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## Greater Manchester's cycling and walking network

Consultation on Stockport to Edgeley walking and cycling improvements

**Consultation closes 2 July**



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## **Proposals to revolutionise travel on foot or by bike in your area**

Work has started on a Greater Manchester-wide programme to make journeys on foot or by bike much easier and more attractive.

Chris Boardman, Greater Manchester's Cycling and Walking Commissioner, unveiled an innovative new plan to create a city-region-wide cycling and walking network.

The network will be made up of more than 1,800 miles of routes and will be the largest joined-up system of walking and cycling routes in the UK.

Once built, the network will better connect every community in Greater Manchester, benefiting 2.7 million people and making cycling and walking a real alternative to the car.

In Stockport we have developed the following proposal, which we would like your feedback on. This scheme will form part of Greater Manchester's Bee Network.

### **Stockport to Edgeley walking and cycling improvements**

Stockport Council has been working with Transport for Greater Manchester to develop proposals for an improved pedestrian and cycle route between Edgeley and Stockport town centre. The proposals include links to Stockport College, the Markets area of Stockport, Stockport Station and the proposed Stockport Interchange. Walking and cycling improvements for the Markets area are currently being developed and will be subject to a separate public consultation later this year.

A key part of the scheme will be the replacement of the former pedestrian bridge between King Street West and Thomson Street over the railway line with a 5 metre-wide, segregated pedestrian and cycle bridge. This is being delivered by Network Rail in partnership with Stockport Council and Transport for Greater Manchester.

Stockport's new Transport Interchange is being delivered on the existing bus station site with construction expected to begin in 2021. Plans include the creation of a Podium Park above the interchange with pedestrian and cyclist connections to the Trans Pennine Trail and an improved route to the station via a new bridge over Daw Bank.

A summary of the proposals that we would like to hear your views on is as follows:

#### **Greek Street**

Proposals to provide an improved connection from Stockport College at Royal George Street to Thomson Street include:

- A segregated off-carriageway pedestrian and cycle route linking Royal George Street to an improved 5m-wide Toucan pedestrian/cycle crossing facility across Greek Street;
- A widened shared use footpath on the northern side of Greek Street leading to Blackshaw Street and Thomson Street to connect to the proposed routes through to King Street West and Railway Road.

#### **Edgeley and King Street West**

Proposals to provide an improved connection from the Thomson Street bridge to Edgeley include:

- Upgrading the current Toucan crossing on King Street West to a Sparrow type segregated pedestrian and cycle crossing;
- An off-road cycle track with improved pedestrian footways connecting Castle Street with Bengal Street;
- A north/south off-road cycle track with adjacent footway running along the western side of King Street West, connecting Bengal Street to the upgraded parallel pedestrian/cycle signal-controlled (sparrow) crossing on King Street West.





Thomson Street

Proposals to provide an improved connection from the Thomson Street bridge to Railway Road include:

- A revised layout of the Armoury Car Park in order to provide better pedestrian and cycle routes to the new foot/cycle bridge and;
- A proposed 5 metre-wide pedestrian/cycle ramp linking the car park with Railway Road. The ramp would be located on land between the NCP multi-storey car park and Thomson Street.

Railway Road and the A6 Wellington Road South

Proposals to provide improved connections from Railway Road to Stockport Station and the town centre include:

- A shared use pedestrian cycle route next to the NCP car park with a parallel zebra crossing for pedestrians and cyclists towards Sainsbury's and linking to the existing shared use areas around Stockport Exchange;
- A two-way cycle track and a footway along the southern side of Railway Road to the A6 junction;
- Widening of Railway Road to provide an extended two lane approach to the A6 signals along with new servicing facilities for development at Stockport Exchange;
- Complete re-modelling of the Railway Road/A6 junction including segregated cycle crossings, full pedestrian facilities and improved traffic operation. An onward connection to the town centre will be provided via on-road cycling on John Street and Loonies Court.

