centre.

To achieve these aims, we are proposing some changes and have been working on early designs. We would like to hear your views on our plans.

### **Background**

The aims of this project are to:

- increase walking and cycling on the Emerald Way between Waddesdon and Aylesbury (connecting with Berryfields and Aylesbury Vale Parkway Railway Station)
- improve public health, reduce congestion, and provide air quality benefits associated with modal shift towards active travel.

The proposed changes to the Emerald Way cycle route are in-line with the vision of a Buckinghamshire Greenway running north to south right across the county from the Brackley borders to the Colne Valley.

Location of the proposal on Google Maps: [Emerald Way area](#)

The 'Buckinghamshire Greenway' is the flagship walking and cycling route stretching from Brackley to the Colne Valley, forming the north-south spine of Buckinghamshire's walking and cycling network that will connect with local active travel networks and links.

We have already extended the Waddesdon Greenway by building a walking and cycling route which connects the Roman Park in Berryfields with Gogh Road in Haydon Hill. The aspiration was always to extend the cycle route to Aylesbury Town Centre, and we are proposing to do this by making some changes to the existing Emerald Way cycle route to enhance its profile and greatly increase its popular use. This is also more in keeping with Aylesbury Garden Town aspirations.

We have been awarded £1.748 million from the Department for Transport's Active Travel Fund towards the proposed Emerald Way changes.

### **The proposals**

We are proposing the following changes to Emerald Way to encourage walking and cycling in the area:

- Routing to include quieter roads
- Planting of additional trees and shrubs to create a welcoming and greener route
- Some footway widening
- Improved wayfinding signage as well as additional lining
- In some areas, works such as dropped kerbs will be required as well as improved and additional crossings
- A more attractive, traffic-free option to Fowler Road by routing through Somerville Park.

### **Description of proposals**

New shared use footway and cycleway along Rabans Lane – connecting to existing shared use footway and cycleway along Rabans Lane

- Existing footway to be resurfaced and widened to provide 3-metre-wide shared use footway and cycleway
- Proposed raised Tiger / Parallel crossing across Rabans Lane

On-carriageway cycle route (pedestrians on footways) from Rabans Lane to Somerville Way

- Proposed on-carriageway cycle route on Rabans Lane, Chelsea Road, Hampstead Close, Spruce Road, Swallow Lane, Hampden Square, Wedgewood Street, Queensgate, Knightsbridge Place, Long Leys, Mill Meadow, Sandhill Way
- Proposed crossing across bridge, between Spruce Road and Swallow Lane, converted to shared use footway and cycleway.
- Traffic free section of cycle route between Swallow Lane and Hampden Square
- Existing footway, between Sandhill Way and Fowler Road, converted to shared use footway and cycleway

New shared use footway and cycleway along Somerville Way

- Existing footway to be resurfaced and widened to provide shared use footway and cycleway
- Proposed raised Tiger / Parallel crossing across Fowler Road
- Proposed raised Tiger / Parallel crossing across Fowler Road, at Bracken Way junction

On-carriageway cycle route (pedestrians on footways) on Bracken Way – connecting to existing shared use footway and cycleway route to Aylesbury town centre

### **Installation of Tiger crossings and road humps**

The proposal includes the installation of three Tiger crossings and road humps. A Tiger crossing, otherwise known as a Parallel crossing, is a combined pedestrian and cycle crossing.

The location of each Tiger crossing and road hump are as follows:

#### **1. Rabans Lane**

The raised crossings will be located at a distance of 35 metres south-west of the Brunel Road junction with Rabans Lane.

#### **2. Fowler Road**

The raised crossing will be located at a distance of 72 metres south of the St Anne's Road junction with Fowler Road.

#### **3. Fowler Road, Bracken Way junction**

The raised crossings will be located at a distance of 5 metres south of the Bracken Way junction with Fowler Road.

