

Lowton and Golborne Bee Active Network “You Said, We Listened”

From 28th July until 19th September, we engaged with residents and businesses on proposals for safer walking, wheeling and cycling facilities in Lowton and Golborne.

We also ran a set of in-person focus groups with support from Manchester Urban Institute, Manchester University, to ensure we involved a diverse group of people, including those who may experience barriers to participating in public discussion.

The scheme presented aims to deliver safe, high-quality infrastructure on routes between the A580 East Lancs Road at Heath Lane, Lowton, through to Yew Tee Way business park and on to Golborne town centre.

The scheme will improve access to key local destinations including shops, schools, and green spaces, and the new Golborne Station for those who want to travel on foot or by cycle.

As a reminder, the engagement and designs can be viewed here:

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All comments and feedback received has now been reviewed from both the online and in-person sessions to help feed into the next stage of scheme design.

The below table shows a summary of the feedback received and our responses as the scheme progresses into detailed design and construction.

You Said	We Listened
You asked about the need for the scheme and how it links to other schemes.	The scheme will make walking and cycling safer and easier for access to shops, schools, and green spaces. The scheme aims to make several routes safer to travel on foot or by bike between the residential areas around Stone Cross/Heath Lane, Yew

	Tree Way Business Park and the proposed Golborne Station. Other schemes in the area will also provide safer roads for walking by installing new pedestrian crossing points at Stone Cross Lane junction and at the Winwick Lane/Newton Road junction. The scheme will also link into existing walking and cycling infrastructure on the A580.
You questioned the need and cost of new crossing on the A580 East Lancashire Road.	We installed walking and cycling monitors to count the number of people crossing at this point, and this recorded an average of 49 people per day risking their lives crossing here without safe infrastructure, as it takes less time than having to walk all the way up to the lights at Heath Lane. Transport for Greater Manchester's Urban Traffic Control (UTC) unit have provided support to the proposals to install a crossing here with negligible delays to motorist traffic. We strongly believe this crossing is needed to reduce risk and improve safety One accident here is one too many!
You supported reducing Heath Lane speed to 20mph as it discourages rat running.	The proposals aim to reduce speed, and removing the left turn into Heath Lane will reduce the number of motorists using it as a cut-through.

You are sceptic about works around Yew Tree Way due to current low usage.	A survey shows 126 pedestrians and 13 cyclists travelling this route in one day. If the road was safer and cyclists did not have to share space with HGV's, evidence shows that usage will grow in time. Evidence from TfGM / Sustrans supports this, showing that in GM 35% of people don't cycle, but would like to, with safety a major barrier.
You are concerned about traffic disruption during construction works	A traffic management plan will be in place, and whilst roadworks are inevitable, our aim is to minimise disruption as much as possible. We will give advance notice prior to work starting on site.
You support the connections to Bridge Street, but current concerns about safety and ASB, flooding/debris near the bridge	We will improve the drainage and lighting along this route. The idea is that by improving the route, more people will choose to use it, increasing the likelihood that any ASB will be seen, thereby deterring the behaviour. This is called 'natural surveillance'.
You asked if there will be a Lane Head Bypass.	The Wigan Borough Transport Strategy was adopted in Autumn 2024 with the Lane Head South Relief Road forming one of the 16 transport priorities for the Borough. The Wigan Borough Local Plan: Initial draft for consultation also includes a commitment to deliver the scheme as part of the West of Winwick Lane employment allocation.

	Discussions with key stakeholders on the delivery of this route will continue as this is a long-term aspiration for the Council.
You are concerned about congestion and parking loss as part of the crossing point on Nook Lane.	The location of the Zebra crossing on Nook Lane is still to be confirmed but we are looking to reposition the crossing closer to Briar Walk. This will allow more people to use the route and minimise concerns about the impact on parking or driveways.
You asked for more information about Golborne Train Station.	Visit A new rail station for Golborne Bee Network Powered by TfGM for latest info.
You have concerns of speeding and dangerous driving (Stirrups Farm Rd, Stone Cross Ln N, East Lancs Road)	GMP handles speed and dangerous driving enforcement. Persistent speeding can be reported to speedcomplaints@gmp.police.uk or via Report a road traffic incident .
You suggested more bins, greenery, and refreshed yellow lines	We will review areas within the limits of the scheme and consider further improvements for litter, green space, and parking safety.