

Pulteney Estate Liveable Neighbourhood update

June 2025

Below we have set out more detail on other council schemes that will help to improve infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, encourage active travel, and reduce vehicle congestion in the Great Pulteney Street and Bathwick area.

Your councillors are keen to see the outcome of these projects before considering the proposals for the Pulteney Estate Liveable Neighbourhoods, which included through-traffic restrictions. They expect that these other schemes, would, in time, reduce congestion and improve active travel without the need for these measures.

St John's Road improvements

Under separate funding, the council hopes to improve the layout of St John's Road to discourage speeding and cut throughs, including wider and improved footways, particularly around the care homes. It also aims to widen the narrow footways linking St John's Road with Grove Street and Cleveland Bridge. Proposals will progress after further research.

M4 to Dorset Coast Study

The council envisages that there will be significantly less through traffic in Bathwick – particularly HGVs – as the A36 is replaced by an improved A350 in Wiltshire as the main strategic highway linking the M4 with the south coast. This was the recommendation of the recent National Highways' [M4 to Dorset Coast Strategic Study](#).

Bath, Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Links (BWWCL) project

Under this active travel scheme the council is proposing:

- continuous footways along the side turnings of Great Pulteney Street at William Street and Edward Street
- a formal crossing point at the junction of Sunderland Street and Great Pulteney Street

- improvements to the pedestrian crossing at the eastern end of Great Pulteney street, and the creation of a shared footway for pedestrians and cyclists on the southern side
- an upgraded crossing for pedestrians and cyclists at the Sydney Place/Darlington Street junction linking Great Pulteney Street to the Holburne Museum and the New Sydney Place and Sydney Road Liveable Neighbourhood
- a new crossing for pedestrians and cyclists over the A36 Beckford Road at the canal tow path
- a new shared path on the southern side of Beckford Road linking the canal tow path with the Sydney Road junction.

To keep up to date with BWWCL proposals and consultations go to

www.bathnes.gov.uk/BWWCL (Bath City Centre to the Kennet & Avon Canal route)

New Sydney Place and Sydney Road Liveable Neighbourhood

Under this neighbouring Liveable Neighbourhood (LN) scheme, we trialled a through-traffic restriction on Sydney Road for six months in 2024 which is set to become permanent subject to a formal TRO consultation from 3 July 2025.

Along with improved junctions with the A36 Warminster Road, the LN creates a quieter, safer active route between Bathwick and the city centre than the current National Cycle Route 4 and it integrates with the proposed improvements across the Bathwick area under the BWWCL scheme.

From **Wednesday 11 June until Thursday 10 July 2025 at 5pm**, we are consulting residents on one additional measure, which is a continuous crossing over the junction of New Sydney Place and the A36 Sydney Place/Darlington Street.

Residents in Bathwick are being informed by letter of the next steps for the Sydney Road LN including the formal TRO and the engagement on the continuous crossing.

For more information on the New Sydney Place and Sydney Road LN (including the through-traffic restriction trial) go to <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/new-sydney-place-and-sydney-road>