

Q: Why is this scheme being proposed?

A: The scheme has been developed to provide improved safe access to the city centre for cycles from the east of the City. It also improves the provision for pedestrians to cross St Owen Street at key points. It aims to encourage active travel.

Q: What are the benefits of the scheme?

A: The key benefits of the scheme are:

- Providing a quicker and safer route for cycles to access the city centre from the east.
- Making it easier for pedestrians to safely cross St Owen Street at key points.
- Improved car parking configuration.

Q: What are the improvements for pedestrians?

A: The scheme will provide a signal controlled crossing at the junction of St Owen Street and Bath Street. Three further uncontrolled crossing points will be provided along the length of St Owen Street. At these points the footway will be built out into the carriageway to reduce the crossing distance and improve the ability for pedestrians to see beyond parked cars.

Q: What is the impact on parking on St Owen Street?

A: As part of the scheme the current angled parking bays will be changed to parallel parking bays. This arrangement is safer when vehicles are entering and exiting the bays.

Q: What will be the impact on traffic on St Owen Street?

A: Along the majority of the length of St Owen street the proposed scheme will not impact traffic movements along the street. This is because the street is wide enough to accommodate the cycle provision without impacting on traffic flow. At the Bath street end the controlled pedestrian crossing and advanced stop line for cyclists will move the stop line for vehicles to the west. The existing give way slip lane into Mill Street will also be removed to facilitate the cycle lane. Vehicles will still be able to access Mill Street but will need to wait at the traffic lights.

