

22 August 2023

The Owner or Occupier  
Properties adjoining B4000

**Letter From**  
**West Berkshire Council**

**Environment**

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**Our Ref:** Stockcross Active Travel  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Highway works – Stockcross Active Travel Path scheme**

I write further to the letter dated 17 July 2023, with regard construction of the shared footway/cycleway between the A4 and Stockcross village.

As stated in the previous letter, the purpose of the works is to construct a shared path, for use by pedestrians and cyclists. The shared path will be constructed on Highway land, immediately alongside B4000 on its north side, between the A4 roundabout and the centre of Stockcross village, opposite Stockcross Post Office. This scheme will use funding assigned by the Government, for Active Travel.

The work will be undertaken by West Berkshire Council's Highways term contractor, Volker Highways. Work is scheduled to start on **Monday 18 September 2023** and completion currently anticipated by Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

As stated in the previous letter, the work will involve:

- Reconstruction and widening of short existing sections of footway near to the A4 roundabout;
- Construction of a shared path for use by pedestrians and cyclists, parallel to the B4000 on its north side between the A4 roundabout and a point opposite Stockcross Post Office, including provision of marked crossings at the side turning that serves Rookwood, Chapel Lane and Snake Lane, and at other accesses;
- Alterations to the existing crossing immediately east of, Stockcross Post Office; and
- Installation of raised kerbs at bus stops to assist with boarding and alighting from local buses, including at the main stops in Stockcross.

The active travel path will be constructed in sections. In order to complete these works safely, two-way temporary traffic signals will be used alongside the section under construction. The temporary signals will then be moved along in stages as work progresses along the site. Please allow additional time when making journeys during the construction phase.

When work is taking place in Stockcross at the junction of B4000 with Rookwood (also known as Snake Lane) and also at the junction of Glebe Lane, three-way temporary traffic signals will be used.

Please note that the temporary traffic signals on the B4000 shall operate for 24 hours each day during the construction phase. This is to protect the workforce during construction and also to protect the excavation along the verge parallel to the carriageway.

Access to dwellings and businesses, for both vehicles and pedestrians, will be maintained. There may be very short periods of time where construction work is taking place at access points, when a short delay will be involved while material is curing or until plant can be moved out of the way.

Unfortunately, with highways works of this nature, a certain level of disruption and noise is inevitable. Please accept our apologies in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused by these works. Should you have any queries about the scheme then please email [projects@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:projects@westberks.gov.uk) or contact the Customer Services Team on 01635 551111.

The Stockcross Active Travel Path scheme is a first step in creating an off-carriageway route for walking, wheeling and cycling, between Stockcross village and the quiet road called Speen Lane that connects onwards into Newbury.

The Council is undertaking design work on the next section of the route, crossing the A4 and A34 towards Speen Lane, in anticipation of further funding becoming available in the near future for that section.

Yours sincerely



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