

Wilmslow proposed walking and cycling route

Cheshire East Council are planning to introduce an improved walking and cycling route in Wilmslow that also connects to Alderley Park.

This will help improve access to the town centre, rail station, employment and education sites for pedestrians and cyclists, and provide opportunities for healthy living through physical activity.

The 2.1km route fills gaps in the cycleway network for the town and connects Wilmslow rail station to Alderley Park via the leisure centre and Broadway past Wilmslow High School and the Royal London Campus.

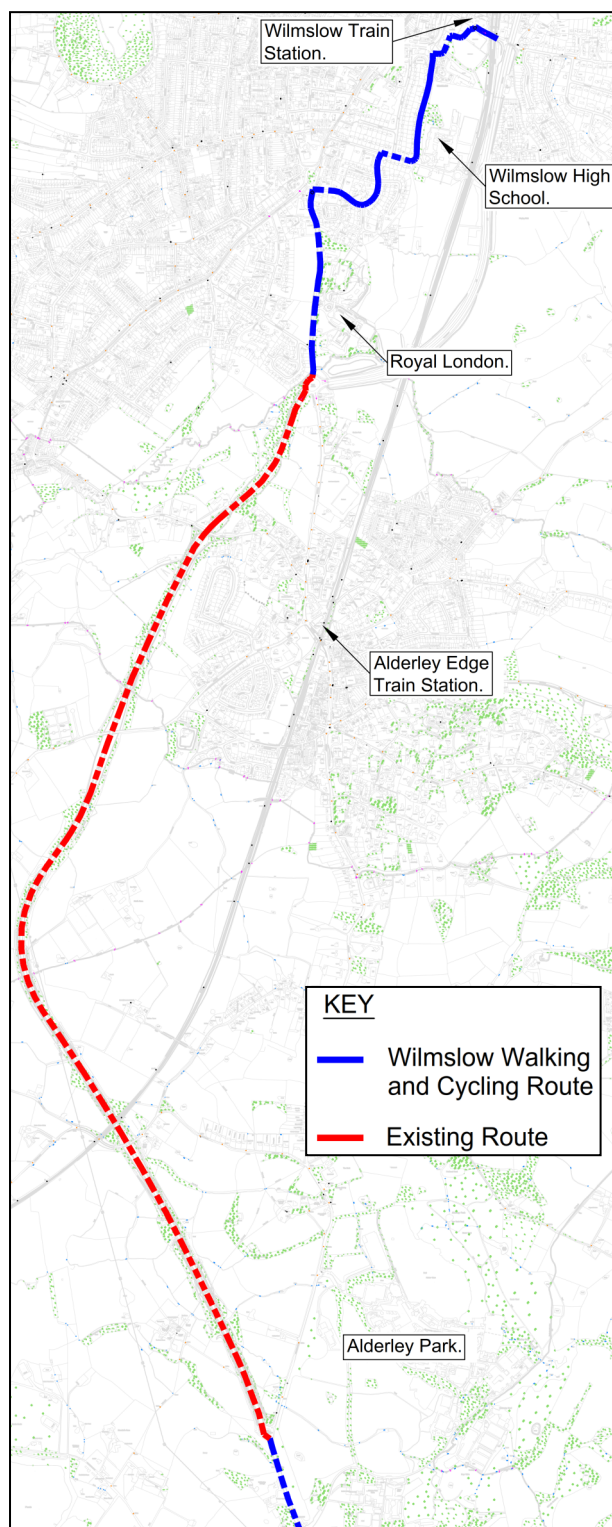
The proposed route would be constructed on the highway verge separated from motorised traffic and sections of quiet residential streets for the pedestrian and cycle facilities.

It reflects the Wilmslow Neighbourhood Plan requirement of ensuring that future cycling schemes should be designed to avoid a 'hard' edge of cycling provision at the edge of Wilmslow Parish boundary and ensure that they effectively integrate with other infrastructure.

Details on how you can comment on these proposals are shown on the back page of this leaflet.

