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## Bee Network – Oldham Park Bridge – New foot & cycle bridge

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

**Monday 29 November to  
Friday 24 December 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 Bee 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 2.8 million people and making cycling and walking a real alternative to the car.

In support of this ambition, the Mayor of Greater Manchester 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.

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**In partnership with Oldham and Tameside Councils, we have developed the following proposals which we would like your feedback on.**

Working closely with Oldham Council and Tameside Council, we are proposing to construct a new £5m, 140m long and 5m wide pedestrian and cycle bridge at Park Bridge. This will enable the realignment of the National Cycle Network Route 626 and provide a level route across Medlock Valley to the west of Park Bridge Heritage Centre and the southern section of the Northern Roots site. The site is steeped with heritage and the bridge design has been chosen to complement the tradition of the site.

National Cycling Network (NCN) Route 626 follows the old railway line and starts at Park Road connecting into Ashton Town centre. At this location the route currently undulates in and out of the valley due to the steep topography and the proposals will provide a more appealing and direct connection across the valley.

The works will include the construction of 3m wide footpaths to the north and south of the bridge. The proposals seek to Realign upgrade and pave part of the existing route, approximately 200m in length, from the northern bridge landing point to the existing path to the north to relink to NCN Route 626 and Fitton Hill urban area. It will also seek to create a new foot and cycle path, approximately 200m in length, from the southern bridge landing point to existing NCN Route 626 to the south (within Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council).

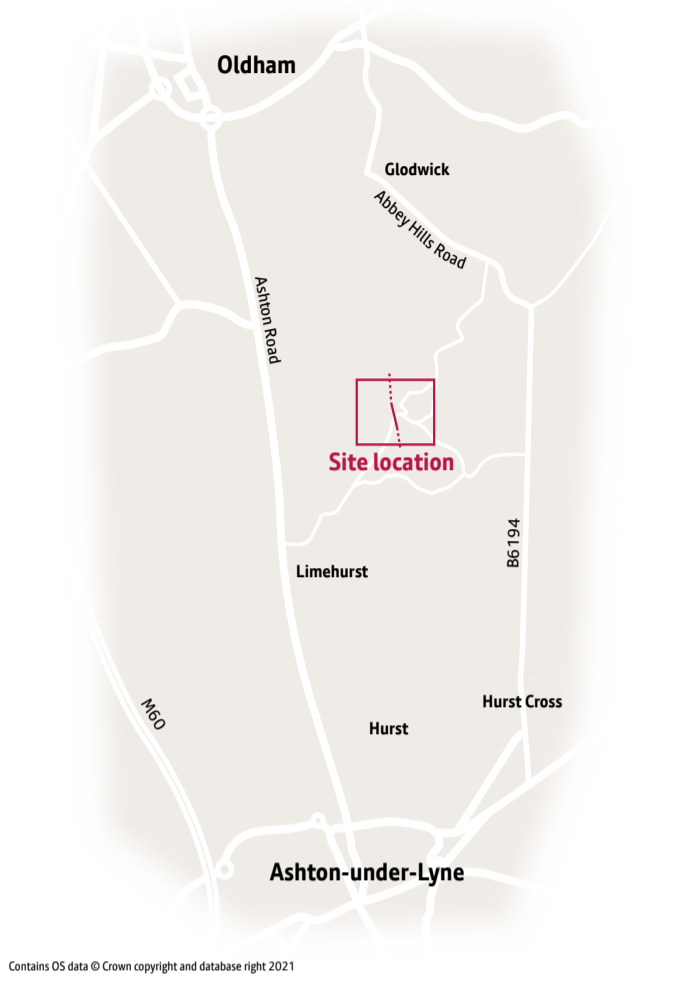
Further works will include landscaping and tree planting. Ecological mitigation works will also be installed where wildlife is affected by the construction of the works. Personal safety is paramount so street lighting will be considered as part of the design.

**"More people travelling on foot or by bike is a by-product of creating better places to live, work and socialise. The improvements to crossings in Oldham 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."**

