



## A518 Cycle Route Connectivity Proposal

### Frequently asked questions

This document covers questions, which are specific to the A518 Cycle Route Connectivity Proposal.

#### 1. What is the background to this scheme?

As COVID-19 resulted in extended national lockdowns and the introduction of social distancing measures, walking and cycling became more prevalent than ever. In Telford more people are undertaking exercise in their local area on foot and by bike than ever as they are finding streets to be quieter with much less traffic than normal. As a result active travel became a favoured mode of travel for local trips for many of our residents. With traffic dropping to around a third of the Boroughs usual levels, air pollution also fell dramatically, with NO2 levels at their lowest level at key monitoring stations.

In conjunction with forthcoming revised Travel Telford Cycling and Walking Strategy and through available funding from the Government's Emergency Active Travel Fund (EATF), as well as the Council's own Travel Telford Sustainable Transport Fund (TTSTF), we want to build on this change in behaviour and enable people to continue walking and cycling more. Walking and cycling is both sustainable and cost effective, whilst improving health, reducing emissions and congestion.

#### 2. Why have you chosen this cycle route?

This scheme has been identified through the Council's Cycling & Walking Strategy and through residents advocating improvements to this part of the cycling and walking network.

The well-used and popular NCN 55 travels through this area, but is diverted onto rural routes at Clock Tower Roundabout. This is due to the lack of a cycleway/footway alongside the A518, before linking back onto the A518 near Kynnersley Drive. The route then travels along the A518 thus extending this route a further 1.25 before continuing on an off road section towards Newport.

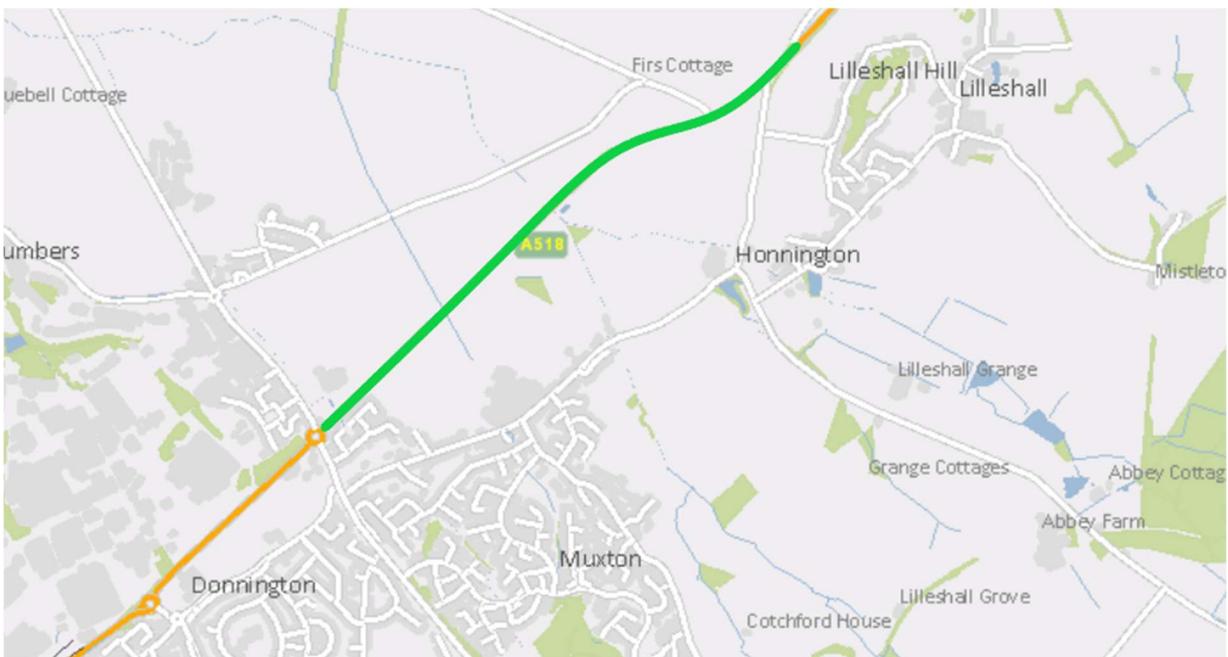


### 3. What is the aim of this scheme?

The scheme will bring forward and improve connectivity along the A518 from Muxton to the north of Telford & Wrekin by providing an off road cycling and walking route.

### 4. Where is the proposed route?

The scheme will look to create approximately 2km/1.25miles of permanent footway/cycleway adjacent to the A518 over the section shown in green on the map below:





The scheme is still in design development but will look to bring forward a segregated route, however it is noted that due to the physical constraints on the site, that there may need to be elements of shared use along the route in order to provide the link.

Such constraints include structures, gradients, and land ownership. However, by providing this link the situation will improve over the current on road solution in this area, and a segregated route is the predominant aim from this scheme.

## 5. When will this route be completed?

We are currently consultanting on this scheme through out December and January and will look to have work commence in early spring 2021 with completion by early summer 2021.

## 6. What measures will the A518 Cycle Route Connectivity Scheme include?

The A518 Cycle Route Connectivity Scheme will include the following improvements:

- New segregated cycleway (permanent);
- New permanent footway;
- Widening existing footway;
- Restriction or reduction of parking availability (e.g. closing bays)
- Provision for monitoring and evaluation of schemes.
- Possible introduction of crossing facilities on the A518.

## 7. How is the scheme being funding?

Telford & Wrekin Council have received a grant award letter from the Department of Transport Active Travel Fund. The amount awarded is £229,500. This funding will cover the cost of the scheme.

## 8. When can I see detailed plans of the route?

Detailed plans will be posted on this webpage by February 2021

## 9. Why haven't we been formally consulted on this prior to approval?

The nature of the funding and the timescales we are having to work to, have limited the extent we have been able to consult and engage prior to submitting our bid to the Department for Transport.

As a result of our successful bid and the Department for Transport acknowledging the lack of time previously to consult on the scheme, we would welcome your views on the scheme before we proceed to the next stage.

A short survey can be accessed on the Active Travel Fund webpage.

## 10. How do I comment on the Scheme?

Please complete the A518 Cycle Route Connectivity Scheme survey