Installing a Tiger crossing and road hump requires statutory consultation.  
**Therefore, this aspect of the proposal is separate to this consultation.**

**Any objections and representations to the proposal for Tiger crossings and road humps, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be sent in writing to:**

Jenny Caprio  
Head of Legal Services  
Buckinghamshire Council  
Walton Street Offices  
Walton Street  
Aylesbury  
HP20 1UA

Objections and representations **must be sent by 9 March 2022** with reference **CF-005266** or sent by email to [hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

### **Related documents**

The following document is available to view on the Emerald Way walking and cycling route improvements project consultation page at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/highway-projects/emerald-way>

- Emerald Way drawings

Further details about the project are available on the Emerald Way improvements website: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/emeraldway>

### **How to have your say**

Please submit your feedback in one of the following ways:

- complete and return the printed feedback form below and email it to [hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk), Subject: **Emerald Way walking and cycle improvements scheme** or post it to Tayo Akinyosade, Buckinghamshire Council, 7th Floor, County Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UY

- complete the online feedback form at <https://yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com/highway-projects/emerald-way>
- email us at [hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk)
- write to us at Highways Infrastructure Projects Team, Emerald Way Improvements, Buckinghamshire Council, Floor 7, Walton Street Offices, Walton Street, Aylesbury, HP20 1UY

If you have any questions about this consultation, please phone us on 0300 131 6000 or email us at [hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:hitmailbox@buckinghamshire.gov.uk).

**Please give us your views by midnight on Wednesday 9 March 2022.**

### **Receive project updates**

If you would like to receive future updates about the Emerald Way Improvements project, please sign up to our email bulletins via <http://eepurl.com/dpCaz9>.

This is the main way we will keep in touch with you as the project progresses.

### **What happens next**

We will consider all the feedback we receive and review our proposals. Where possible, we may amend our designs as a result of your feedback. The Head of Highways Infrastructure Projects and the Cabinet Member for Transportation will then decide on the final scheme proposal.

We will update consultees directly about the decision if they have provided their contact details. We will also publish an update on this webpage.

### **Estimated timescale of the project**

Depending on the outcome of the consultation, we anticipate construction works will begin during March 2022.

- March 2022 – A Leader decision (in consultation with the Cabinet Member) and commence Phase 1 enabling works and tree and shrub planting
- April 2022 – Completion of detailed design

- May – June 2022 – Completion of Phase 2 improvements including shared cycleways signing and lining
- Beyond June 2022 – Implement Phase 3 improvements including new cycle and pedestrian crossings

## **Privacy**

We will use the information you provide here only for the purpose of this consultation. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. Please read our [Privacy Policy](#) for more information.

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on [dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk](mailto:dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk). Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

## Consultation feedback form

We are proposing the following changes to Emerald Way to encourage walking and cycling in the area:

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**1. Overall, to what extent do you support or oppose the proposed changes to Emerald Way?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose
- I don't know

**2. Please tell us the reasons for your previous answer:**

**3. If these scheme proposals were made, would you be more or less likely to cycle or walk in the locations of the proposed Emerald Way route?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- I don't cycle or walk in the locations of the proposals
- More likely
- Neither more likely or less likely
- Less likely
- I don't know

**4. If you have any other comments about the proposed changes to the Emerald Way cycle and walking route, please tell us here:**

**About you**

**5. When travelling in and around the locations of the proposed Emerald Way cycle and walking route, what is your main method of transportation?**

Please tick (✓) one option

- I don't travel in area
- Walk
- Cycle
- Car, van, or other type of motor vehicle
- Bus
- Other (please provide details below):

## 6. What is your postcode?

We want to understand the views of people living in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.

## About the consultation

### 7. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- A leaflet or letter to my home
- Buckinghamshire Council website
- Local newspaper or magazine
- Social media e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor
- Word of mouth
- Notice on site
- Parish / Town Council
- Your Voice Bucks website
- Buckinghamshire Council staff
- Local councillor
- Local Community Board
- Emerald Way email bulletin
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below)

### 8. If you would like to receive email updates about the Emerald Way improvements project, please provide your email address:

Our e-mail bulletins are the main way we keep in touch with people about progress with the project.

By providing us with your email address, you are consenting to us contacting you about the Emerald Way improvements project only.

## End of feedback form

**Thank you for completing the feedback form.**

Please return your completed feedback form by **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

You can:

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