

Dear Resident,

Grafham to Brampton Quietway Pilot Project

We are writing to update you on the latest situation regarding the railway bridge works on Brampton Road and plans for longer term improvements to the road between Grafham and Brampton.

Network Rail works

The Network Rail bridge works are currently scheduled to be complete, and the road should be reopened to all traffic by the time you receive this letter.

As you may be aware Brampton Road has been selected by Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to trial a rural Quietway route.

What are Quietways?

Quietways are intended to reduce vehicle speeds and improve highway conditions for active travel, i.e. walking, wheeling (wheelchairs, motorised scooters etc) and cycling. In particular, we want to open up opportunities for a wider range of people, including more vulnerable users such as children and older people. Brampton Road is a designated National Cycle Network (NCN) route, forming part of NCN12. As such, the County Council and Combined Authority are working in collaboration with Sustrans, who as custodians of the NCN, are responsible for its maintenance and improvement. Funding for this project has been provided by Active Travel England, a national government executive agency.

We want you to be involved

The project and the development of design ideas will be community led, with the project team seeking to engage with the local community to co-design a solution which has the support of the local community.

The engagement and design stage of the project will be delivered in two phases.

Phase one

In November and December 2024, we will develop an understanding of local issues and opportunities. To inform this, two community engagement events are planned to allow residents and local stakeholders the opportunity to meet members of the project team and share their views on Brampton Road. At this stage there will be a focus on understanding and sharing local experiences of, and around, Brampton Road. The project team are keen to better understand what is working and what could be improved - with local people at the heart of this conversation.

These will be two scheduled drop-in events. Residents are welcome to attend anytime between the beginning and end of the event and there is no expectation for anyone to attend for the duration.

The events are scheduled for:

- **Monday 25th November 2024, 3pm – 7pm at Brampton Memorial Centre, and**
- **Thursday 28th November 2024, 4pm – 8pm at Grafham Village Hall.**

Residents are welcome to attend one or both events, however the content and format will be the same at each. We will be sharing background to the project, local traffic related data that has been collected, open maps for residents to pin point issues or concerns, various opportunities to feedback on local journeys and needs, and an overview of next steps.

Additionally, we appreciate not all residents will be able to make these dates, so we will be holding pop-up events in the local area in key locations and meeting with other local stakeholders during December. We will ensure that all residents that want to engage with this project get the opportunity to do so. Some of these activities will be advertised and others will be impromptu (depending on weather and locations).

Phase Two

Between January and March 2025, we will hold a series of community co-design events to develop, test and gather feedback on design ideas to improve the road. Based on this feedback, a final design option will be developed with the intention to implement and monitor it on a trial basis. The trial would be closely monitored and the dialogue with residents will continue. There is no design at this time and any trial will be developed on the back of this engagement process. The timing and duration of the trial are yet to be determined and will be informed by the design and local approval processes. This is an opportunity to draw additional funding into the area and showcase what might be possible in rural areas to open up opportunities for greater participation in walking, cycling and wheeling.

If you have any further questions, please do contact us at eastofengland@sustrans.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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