

Background

We are seeking views on our proposals complete the Yate Spur Path, providing a safe cycle connection from Yate to the Bristol and Bath railway path, Bristol City Centre, and the wider cycle network to give residents and visitors better options for walking, cycling and horse riding.

These proposals are being developed by South Gloucestershire Council as part of a [wider programme of bus and cycle investment across the West of England by the Combined Authority](#). Funding for the improvements will be provided by the Combined Authority's funding from Central Government and will not impact on funds available in South Gloucestershire for other council services.

This scheme is part of a wider transport package of improvements set out in the [Joint Local Transport Plan 4 \(2020-2036\)](#) for the West of England which after consultation in 2019 was adopted as policy by the West of England local authorities. This document sets out the priorities for investment in the area including the Yate Spur and A432 corridor improvements for walking and cycling between Yate and the A4174 Ring Road and further improvements to public and active travel options within the Yate area.

Purpose of the scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to provide a new walking and cycling route segregated from motor vehicles which will make it safer and more attractive to walk or cycle between Westerleigh and Yate. These facilities will be designed to be suitable for use by people of all abilities, will encourage walking, and enhance safety for cyclists. The proposals include completing the sections of route between Westerleigh village and Yate that do not currently have off road provision for cyclists. The scheme will also include a section of segregated equestrian path.

Climate emergency

In July 2019, South Gloucestershire Council declared a Climate Emergency. The council has taken urgent steps to address this situation and prepare for the local impact of climate change and reducing carbon emissions. Transport is a key generator of carbon emissions. An important part of our transport response is to provide a step-change in providing for walking, cycling and public transport. To do this we will be looking to reallocate road space from cars to people where this is practical to do so.

Relationship to other schemes

These proposals are separate to those being developed in relation to Yate, Chipping Sodbury, A432 and A4174 improvements and the Yate Town Improvement Masterplan but will complement them by improving walking and cycling connections within the town, and to Bristol, Bath and other local destinations.

Proposed scheme

It is proposed to provide a new shared use path, with separate equestrian track linking the existing track near Westerleigh village to the Nibley Lane/Westerleigh Road junction. A new crossing will be provided to link to the existing shared use path along Westerleigh road. Carriage Way width to be reduced to 6 meters under the railway bridge to allow for the creation of a new shared use path, which will then continue along Westerleigh Road to Yate Common.

Have your say

We would like to hear your views on the scheme. You can read more about the scheme and complete our online Survey.

You can also get in touch with us if you have any questions or would like to request a paper copy of the materials via email: transportservices@southglos.gov.uk or telephone: **01454 868 000**.

The engagement closes on **20th April**

Next steps

We will review the responses received through the public engagement. They will be taken into account as we progress with the design work for the scheme and submission of an Outline Business Case (OBC) to the West of England Combined Authority. The OBC is due to be considered by the Combined Authority in June 2022.

Following approval of the OBC, a further period of public engagement will be carried out to provide an opportunity to comment on detailed proposals.