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## **Bee Network – Bolton Town Centre to Doffcocker Route (Phase One)**

Have your say on proposals to make  
travelling around on bike or by foot  
easier in your area

**Monday 4 October to  
Sunday 7 November 2021**

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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 Transport 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 support of this ambition, the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, has allocated £160 million to the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund. This has been made possible thanks to the national government's Transforming Cities Fund which is investing in public and sustainable transport to improve productivity and spread prosperity.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, cycling and walking has played an increasingly important role in the city-region's response. There has been an increase in journeys by bike of around 34%, with cycling and walking accounting for 33% of all journeys, compared to pre-lockdown figures.

More people taking journeys by foot or by bike and the quick response of councils to create safe space for people to do so is playing a significant role in Greater Manchester's economic recovery, whilst also providing a safe travel option for the third of Greater Manchester residents who do not have access to a car.

The Government is supporting this with increased investment to local authorities to enable the provision to allow people to make more active journeys and 'create a new era for cycling and walking'.

Please take a look at the proposals and let us know what you think.

### **Bolton Town Centre to Doffcocker**

Bolton Council is developing plans to improve walking and cycling across Bolton, creating routes for residents to key retail sites and providing connections to help create a wider network of cycle routes.

The Bolton Town Centre to Doffcocker scheme aims to encourage the uptake of travel to/from the Town Centre by foot or bike, trike or scooter, allowing residents and visitors to travel more actively.

The scheme will be phased, with Phase One providing an initial route between the town centre and Leighton Avenue. Phase Two will look to provide a connection on to Doffcocker. The proposed scheme includes traffic calming facilities to slow traffic speeds for everyone's safety. In addition, new and improved crossing facilities will provide safer cycling and walking conditions at key intersections.

By changing the road layout to provide safe access for walking and cycling, the scheme will encourage healthier travel to local shops, schools, local parks and the Town Centre. Connections with the existing National Cycle Network will also be improved for onward travel within Bolton, such as to Royal Bolton Hospital or to neighbouring areas.

Key objectives identified for the schemes include:

- Increase in people walking and cycling within the residential area;
- Improve residents' health;
- Improve residents' access to retail and work opportunities;
- Improve residents' ability to travel in and out of Bolton by cycling or walking; and
- Increase awareness of walking and cycling routes in Bolton.





**The scheme will provide improvements to the highway and the existing cycling and walking paths between Bolton Town Centre and Doffcocker, routed through the Smithills and Halliwell wards.**

**Key proposals include:**

- Providing signposts and cycle route information on the road to show directions to a quiet route connecting Bolton Town Centre, Queen's Park and Doffcocker, reinforced by the following measures:
  - Installing traffic calming facilities to slow traffic speeds on key roads through the area, including Lincoln Road.
  - Improving the walking environment on selected residential streets by narrowing the width of junctions and widening the pavements, as well as providing speed tables/raised junctions.
  - Providing zebra crossings at the junctions of selected residential roads to give greater priority for people walking.
- New and improved road crossings on B6226 Chorley Old Road and A673 Chorley New Road to facilitate safer crossing for people walking and cycling. This includes:
  - A673 Chorley New Road/Beverley Street/Dobson Road;
  - A673 Chorley New Road/Park Street;
  - A673 Chorley New Road/New Hall Lane; and
  - B6226 Chorley Old Road/Marcus Street;
- A cycling and walking priority facility will be installed at each end of Park Street to give access to pedestrians and cyclists only whilst reducing 'rat-running' by traffic. An example is shown in the images.

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

Bolton Council is working with Transport for Greater Manchester to ensure all residents, businesses and other stakeholders are kept-up-to-date with plans for the Bolton Town Centre to Doffcocker (Phase One) scheme.

There will be a five-week consultation on these proposed changes, from Monday 4 October to Sunday 7 November when you can give your views.



**Online**  
You can view further details on the proposals at [towntodoffcocker.commonplace.is](https://towntodoffcocker.commonplace.is) or scan the QR Code.

Within the 'Have you say' section, you will find a short survey, where we ask you to provide feedback on the scheme proposals.

Business can provide feedback through either writing to the email or postal address below.