Complementary walking and cycling schemes are also being developed as part of the Coronavirus Recovery Plan. For more details on these separate schemes please visit:

https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_information/coronavirus/high-street-social-distancing-measures.aspx



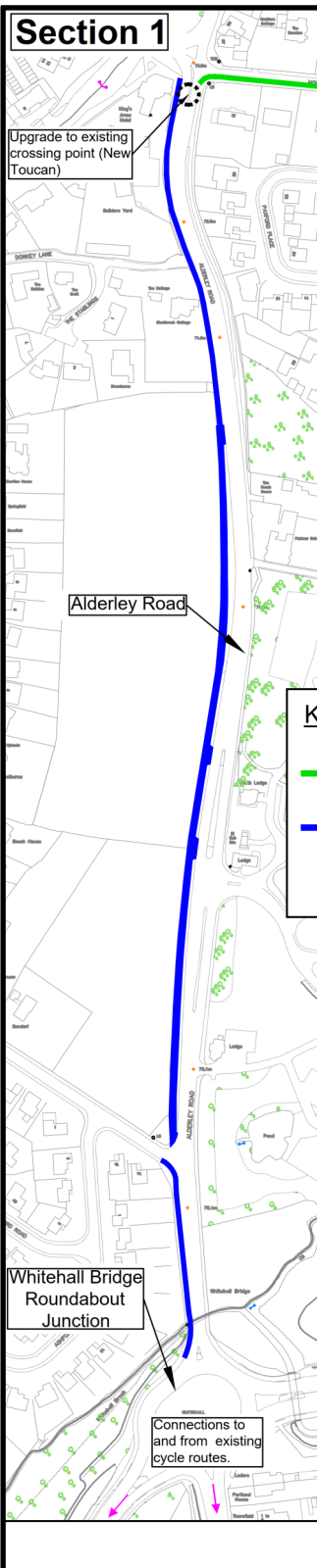
Section 1

Section 1 Alderley Road

The proposed route would use the existing highway verge for a shared pedestrian and cycle facility separated from motorised traffic.

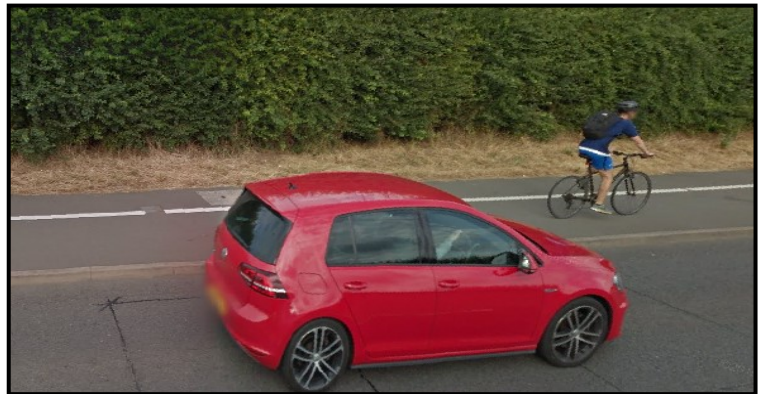
In places, the carriageway would be reduced in width so the new wider pedestrian and cycle facility can be accommodated.

A new Toucan crossing would be installed before the Knutsford Road roundabout so cyclists and pedestrians can safely cross Alderley Road and continue journeys via Holly Road South.



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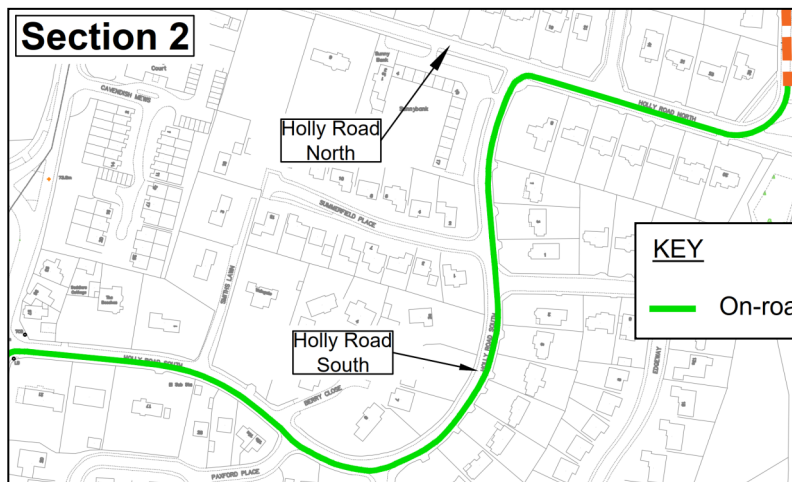
- On-road cycle route
- Existing footway to be widened for shared footway and cycle route



An example of a footway and cycleway beside a carriageway

Section 2 Holly Road North and South

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- On-road cycle route

The route along Holly Road North and South would be on road, identified by new signs along the route. No changes are proposed to the road layout.

