

We are working to increase the number of people choosing to move around the city on foot or by bike particularly if they are making a short journey. We hope by doing this that we can reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and make cleaner, quieter streets in the city.

We have plans to provide a 700m walking and cycling route between Sheffield city centre and University of Sheffield and nearby western suburbs. The aim of this scheme is to provide a continuous, safe and more pleasant environment that will encourage more people to walk and cycle away from main roads.

Major improvements for walking and cycling have already been made to part of this route between Western Bank and Mappin Street in partnership with University of Sheffield and we would like to continue these to include the rest of Portobello, the crossing of Rockingham St, Trippet Lane, and Holly Street giving access right into the Heart of the City. The scheme is aimed at providing cycle and pedestrian priority whilst maintaining access for all road users and improving streetscape where possible.

To achieve this we will change the layout of Portobello. The street will have a central cycle lane with other motorised traffic taking a lower priority. Cyclists will be allowed to travel in both directions, vehicles only one way. To achieve a pedestrian friendly environment, all access points and side roads will be converted to raised vehicle crossings, similar to how a private drive crosses a footway.

Trippet Lane will have a slightly different treatment to Portobello, due to the higher levels of motorised traffic, but we will still try to provide a cycle / pedestrian friendly environment. Trippet Lane and Pinfold Street will be made one way towards Rockingham Street with a narrow central carriageway for motorised traffic and wider than normal, two-way cycle lanes and footways with opportunities for planting and seating this will create a safer and more attractive environment for pedestrians and cyclists. There will still be a similar number of parking spaces but concentrated on the south side of Trippet Lane within parking bays protected by footway 'build outs'.

The landscaping proposals could include tree planters and seating. Consideration is also being given to allowing the cafes and pubs on Trippet Lane to utilise parts of these areas for outdoor seating for their customers subject to licensing, and mindful of avoiding noise and nuisance to local residents.

The proposals are shown on the attached plans and we welcome any comments or observations you may have on both the new route and the proposed pedestrianised areas.