



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Parking

**Are there to be parking spaces that would need to be removed as a result of the proposals on Edgeley Road?**

Yes, about 3 on-street parking spaces will need to be removed to accommodate the new crossing facilities at the Northgate / Edge Fold junction.

**Would the new double yellow lines proposed at Northgate Road junction with Old Chapel Street and Ingleton Road reduce the number of parking spaces available in the residential area?**

The Highway Code ([Rule 243](#)) stipulates that vehicles must not be parked opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, except in an authorised parking space. The new scheme therefore reinforces the highway code and aims to improve sight lines and safety for all road users.

### Pedestrian Crossings

**Would the new crossing facilities on Edgeley Road result in more traffic congestion?**

The purpose of the proposals is to enable more people to safely walk and cycle for short, local trips rather than use the car. Introducing the new crossing facilities will mean some traffic is delayed by a few extra seconds in the area, but over time it is hoped schemes like this one will reduce people's need to drive for short journeys.

### **What are the benefits of the changes if there is already a crossing in place?**

At present, there is only one signal crossing point at the Edgeley Road junction with Northgate and Edgeley Fold and this does not adequately meet the needs or desire lines of pedestrian users. The new crossing facility here will also help those on bikes to safely cross Edgeley Road to connect the quiet streets of Northgate Road and Edgeley Fold.

At Edgeley Road / Dale Street there are no existing crossing facilities for pedestrians at the traffic lights.

## **Safety**

### **Can speed cameras and reduced speed limits also be introduced to make the junction safer?**

Speed cameras cannot be funded by this scheme. Any concerns raised about traffic speeds will be passed onto Stockport Council. Traffic speeds and collision data are continually monitored and will continue to be kept under review.

### **Will the crossing be sufficient to improve safety and cyclists and pedestrians?**

The proposed new crossing facilities will form part of a wider cycling and walking network across Greater Manchester that is currently under development.

## **Access**

### **Could there be measures that are put in place on Cheadle Old Road to prevent illegal bikes from using the path as a rat run causing dangerous incidents?**

All concerns raised about anti-social and dangerous bikes will be shared with Stockport Council and Greater Manchester Police.

All barriers or access controls that amended as part of this scheme will meet current accessibility guidelines, to ensure legitimate users are not restricted from accessing public spaces or routes.

**The existing bus stop on Edgeley Road, to the east of Northgate Road, would need to be relocated further east to create a new signal control junction on Edgeley Road adjacent to Northgate Road/ Edgeley Fold. Would the bus shelter be removed?**

It is proposed that the shelter will also be relocated.

**Would visibility be reduced when leaving the driveway?**

The shelter will be sited at the back of the footway so residents' visibility will be retained. If the stop is in use, then residents are asked to wait until it is safe before exiting their driveways.

## **Environment**

**Are there any trees that will be lost because of the proposals?**

We would keep tree loss to an absolute minimum. One small street tree will need to be removed as part of this scheme and will be replaced by at least two within the vicinity.

**Would additional crossings result in more cars idling outside of the residential and education sites affecting the air quality in the area?**

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**Would the additional crossings result in additional noise, light, and air pollution from the traffic lights at the signalised junction?**

The sound would only be in operation during the daytime to try to minimise any disturbance and we would welcome working with residents to try and reduce the impact; for example, consulting residents on the volume setting for the crossing.

**As the proposed changes would take place within a conservation area what considerations have been made to preserve the area?**

Alterations must preserve or enhance the appearance of the Conservation Area and greater attention will be given to the use of traditional natural materials, which are sympathetic to the environment.

## **Construction**

**When would the scheme be constructed?**

If the scheme is supported, we would hope to be on site by Spring 2023.

**How long would it take to be constructed?**

This would be confirmed once we know the full scope of the scheme, following the public consultation.

**Would the roads remain open during construction?**

Some form of traffic management would be required to manage the scheme and the full details would be confirmed at the detailed design phase, should the plans be supported by the public.

## **Construction**

**How much would the scheme cost and how will it be funded?**

The scheme costs are not yet known, this would be informed by this public consultation exercise. It is hoped that funding would be obtained from the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund, subject to successful business case approval.

## **Additional Information and Future Schemes**

**How can I find out about the outcome of this consultation and what happens next with this scheme?**

Once the responses to this consultation are reviewed and a decision is taken about the next steps for the scheme, the [Stockport Bee Network Crossings webpage](#) will be updated with this information. This is expected in late summer.

**Are there any other crossing proposals in Stockport?**

As part of another scheme to improve cycling and walking Stockport Council are currently progressing with proposals for two new crossings in the Heaton. Further details on the schemes can be found on the [TfGM Active Travel webpages](#)