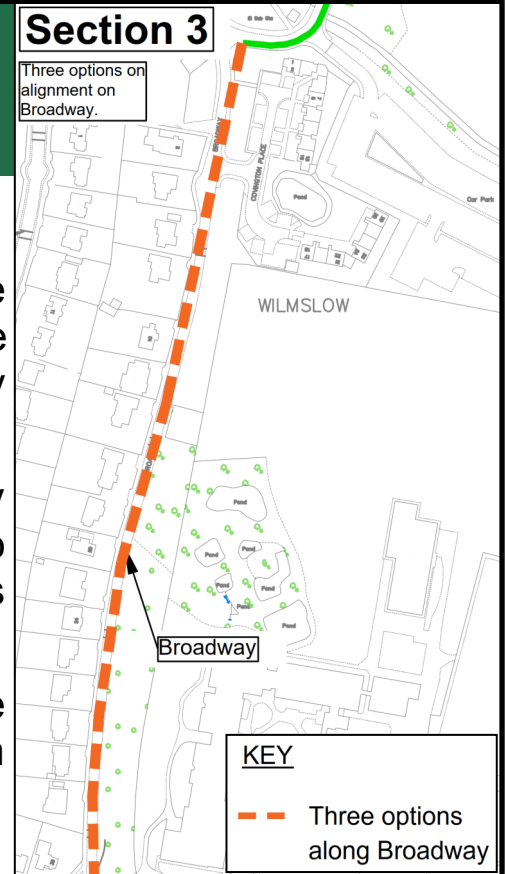


Example of signing

Section 3 Broadway

There are 3 layout options for this section:

- Option 1** The proposed pedestrian and cycle route would weave a path through the wide grassed area, preserving as many shrubs and trees as possible.
- Option 2** Providing a new shared use footway and cycleway immediately adjacent to the road, within the existing grass verge.
- Option 3** An on-road route. No changes to the existing road or grass verge other than adding new signs to identify the route.

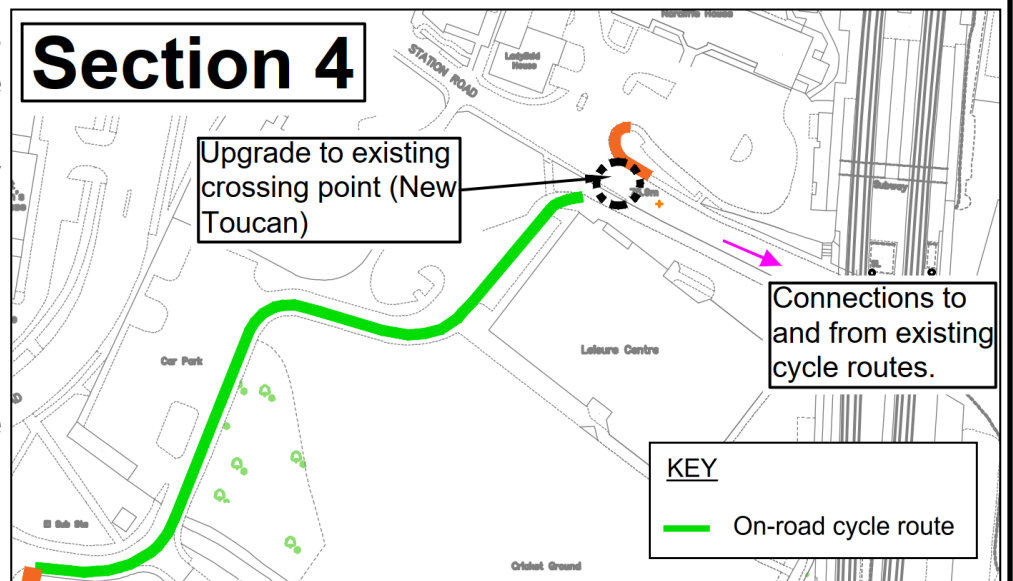


Options 1 & 2 would provide an off road route suitable for school children travelling to Wilmslow High School however this would also have negative environmental impacts on the grass verge and trees, be a higher cost and would likely take longer to plan and construct than Option 3.

