

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Buckingham Railway Walk – Signal Controlled Toucan Crossings & Shared Use Path Improvements

Buckinghamshire Council are proposing to improve the Buckingham Railway Walk for walking, wheeling and cycling between Tingewick Road and the A421 Ring Road, Buckingham, and introduce formal crossing points to support onward journeys.

The Council proposes to introduce two signal controlled toucan crossings on the A421 and Tingewick Road respectively. In addition, the proposals will include the conversion of sections of the Buckingham Railway Walk to shared use pedestrian and cycle path. The table below lists the proposals and the reasons behind them.

Location (And Extents)	Proposal	Reasons for Proposal
A421 Ring Road (east of junction with Great Slade Industrial Park)	Introduce new signal controlled toucan crossings	Buckinghamshire Council is proposing, pursuant to Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to install toucan crossings (as described with approximate measurements in Schedule 1 below)
Tingewick Road (approximately 171 metres east of the junction with Dunstan Street)		
Buckingham Railway Walk (from Tingewick Road in a south-easterly direction to Station Terrace and the land owned by the University of Buckingham)	Surfacing improvements between 2.5 and 3.5 metre wide where possible along the railway walk and conversion of the existing permissive path into shared use pedestrian and cycle path. Proposal includes improved wayfinding, solar studs and seating along the route.	Buckinghamshire Council is proposing, pursuant to Section 3 (1) of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 and Sections 65 and 66 of the Highways Act 1980, to convert parts of existing permissive paths (as described with approximate measurements in Schedule 2 below) into shared use paths for use by pedestrians and cyclists in accordance with proposed signage and markings
Buckingham Railway Walk (from the A421 Ring Road in a north-westerly direction towards the land owned by the University of Buckingham)		

SCHEDULE 1

Tingewick Road: road width of 7 metres; located 25 metres south-west from the current Buckingham Railway Walk connection.

A421 Ring Road: road width 16.8 metres (kerb face to kerb face); same position as existing uncontrolled crossing point east of junction with Great Slade Industrial Park.

SCHEDULE 2

Northern Extent: length 690 metres; from Tingewick Road at the southern verge in a south-easterly direction to connect with the existing Railway Walk path, near Station Terrace.

Southern Extent: length of 530 metres; from the A421 Ring Road northwards to the fence line boundary of the University of Buckingham land ownership.