Lord Street

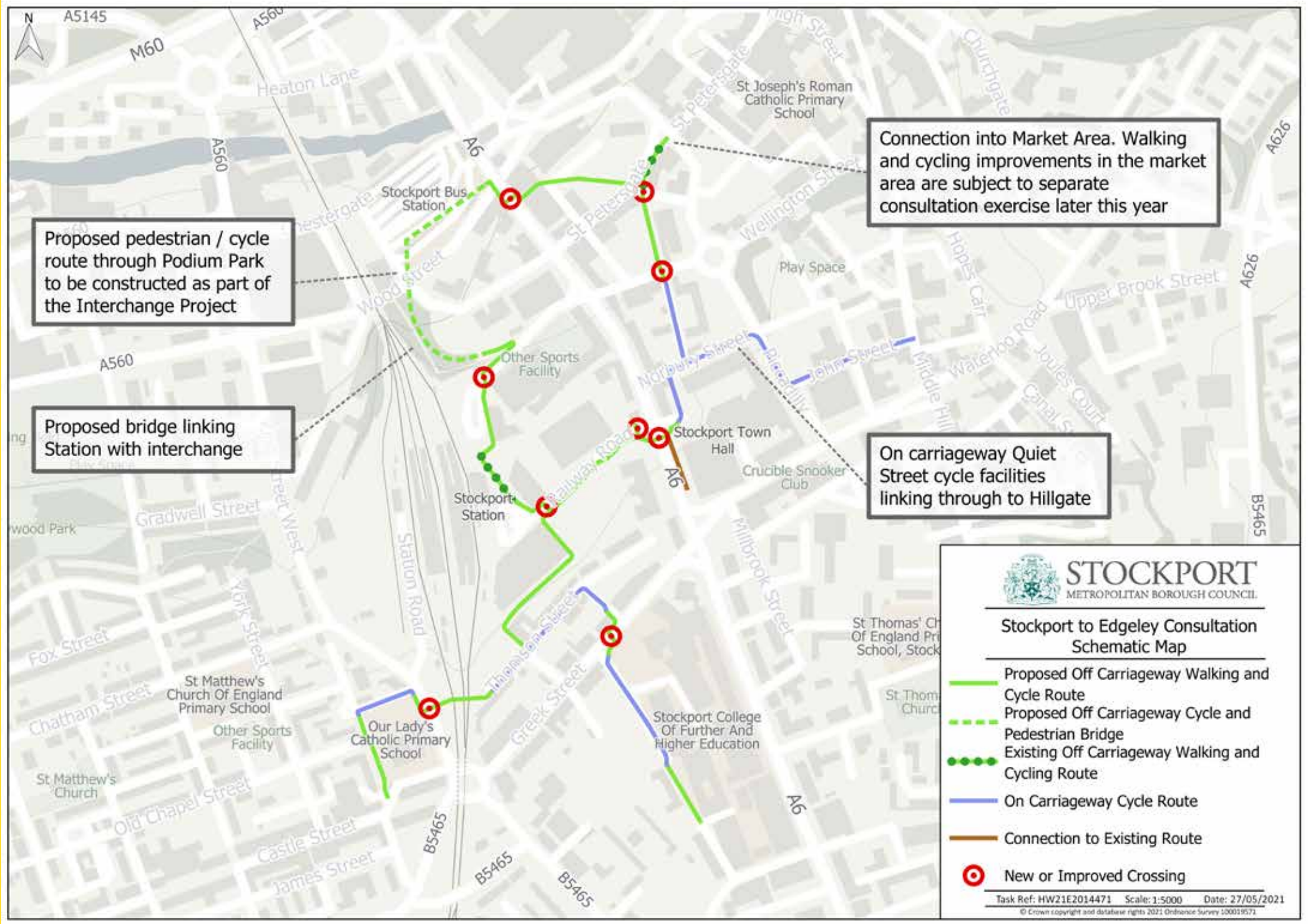
Vehicle access and exit banned into Lord Street at its junction with Wellington Street and Duke Street with parallel zebra pedestrian/ cycle crossing facilities across Wellington Street providing high-quality cycle and pedestrian access to Petersgate. Walking and cycling improvements to the Petersgate/St Peter's Square junction to provide a connection into the Markets area will be subject to consultation later this year as part of a wider walking and cycling improvements proposed for the Markets area.

Stockport Interchange connections

Stockport Council has developed proposals, which have been submitted for funding from the Mayoral Challenge Fund (MCF) that provide improved pedestrian and cycle connections to the new Stockport Interchange.

These include:

- A6 Toucan Crossing – a new shared crossing for pedestrians and cyclists adjacent to the Hat Works. This will be linked to St Peter's Square and the Podium Park by shared footway/cycleways.
- Station Road cycle route – a new route for cycling is to be created between the station and the interchange. It will include a new parallel Zebra segregated crossing for pedestrians and cyclists next to Grand Central Leisure Centre. This will be linked to the station and the new ramp to the Podium Park by new footway/cycleways. To make space for the new cycle route the taxi rank will be re-modelled and the bus stop relocated to the existing layby on Station Road. To improve safety the speed limit on Station Road will be reduced to 20mph.



## How can I give my views on the proposed changes?

We would like to hear your views on the proposals. You can find out more about the proposals and how they may affect you, as well as comment on the proposals by the following methods:

### Online

[stockport.gov.uk/consultations](https://stockport.gov.uk/consultations)

### By email

[edgeleytostockport@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:edgeleytostockport@stockport.gov.uk)

### By post

Services to Place, Stopford House, Stockport, SK1 3XE

### By phone

0161 474 2299

The closing date for responses is 2 July.

### Next steps

Responses to this consultation will be considered as part of the scheme development and approval process prior to any implementation. Due to the anticipated volume of responses we will not be able to enter into correspondence about points raised.

Find more about active travel across Greater Manchester at [activetravel.tfgm.com](https://activetravel.tfgm.com)

**"More people travelling on foot or by bike is a by-product of creating better places to live, work and socialise. The improvements to Stockport will make life easier for people who want to be able to make local trips on foot or by bike, leaving the car at home."**

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