

Church Lane Active Travel Proposal

Frequently Asked Questions

General

Why is this scheme needed?

Church Lane provides vital access to the local college and adjoins a key cycling link between North and South Gorleston via Middleton Road.

Church Lane/Middleton Road is very busy at peak times and improvements in this area were identified as a priority scheme in the [Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan \(LCWIP\)](#) for Great Yarmouth and Gorleston (consulted on in July 2021) and are supported by Great Yarmouth Borough Council and East Norfolk Sixth Form college.

Current crossing facilities on Church Lane are below standard for such a busy route and therefore the new zebra crossings and raised junctions would ensure an all-round better experience for those walking, particularly for anyone with pushchairs or mobility aids.

How much will the scheme cost and how will it be funded?

The Church Lane scheme has an estimated budget of £735,000 and would be funded by the Active Travel Fund from central Government.

Can the money be spent on something else?

The grant awarded by government can only be spent on improving walking and cycling infrastructure and cannot be used to fund other frontline council services or initiatives.

Will the width of the road be reduced as part of this scheme?

The overall width of the carriageway would be reduced to 6 metres in some areas of Church Lane which still allows the recommended 3 metre minimum width for traffic in each direction.

What is a continuous footway and who has priority?

Continuous footways create a level surface and clear priority for those walking or wheeling across junctions and require motorists to give way to those crossing the side road, in line with the updated highway code.

What is a parallel crossing?

A parallel crossing is effectively a zebra crossing with an additional designated section for cycling.

Why is only one parallel crossing proposed?

The northside of Church Lane is not designated as shared use so it would not be appropriate to provide this type of crossing where the proposed zebra crossings are situated and space constraints mean that further cycle facilities cannot be safely provided in these areas.

Is creating shared use space outside the college appropriate?

Cyclists are already using the pavement to access the college in a busy confined area. This proposal provides more space for this to take place safely and has been successfully implemented outside other schools and colleges across the county. It would also remove conflict between cyclists and general traffic, improving safety on the road.

Parking

All parking bays currently situated outside the college would remain in place.

Middleton Road

We previously consulted the public in November 2024 on a series of walking and cycling improvements proposed for Middleton Road.

Full details can be found on the dedicated project page:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/middletonroad

These proposals were well supported overall and featured a zebra crossing at the junction with Church Lane. For the Church Lane scheme we have upgraded this element of the proposal to a parallel crossing – providing separate designated facilities for both walking and cycling.

The Middleton Road design is still being developed and the public will be given a further opportunity to comment ahead of any new traffic regulation orders being finalised.

It is likely we would seek to deliver the Church Lane improvements first to allow work outside the college to take place in the school holidays.