**By email**  
[mcf@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:mcf@bolton.gov.uk)

Please use **Bolton Town Centre to Doffcocker (Phase One)** in the subject box.

**By post**  
FAO: Bolton Town Centre to Doffcocker (Phase One) Consultation  
Bolton Council, Town Hall, Victoria Square, Bolton, BL1 1RU

**Accessible Formats**  
If you require accessible formats of the consultation, please contact the following free phone number **0800 652 8646**. Please provide details of your requirements, an address and a contact number.



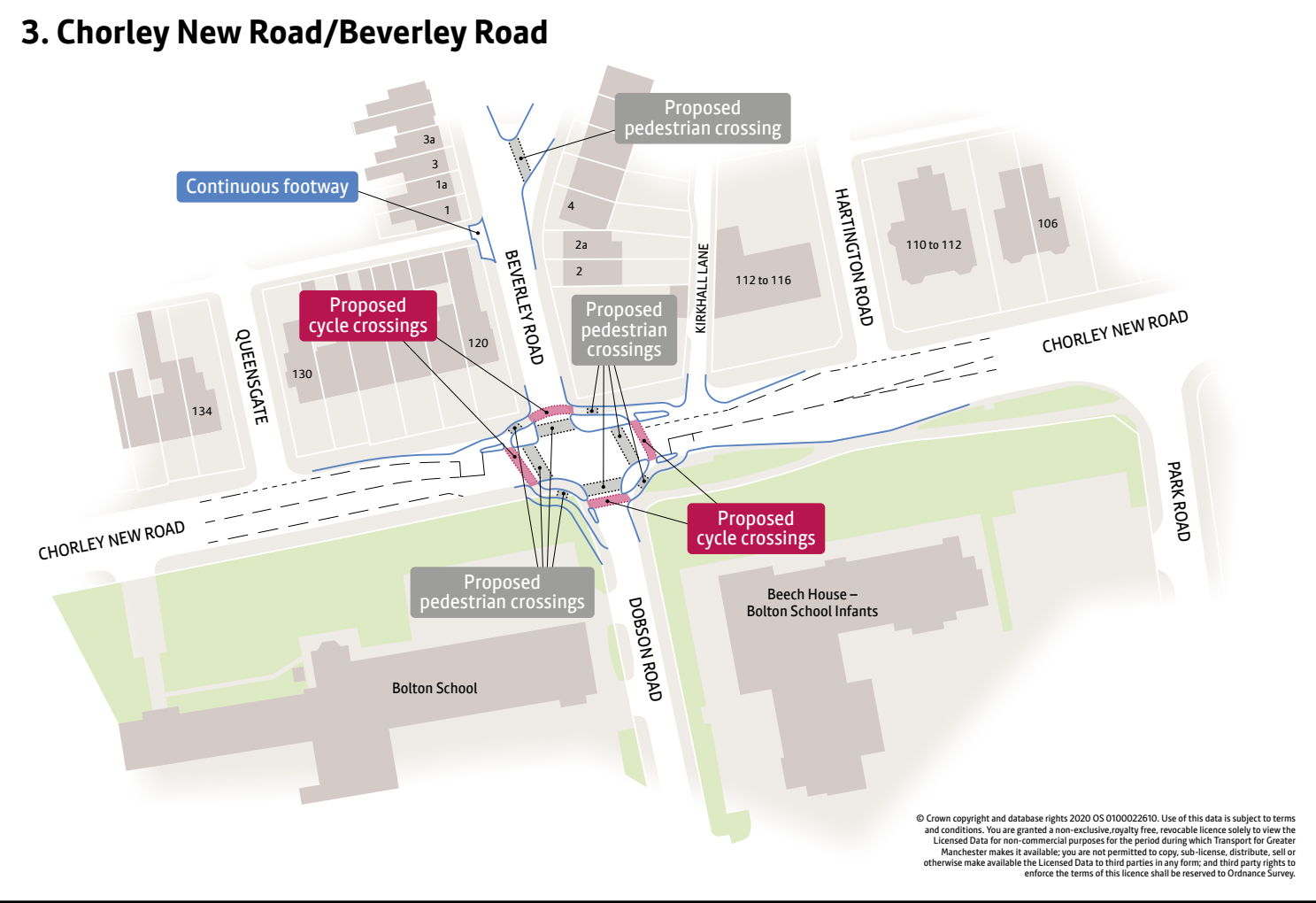
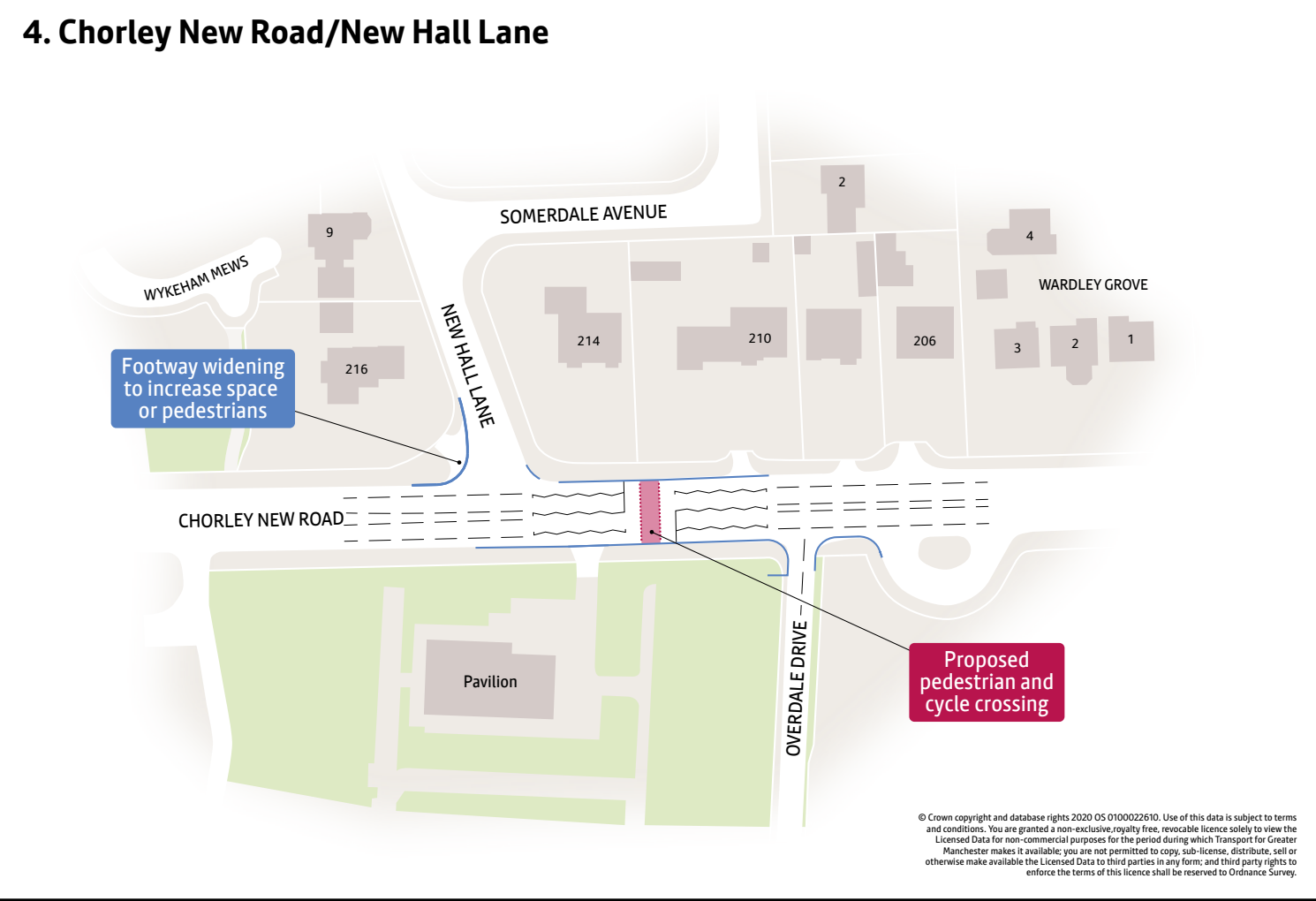
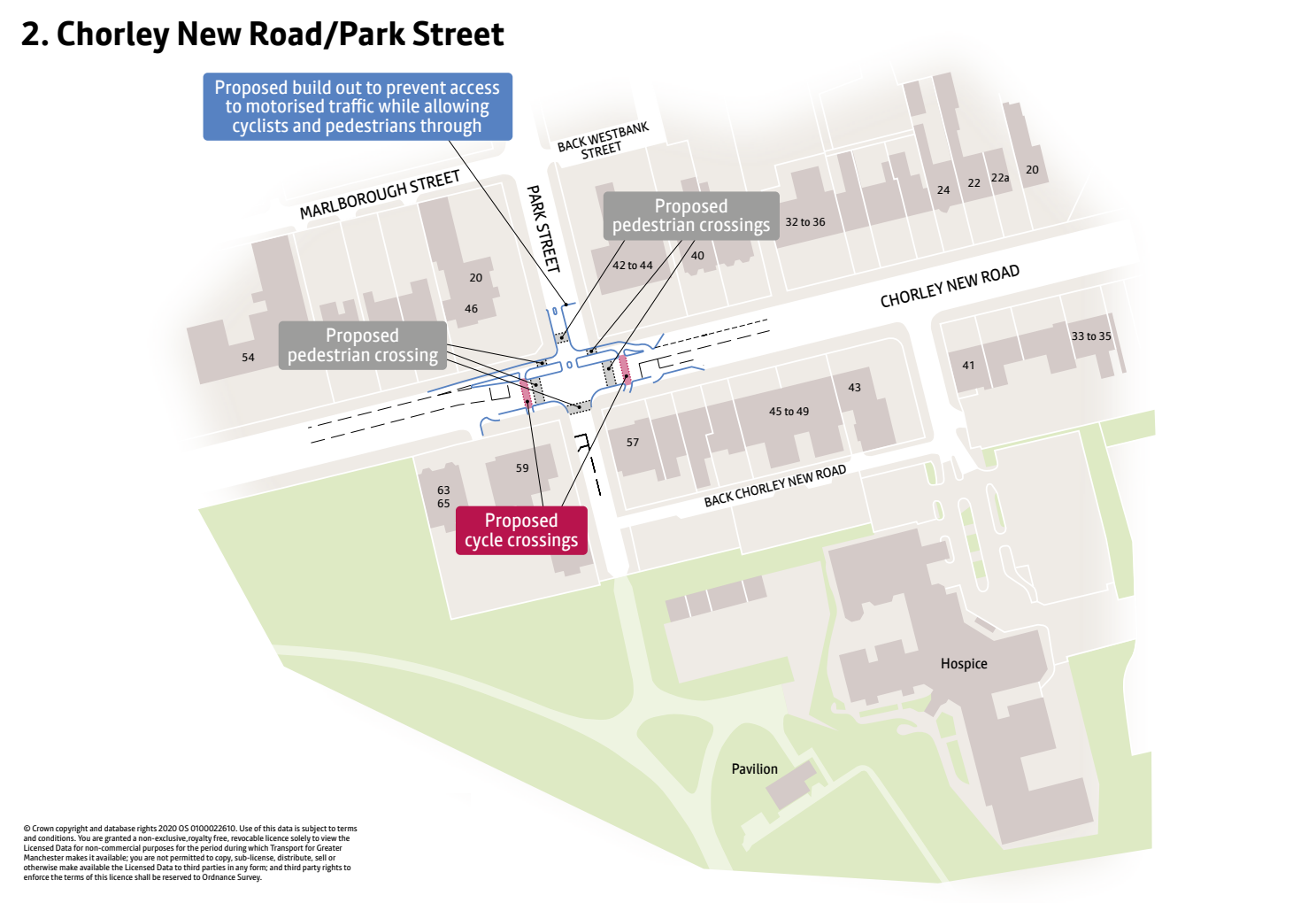
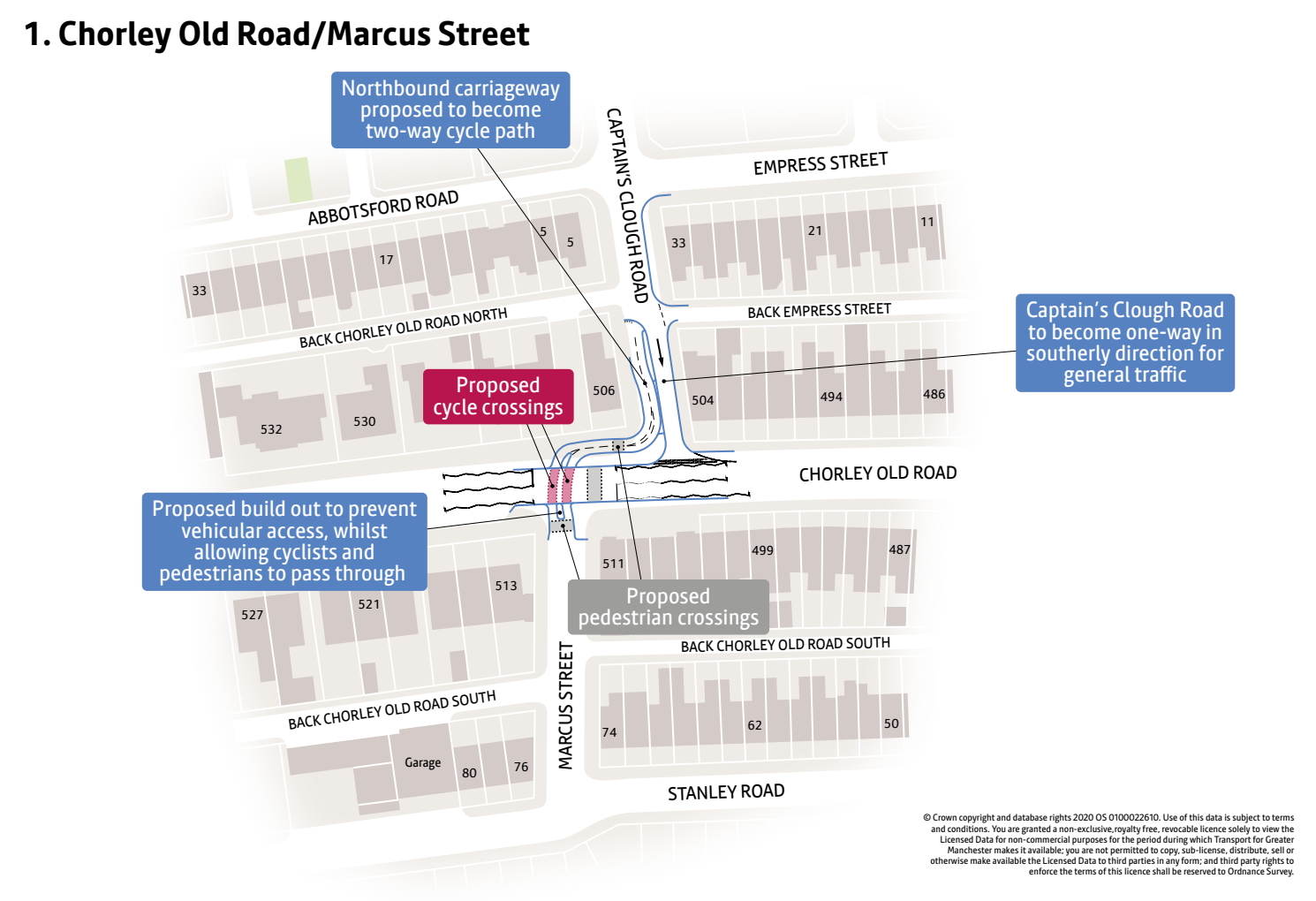
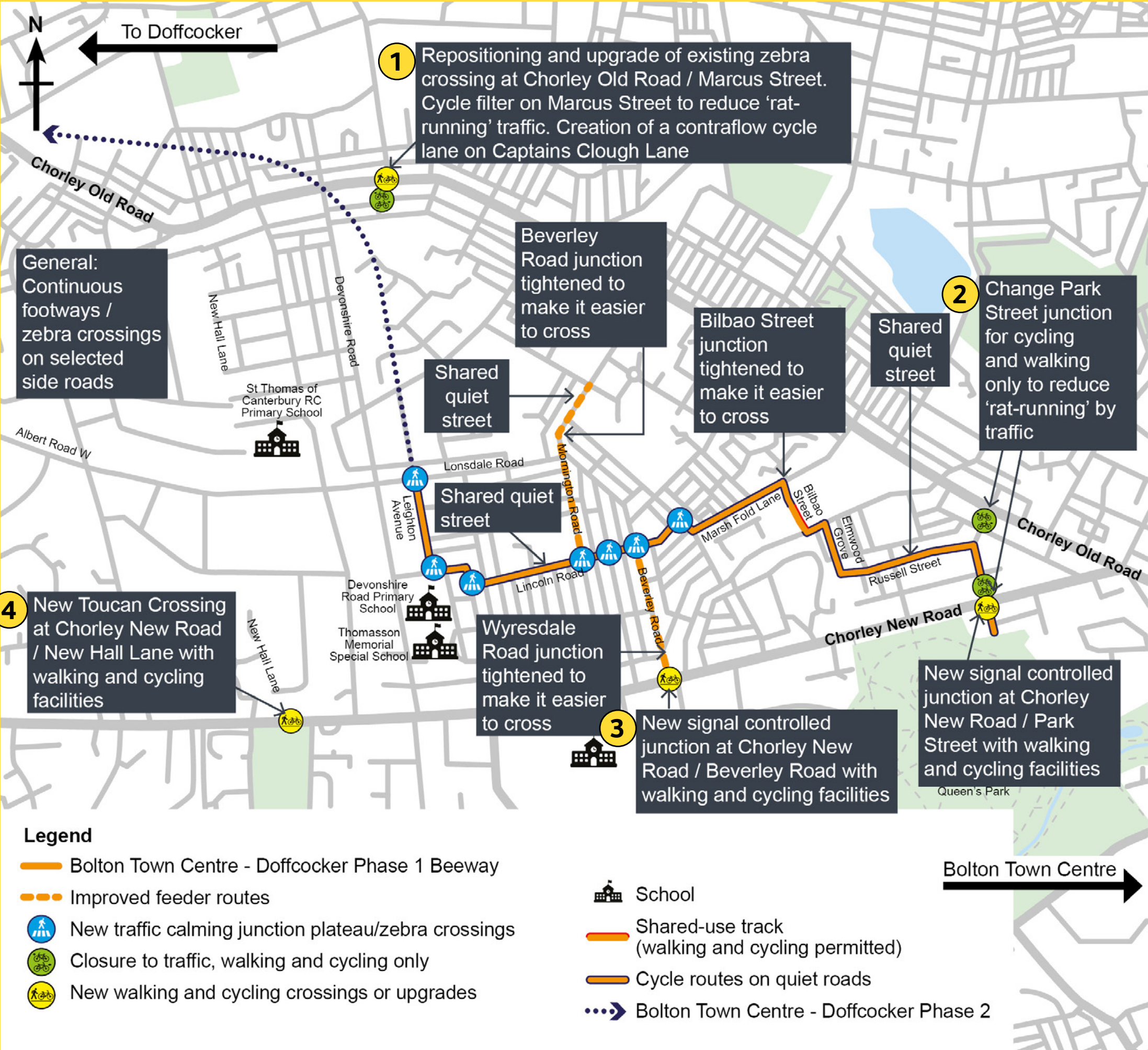
Above: Proposed Priority Filter at the Park Street/ B6226 Chorley Old Road Junction to Restrict Traffic and Prioritise Pedestrians and Cyclists.



Left: Proposed Safer Road Crossing at the Park Street/A673 Chorley New Road Junction including Priority Filter at the Park Street/A673 Chorley New Road Junction.









**“More people travelling on foot or by bike is a by-product of creating better places to live, work and socialise. This transformation of this part of Bolton 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.”**

**Chris Boardman**

Greater Manchester's Transport Commissioner

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