Section 4 Leisure Centre

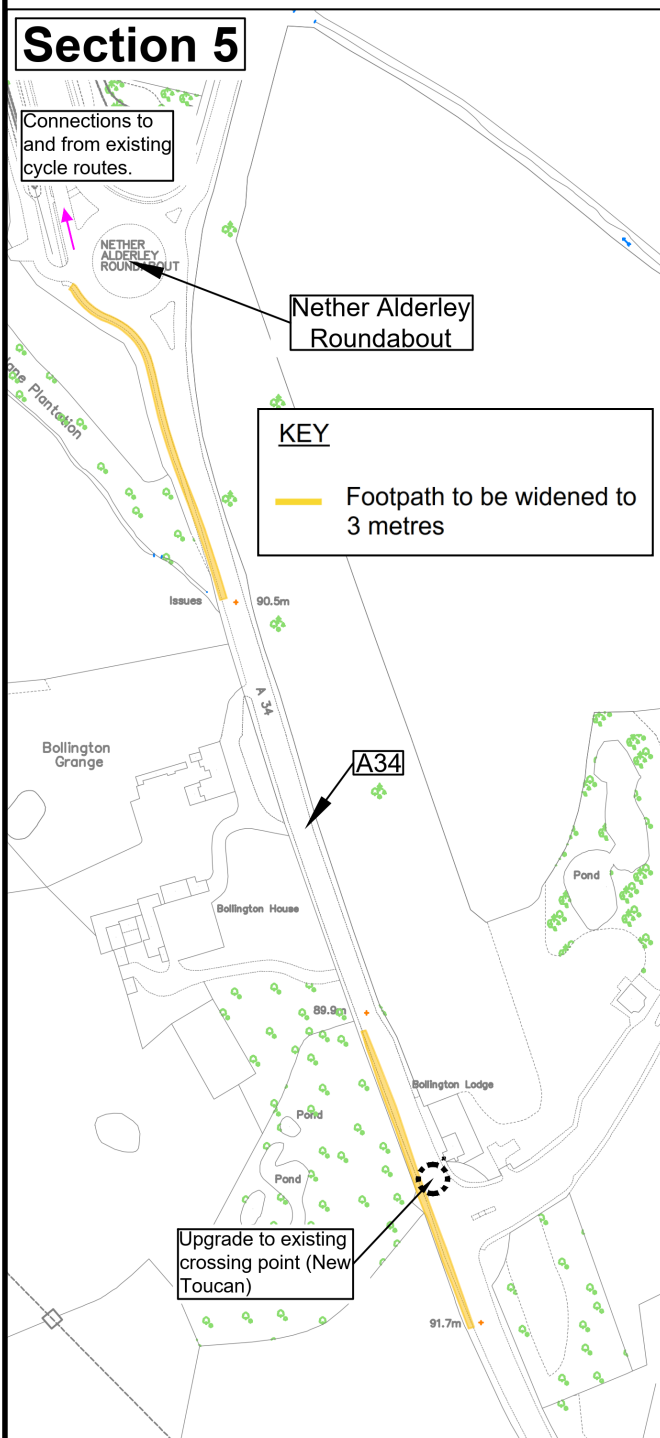
The route would pass through the leisure centre car park and onward to the railway station.

A new Toucan crossing for both pedestrians and cyclists would replace the existing pedestrian crossing on Station Road.



The ramp between the car park and the crossing would be widened. The path into the front of the station would be improved.

Section 5 Alderley Park



The existing sections of narrow footways would be widened to provide a shared pedestrian and cycle path connecting Alderley Park with the existing cycle route along the A34 towards Wilmslow.

The existing crossing at the traffic signals would be upgraded to provide a new Toucan crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.



How to give your views

- Visit our website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/wilmslowwalkingcycling and complete the online feedback form
- Write to: Cheshire East Highways, Floor 6, Delamere House

C/O Municipal Buildings, Earle St., Crewe, Cheshire. CW1 2BJ

All feedback should be submitted by 24th July 2020