

Eastern Road Active Travel Route

Phase 1



Portsmouth City Council has developed plans to improve the walking and cycling route along Eastern Road. It aims to give people a more attractive alternative to traveling by motor vehicle that is better for their health and creates less air pollution. It will support the development of a comprehensive network of cycle routes and footpaths in Portsmouth that are accessible for all ages and abilities, empowering people to make every day trips by foot or by bicycle.

This is one of the major routes into the city and an essential travel corridor for many. Over the next three years the plan is to make this a more attractive, pleasant and safer route for all. Proposals include, the widening of the path, and improving and relocating, where necessary, street lighting and signage. The widening of the path will not reduce the width of the road.

The first phase will start in the New Year and key stakeholders will be engaged along with all users of this route to co-develop plans as well as gauge opinion about the potential of changes in along the route.

What is proposed and why?

This phase of the whole scheme will look to make improvements for those travelling by foot or by bicycle between Airport Service Road and Burrfields Road. This section of Eastern road is currently a well-used leisure and commuting route, but one that requires upgrading to support the increasing number of walkers and cyclists at this location.

The improvements being considered aim to make this route safer and a more pleasurable place to walk and cycle for all ages and abilities.

The improvements proposed include:

- Creation of a two-way cycle lane and footpath
- Kerb replacement and footway re-paving
- Installation of road markings
- Lay-by removals and extension of footways
- Improvements to lighting and signage
- Relocation street lights and signs

Key facts

Where: Eastern Road between Airport Service Road and Burrfields Road

When: Engagement starts Jan 2021

How: £461,400 has been awarded in funding from the governments Active Travel fund

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Engagement

We will engage with residents, businesses and users of the route throughout the whole project. We will create awareness of each key stage, provide opportunities for people to find out more and give people a variety of ways to share and discuss their views. We will also create an e-bulletin to keep people up to date that wish to be a part of our journey.

Engagement for this activity will include:

- Public opinion survey to understand what people think could be changed along Eastern Road. This would be shared digitally and via a letters to people in the area, as well as with all interest groups and key stakeholders.
- Stakeholder engagement with businesses on Eastern Road as well as other key stakeholders including emergency services, bus operators and Royal Mail.
- Online consultation events or in person events depending on government restrictions during the pandemic. This could include a pop up information stand on the route.
- Information to make people aware of decisions that are made about the scheme and creating and excitement about the changes. Once the scheme is in use celebrating success.
- Throughout the scheme the webpage will be kept up to date and we will share key information via our social media channels
- For everyone that would like to be kept up to date we will have an e-bulletin people can sign up to. Also people can follow our Cleaner air Portsmouth Facebook page that highlights all the activity we are doing to improve air quality.
- For anyone that has a question they will be able to email us at our team email address that is coming soon.