



Whitchurch village and Queen Charlton

Bath & North East Somerset Council is seeking your feedback on plans to improve your neighbourhood streets, and the proposals set out in this leaflet.

Lately we've seen a significant increase in traffic on residential streets which makes walking, wheeling and cycling much harder. We want to improve streets so that people who don't have cars, or who want to travel actively, can get around easily.

The map of your area overleaf shows a range of improvements to complement the existing through-traffic restriction, encourage more considerate driving, and create safer routes to local community hubs.

Share your views

1. View the proposals inside
2. Find out more online
3. Share your feedback at
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Please contact us for support

- Call **01225 394025** (9am-5pm)
- Email LN@bathnes.gov.uk



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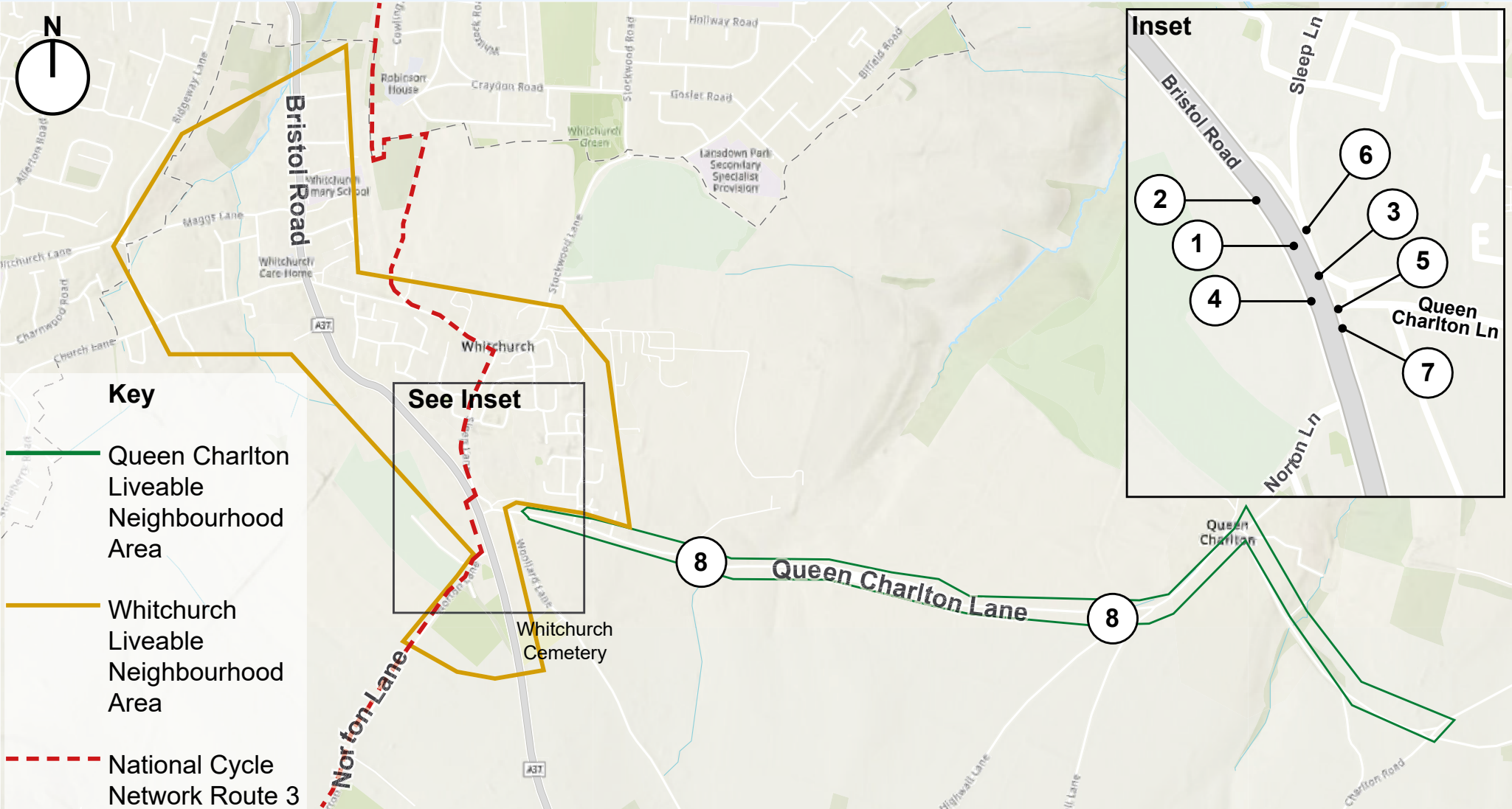
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Whitchurch village and Queen Charlton Liveable Neighbourhood Proposals



