

Co-designing an Active Travel Zone for the St Mark’s neighbourhood

Following the survey, in March 2021 residents were invited to work with designers and council staff in a series of workshops, to develop ideas and design solutions to address the community’s concerns. Our designers have reviewed the most popular suggestions and their proposals can be seen in the map overleaf.

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Scheme funding

The St Mark’s Active Travel Zone project is one of the schemes funded by Southampton City Council’s award of £1.225m from the Government’s Active Travel Fund. The aim of the award is to help more people to travel more sustainably and actively. The project is also being funded by developer contributions secured through the planning process.



Each proposed measure has undergone a cost analysis. Detailed designs have been prepared and the work is scheduled to start in the autumn. If you have any comments or questions about the scheme, you can email stmarks.atz@southampton.gov.uk or make an appointment to come and see us on either of the following dates at St Mark’s C of E School:

Wednesday 30 June at 3.30 or 4.30 pm
Saturday 3 July at 10.30 or 11.30 am

Note: Attendance is by appointment only and numbers are limited by current COVID-19 regulations. The event will be held outside and social distancing measures will be in place.



Please register via Eventbrite at bit.ly/stmarksatz (case sensitive link).

Alternatively, you can write to us at:
St Mark’s ATZ, Green City and Infrastructure,
Southampton City Council
1st Floor, One Guildhall Square,
Southampton, SO14 7FP

Some of the proposed measures require a formal consultation with residents before they can go ahead. If you live near one of these, you will be contacted by letter with details of the consultation process.

More information about the St Mark’s Active Travel Scheme project and a summary of the results of both the perceptions survey and co-design workshops can be viewed online at

www.transport.southampton.gov.uk/stmarks

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ST MARK’S ACTIVE TRAVEL ZONE

An update for residents following the March 2021 co-design workshops.



The St Mark’s Active Travel Zone

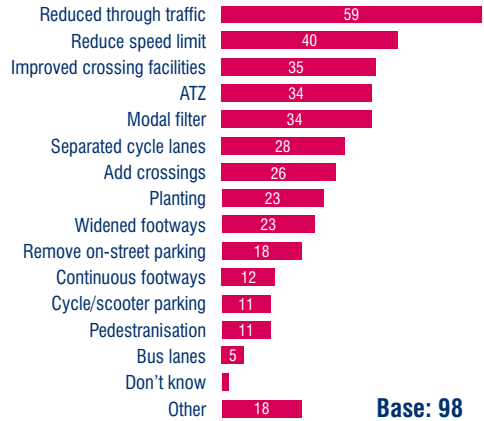
St Mark’s C of E School is expanding, with its first intake of Year 7 pupils starting in 2022. Through collaboration with the local community, the Active Travel Zone (ATZ) project aims to improve walking and cycling in the area for short journeys. This will be done by making small changes to the streets and roads in the neighbourhood to create a healthier, friendlier and safer environment for everyone.

Inside this leaflet are details of the proposed measures for the first phase of works, planned for autumn 2021. Additional measures will be considered in the future.

Working with the community around St Mark’s C of E School

In Dec 2020, you told us what you would like to change in your neighbourhood in the survey. The school community also told us about their journey to school. The results identified Malmesbury Rd, Shirley Rd, Howard Rd, Stafford Rd and Suffolk Ave as most in need of improvement, with through-traffic, traffic speed and crossing facilities your main concerns.

What could improve this area? (Overall)



Base: 98



Malmesbury Road / Charlton Road

You said: Traffic travels fast through the Malmesbury Road and Charlton Road junction making it difficult to cross the road.

Proposal: A change of priority for cars at the Malmesbury Road junction with Charlton Road will make the route less attractive to through traffic and reduce the number of cars travelling at speed.

Two new continuous crossings with dropped curbs at the Malmesbury Road and Charlton Road junction will prioritise people walking in the area and provide better crossing facilities to St Mark's School.

Howard Road / Stafford Road / Suffolk Avenue

You said: There is a lack of crossing facilities on Howard Road and the high volume of traffic makes crossing the road difficult.

Proposal: The provision of a parallel zebra crossing (with cycling facilities) on Howard Road, to the east of Stafford Road, will improve the connection between residential areas to the north and south of Howard Road. This crossing will be supported by new continuous crossing facilities at the Stafford Road and Suffolk Avenue junctions and planting, to create a safer and more attractive walking and cycling environment around St Mark's C of E School. A timed road closure on the northern section of Stafford Road (that only allows access for residents' vehicles) will also support a future School Street for the expanded school.



Shirley Road / Malmesbury Road

You said: It is difficult to cross Malmesbury Road and there is too much through traffic.

Proposal: New continuous crossing facilities at the Malmesbury Road junction with Shirley Road will prioritise people walking and cycling in the area. Prioritising people at this junction will also reduce the attractiveness of Malmesbury Road to through traffic and reduce speeds.

Shirley Road / Cawte Road / Dyer Road

You said: 51% of respondents said crossing facilities in the area are poor and 56% said the provision of cycle facilities is also poor.

Proposal: Two new pedestrian crossing facilities with cycle provision on Shirley Road, near Dyer Road and Cawte Road, will enable people to cross Shirley Road more easily. These crossings will be supported by widened footways and new continuous crossings at Dyer Road and Cawte Road. The widening of the footway will also enable a new shared-use path to be designated, providing safer facilities and better connections to St Mark's C of E School.

Measures for reducing through traffic on these roads will be explored in 2022.

Note: The computer-generated images represent how the proposed measures could look once installed.