

## Active Travel Fund Consultation

### What is the Active Travel Fund?

In May 2020 the Secretary of State announced the Emergency Active Travel Fund to help local authorities introduce walking and cycling facilities to support active travel during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The funding was received in two tranches, with the second tranche being renamed the Active Travel Fund in recognition of long term goals and aspirations for supporting walking and cycling.

In order to access this funding Luton Council submitted a bid for funding of specific schemes in order to progress walking and cycling ambitions within the borough that could support the travel changes during Covid-19 and the long term goals of reducing car journeys and improving air quality.

### How much money did Luton Council receive?

Luton Council received;

- £685,160 capital funding
- £137,540 revenue funding

### Walking cycling ambitions

This bid will contribute towards a number of ambitions of reducing car-dependency and open new travel corridors for pedestrians and cyclists as follows;

- To increase the opportunities for walking and cycling through the improvement of existing routes and introduction of new routes.
- Improved access and connectivity to key sites of Luton & Dunstable Hospital, train stations and Luton town centre.
- New and updated wayfinding on routes.
- Support the delivery of the Luton Local Cycling and Walking investment Plan (LCWIP)
- Support the climate change agenda and aim to become carbon neutral by 2040.
- Support improvements to air quality, especially around the town centre where there is an increasing number of residential properties, (as opposed to retail and/or office space).

### What we intend to do

The table below lists schemes that Luton Council intend to install as part of the Active Travel Fund. Schemes will be installed at different times. Prior to any work starting on site further scheme details will be posted on the Luton Council consultation portal for your comment.

Scheme	Details
Busway to the Luton & Dunstable hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Permanent improved cycling and pedestrian access to the main entrance of the Luton &amp; Dunstable hospital on Lewsey Road</li></ul>

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Details</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade existing pelican crossing on Lewsey Road to a toucan crossing.</li> <li>• Dropped crossing at the junctions of Derby Road and Eldon Road</li> </ul>
Leagrave Station to L&D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade pelican crossing to toucan crossing on High Street Leagrave and Oakley Road.</li> <li>• Refuge island and dropped crossing between Copperfield and M1 bridge</li> </ul>
L&D to Challney Schools	Upgrade pelican crossings to toucan crossing on M1 junction 11 slip road to improve the existing cycle route along the A505 with its junction with the M1 junction 11 slip road

#### Town Centre Access

Guildford Street-	From Bute Street to Church Street. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce carriageway width to provide segregated two-way cycle lane.</li> </ul>
Church Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between Guildford Street and John Street. Segregated two-way cycle route</li> </ul>
Church Street and St. Mary's Road-	John St to St. Mary's roundabout. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared use existing footway</li> </ul>
St Mary's Roundabout-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Path and underpasses. Convert existing footway to shared use.</li> </ul>
Windmill Road-	St Mary's roundabout to Gipsy Lane. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convert existing footway to shared use to link to access to Luton Airport Parkway Station</li> </ul>
A505 Kimpton Road-	Windmill Road to rail bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convert existing footway to shared use.</li> </ul>
Church Street-	St Mary's Road to Park Square. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise path alongside university</li> <li>• Review zebra crossing.</li> <li>• Tie into George Street link at Park Square.</li> </ul>
Guildford Street-	Bridge Street to Bute Street. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shared use route on Mall side footpath.</li> <li>• Shared route through pedestrian zone.</li> </ul>
A6 New Bedford Road/Busway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate the introduction of a diagonal toucan crossing.</li> </ul>
Manchester Street/Bridge Street-George Street to Guildford Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise pedestrian zone as a shared use space.</li> <li>• Shared use path on opposite side to Bridge Street by the Galaxy Centre.</li> </ul>
A505 Vauxhall Way	Hitchin Road to Kimpton Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept design of new cycle way.</li> </ul>
A6 Old Bedford Road	Old Bedford Road to Bus Interchange and Luton Town Train Station. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wayfinding</li> <li>• Carriageway narrowing on Old Bedford Road to increase space for pedestrians and cyclists.</li> </ul>

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Park Street to Parkway Station	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved wayfinding on the existing cycle route to improve access to Luton Airport Parkway Station and Capability Green business campus.</li> </ul>
Toddington Road to Station Road Leagrave	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toucan crossings</li> <li>• Wayfinding</li> <li>• Advance stop lines</li> <li>• Footway widening to convert footway to shared use.</li> <li>• Footway widening at bus stop layby.</li> </ul>
Old Airport Way.	<p>This scheme is provisional for this list and might be funded from an alternative source.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Replace concrete barriers on A505 Airport Way with a new footway and segregated cycle route.</li> <li>• Cycling facilities at the Kimpton Road Airport Way roundabout.</li> </ul>