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A new 5.2-metre-wide signalised crossing with dropped kerbs and tactile paving is proposed across the A37 between Whitchurch Village and the junction with Queen Charlton Lane.
- 2

The bus stop on the western side of the A37 carriageway (for buses towards Bristol) would move north to improve visibility of the crossing. New shelters and real-time bus information would be provided.
- 3

The bus stop on the eastern side of the A37 carriageway (for buses towards Pensford) would be moved c.40 metres to the south. New shelters and real-time bus information would be provided.
- 4

The long path which connects the community facilities at Norton Lane to the A37 crossing would be widened to 3 metres to allow cyclists and pedestrians to pass each other. It would be set back from the road to improve safety.
- 5

The junction of the A37 with Queen Charlton Lane would be narrowed to slow approaching vehicles, and a pedestrian refuge installed to make it easier to cross.
- 6

Improvements to existing paths on the eastern side of the proposed crossing would improve access for pedestrians and cyclists to national cycle route (3) and Queen Charlton Lane.
- 7

The path from Queen Charlton Lane to the cemetery would be widened to 2 metres to improve connectivity.
- 8

In 2024 we made permanent a through-traffic restriction on Queen Charlton Lane to prevent drivers using the rural lane as a short cut. It allows pedestrians cyclists and horse riders to pass through, but not motor vehicles.

Exact locations and signage

The exact locations of the crossing and new bus stops are still to be determined, as are the positions of the required signage.

Somer Valley Links Project

The Somer Valley Links (SVL) project is a district-wide scheme that aims to improve active travel connections and bus infrastructure along the A37, A367 and A362. We are working with their team to ensure proposals are compatible. This may result in some changes to our proposals over time. Visit www.bathnes.gov.uk/somer-valley-links



Finalising plans

Once we have considered your feedback, we will publish more detailed designs and make any necessary adjustments before installing the scheme under standard Traffic Regulation Orders. Please go to www.bathnes.gov.uk/yourLN (Whitchurch Village & Queen Charlton) to find out more about how we decide on changes to road layouts.

Scan the QR code to find out more on your smartphone



Why do we need these improvements?



Better health
and wellbeing



Less noise, congestion
and pollution



Closer, friendlier
communities

How were these proposals developed?

Over the last few years, we have engaged local communities, including residents in Whitchurch village and Queen Charlton, about traffic-related issues on residential streets. This has included several rounds of engagement and a co-design workshop to suggest improvements.

Not all the ideas put forward made it to this draft plan. Some are not affordable, some have already been trialled and made permanent, and some have evolved to ensure they are safe and meet specific technical criteria.

Aims of the scheme



These proposals aim to improve connectivity between the homes located to the east of the A37 and the community facilities on the other side, such as the children's playground.

A signalised crossing over the A37 would help pedestrians and cyclists to cross the busy highway from surrounding shared paths. Improvements to junctions and crossings on nearby side roads aim to improve safety, and wider paths would allow pedestrians and cyclists to comfortably pass each other.

Next steps

We will consider
your feedback



Detailed designs
will be prepared and
published



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