

Fareham Town Centre Active Travel Consultation

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is this project about?

Fareham Borough Council is carrying out a study to better understand how people currently travel to and around Fareham Town Centre, particularly when walking, wheeling and cycling. The study is exploring the barriers that can make journeys difficult, uncomfortable or inaccessible, while also identifying opportunities that could improve connectivity, accessibility and support healthier lifestyles in the future.

The work focuses on understanding existing conditions and gathering local feedback to help build a clearer picture of how people currently move around the town centre, where challenges are experienced most frequently, and how the town centre could better support everyday active travel journeys.

What is an Active Travel study?

“Active travel” refers to making journeys by walking, wheeling, cycling or other non-motorised forms of travel. This can include short everyday trips such as travelling to shops, accessing schools, reaching public transport, visiting leisure facilities or moving between key destinations within the town centre. Supporting active travel can also help encourage healthier lifestyles and improve overall wellbeing.

The study is exploring how these journeys currently work in Fareham and where there may be barriers affecting people’s ability or confidence to travel in these ways.

Does this consultation mean changes are definitely happening?

No. This consultation does not commit the Council to delivering any specific projects or improvements.

The purpose of the study is to gather information, understand local experiences and identify barriers and opportunities. Any future

improvements would require additional investigation, funding, design work, consultation and formal decision making processes before anything could be implemented.

Is funding already available for improvements?

No. This study does not confirm funding for specific projects or larger future works.

The current exercise is focused on understanding local issues and identifying where improvements may be beneficial in the future. While there may be a small amount of funding available to potentially progress one or two smaller-scale improvements, no funding is currently available for larger schemes or wider infrastructure changes.

Any future improvements would need to be developed further and funding secured in partnership with Hampshire County Council as the Local Highway Authority before works could progress.

Why is the Council carrying out this study?

The Council wants to better understand how people currently move around Fareham Town Centre and what barriers may prevent more walking, wheeling and cycling. The study is also looking at where accessibility issues exist, where people feel unsafe or uncomfortable, and which routes or destinations are most important to local people. Supporting healthier lifestyles and encouraging more everyday active travel journeys is also an important part of the study.

This information will help support future planning and investment decisions.

What area does the study cover?

The study focuses on Fareham Town Centre and surrounding connections, including routes to destinations such as the railway station, shopping areas, Fareham Leisure Centre, schools, parks and open spaces, Fareham Marina and Broadcut Retail Park.

What kinds of issues are being looked at?

The study is exploring a wide range of issues affecting movement around the town centre. This includes difficult or unsafe crossing points, long waiting times at traffic signals, narrow or obstructed footways, accessibility barriers, traffic speed, missing walking and cycling links, poor route surfaces and areas where people feel uncomfortable walking or cycling.

The study is also looking at wider accessibility and connectivity issues affecting journeys between key destinations.

Is this project only about cycling?

No. The study is looking at walking, wheeling and cycling together, with accessibility forming an important part of the project.

The work is intended to better understand the experiences of a wide range of users, including wheelchair users, people with mobility impairments, parents with prams, older people, children and anyone who may find moving around the town centre difficult.

Will roads be closed to vehicles?

No decisions have been made regarding road closures, traffic restrictions or changes to vehicle access.

The consultation is focused on understanding barriers and opportunities rather than confirming specific schemes or proposals. While there may be a small amount of funding available to potentially deliver one or two minor improvements, no funding is currently available for larger-scale changes or significant infrastructure projects. As a result, the study itself is not expected to lead to noticeable short-term changes within the town centre.

If any larger proposals are developed in the future, they would require further investigation, funding and separate, more detailed public consultation before any decisions could be made.

Will parking be removed?

No decisions have been made regarding parking changes as part of this study.

The purpose of the project is to better understand how people currently move around Fareham Town Centre and identify barriers and opportunities relating to walking, wheeling and cycling. No funding is currently in place to deliver significant changes to parking provision or wider highway infrastructure.

If any future proposals involving parking changes were ever considered, they would require further detailed assessment, funding and separate public consultation before any decisions could be made.

Why are you asking for feedback now?

Local knowledge is extremely valuable in helping to understand how people currently experience moving around Fareham Town Centre.

People who live, work, study or visit Fareham often understand where the biggest barriers are, which routes feel unsafe, where crossings are difficult and which locations need attention most urgently. This feedback helps build a more complete understanding of everyday journeys and experiences.

The Council has also received grant funding from Hampshire County Council to undertake this study and better understand how active travel into and around Fareham Town Centre could be improved, helping support the town centre as the main location for retail, leisure, entertainment and cultural activities for Borough residents.

What will happen to the feedback received?

All feedback received during the consultation period will be reviewed and analysed as part of the study.

The information gathered will help identify common themes, understand local priorities, highlight important routes and destinations, and inform the

final study findings. A summary of the consultation feedback will be included within the project outputs.

Can I suggest locations outside the town centre?

Yes. The consultation is intended to gather a wide range of views, experiences and suggestions.

While the study is focused on Fareham Town Centre, the project is also exploring how people travel to and from the town centre from surrounding neighbourhoods and destinations across Fareham. People are therefore encouraged to highlight barriers, identify missing links, suggest locations needing attention and share ideas relating to how they currently walk, wheel or cycle, or would like to in the future, when accessing the town centre.

Will all suggestions be delivered?

Not necessarily. The purpose of the study is to identify opportunities and better understand local priorities.

Any future improvements would need to be considered further based on factors such as feasibility, funding availability, safety, land ownership, environmental considerations and overall priority.

How long will the consultation run for?

The consultation is open from 10 June 2026 until 22 July 2026. Feedback received during this period will be reviewed as part of the study.

How can I take part?

People can take part by completing the online survey, reviewing the consultation material, adding comments to the interactive map or speaking to members of the project team during consultation events.

Why does walking, wheeling and cycling matter?

Walking, wheeling and cycling can help improve accessibility, support healthier lifestyles, reduce short car trips and improve connections between destinations. They can also help create more pleasant environments for people moving around the town centre.

The study is exploring how these journeys currently work in Fareham and where improvements may be needed in the future.

What happens after the consultation?

Once the consultation closes, the feedback received will be reviewed and analysed alongside the route assessments and wider study findings.

This information will help identify common themes, understand local priorities and inform the final study outputs. No projects are automatically approved or delivered as part of this process.

Who is carrying out the study?

The study is being undertaken by Ethos Consultants on behalf of Fareham Borough Council.

Where can I find more information?

Further information about the project and consultation can be found on the Fareham Borough Council website. Members of the project team will also be available during consultation events to answer questions and discuss the study.