

FAQs

Where will the pathway improvements be in Bilston?

Improvements to the footpath and cycleway running parallel to the Black Country Route from the junction at Bert Turner Boulevard, past the indoor and outdoor market entrances, to the bus and tram station is proposed. Take a look at the area being improved by typing wolverhampton.gov.uk/bilstonpath into your internet browser.

Who owns the land?

The land is owned by the City of Wolverhampton Council.

Who is funding the improvements?

The City of Wolverhampton Council has secured external funding to improve the pedestrian and cycle route. The proposals form part of the Bilston Health and Regeneration Programme (HaRP). Bilston HaRP is funded by the Government’s Capital Regeneration Projects Grant.

What improvements are being proposed?

The City of Wolverhampton Council wants to update and enhance the pathway, the fencing and the borders around the pathway. This will make it pleasant and safer to walk along. They also want to widen the pathway, so both pedestrains and cyclists can comfortably use it together. Bollards at the entrance to the pathway will stop vehicles being driven along it to improve pedestrain safety. Upgrading the surface of the pathway will also make it easier for people with pushchairs and wheelchairs to use. The pathway improvements are important as it is used by lots of people in Bilston to get to and from each end of the High Street and to the pedestrian crossings to visit Morrisons, WV Active Bilston - Bert Williams leisure centre and Bilston Urban Village.

Will the bus and tram station be affected?

The bus and tram station will continue to operate as normal during the works. There will be signs to show you how to get to the bus and tram station while the pathway along the Black Country Route is being improved.

Will the outdoor and indoor market be affected?

The outdoor and indoor market will continue to operate normal opening hours during the works. There will be signs to show you how to get to the market while the pathway outside the market entrances is being improved.

Will Pinfold Street car park be affected?

Pinfold Street car park, and the entrance to it, will not be affected by the work to improve the pathway. Walking from the Black Country Route to the High Street may be disrupted while the pathway in front of Bert Turner Boulevard is improved. We will let you know when this is happening, how long it will take and how to get to the High Street when the work is happening.

What will be the impact on the local environment?

The improvements are designed to provide a safe pedestrian and cycle route to get to the High Street, indoor and outdoor markets and the bus and tram station. Improvements will include refurbishing the railings, trimming the hedges and planting new shrubs and trees to make the pedestrian and cycle route pleasant to use.

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What consultation has taken place?

This is the first consultation for the improvements to the pathway along the Black Country Route. You can help by looking at the plan and the artist’s impressions and completing a short online survey to give us your opinions and share your ideas. Put the following link into your internet browser to see artist’s impressions of the improvements and take the survey: wolverhampton.gov.uk/bilstonpath

When will the refurbishment start and finish?

After we have gathered your feedback City of Wolverhampton Council will update the plans, based upon the suggestions you have made. They will procure a suitable contractor to deliver the updated plans. Work is expected to start in early 2027 and complete by Autumn 2027.

How can I have a say in what is proposed for the improvements?

The City of Wolverhampton Council has an online information page for you to see the plans for the improvements and artist’s impressions. The page also has a link to a survey so you can tell us what you think about the improvements and help shape them. Put the following link into your internet browser to see what is being planned and give us your opinion: wolverhampton.gov.uk/bilstonpath

How will local residents be kept informed?

The City of Wolverhampton Council will ensure that local residents are kept informed of updates, and progress of the improvements, through information shared with the local media, local community groups, on the Council’s website and its social media channels.