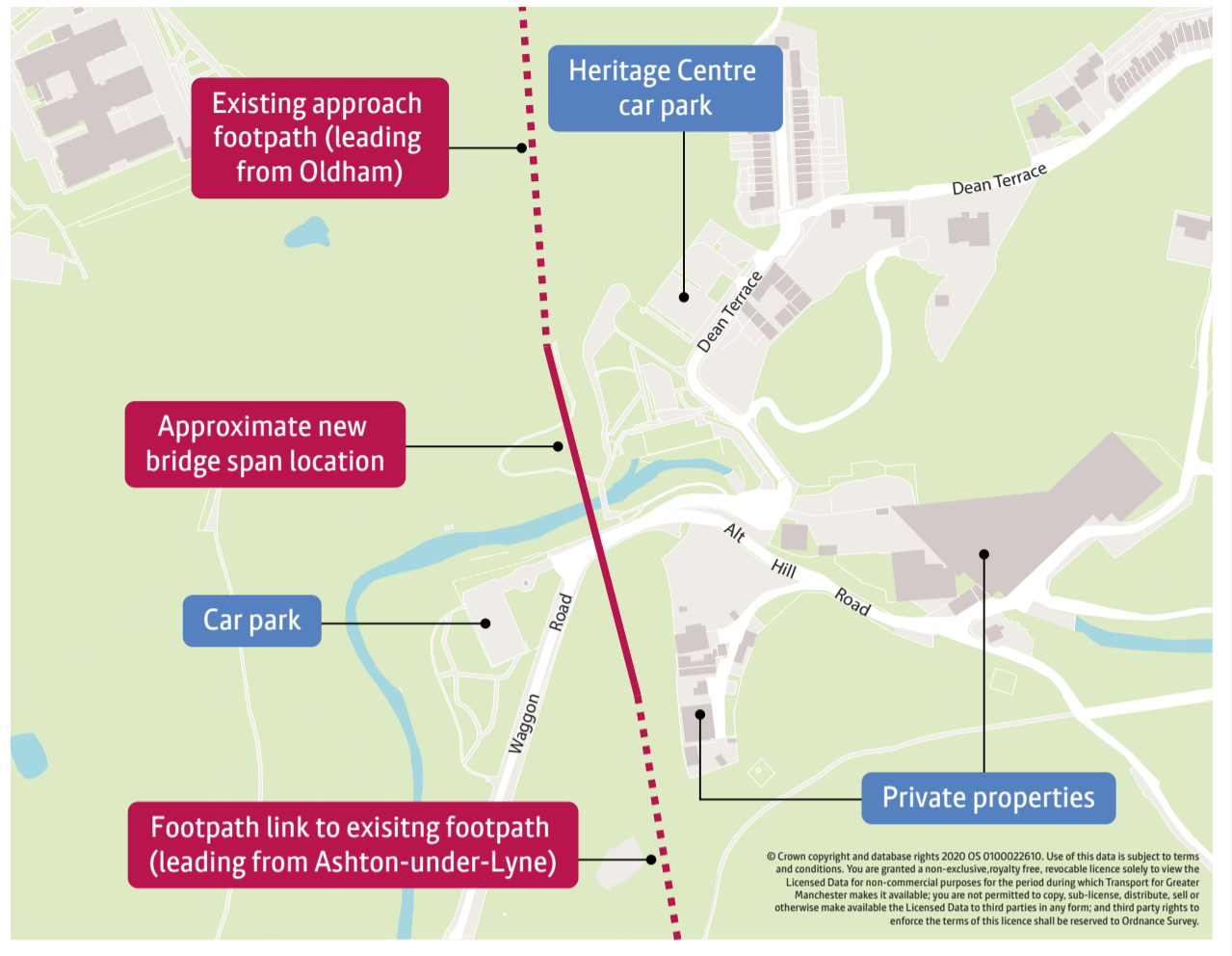
**Chris Boardman**  
Greater Manchester's Transport Commissioner



Site location plan



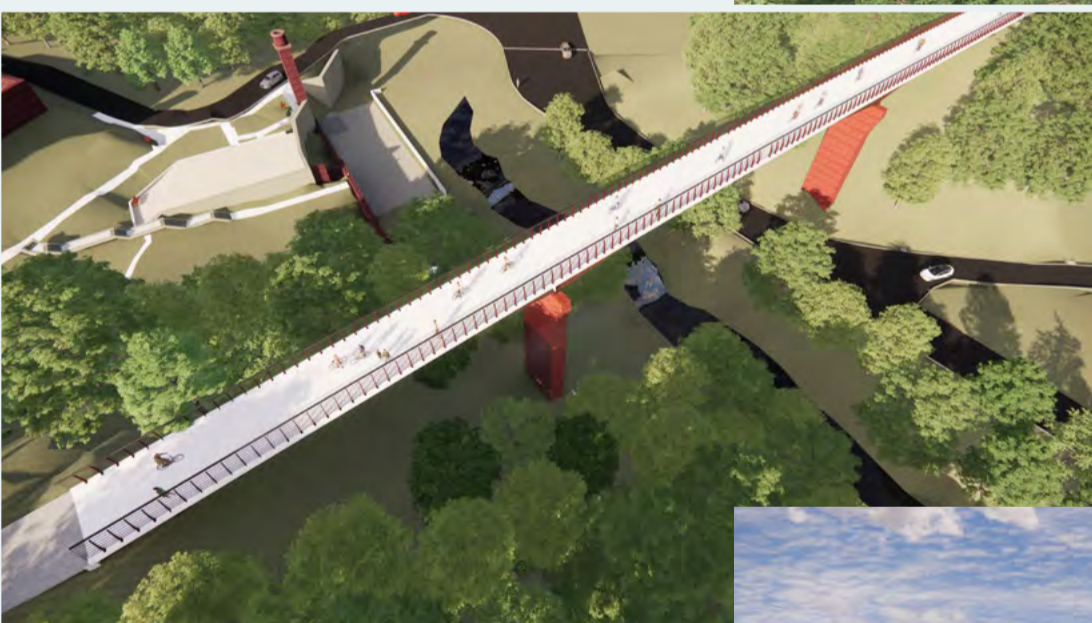
Location of proposed structure and showing proximity of nearby structures



Artist impression of view across the south west along Waggon Road



Artist impression of aerial view of the proposed bridge



Artist impression of view of west elevation from along River Medlock



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

Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is working with Oldham Council to ensure all residents, businesses and other stakeholders are kept up-to-date on all changes and plans for the scheme.

There will be a four week consultation on these proposed changes, from 29 November to 24 December 2021.

Anyone with views and opinions on the proposed changes to the Bee Network – Park Bridge new bridge scheme should complete the online survey:

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- 15 December 4pm – 7pm & 18 December 10am – 12.30pm  
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