

Active Travel Fund; Petersfield High Street

Welcome

Hampshire County Council is committed to creating better spaces for people walking and cycling in and around our towns to enable social distancing for safe, essential journeys and exercise during the Coronavirus pandemic - and as we work towards a period of recovery.

The County Council has secured £3.28 million from a successful bid to the Government's Active Travel Fund. Subject to feedback the funding will be used to provide a range of measures across Hampshire to create better spaces for walking and cycling in local communities subject to the outcome of consultation.

The survey will be open from noon Monday 22 February 2021
and
closes at midnight on Sunday 21 March 2021

[Please click on this link to access the survey.](#)

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1. Scheme Overview

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The proposals aim to improve the temporary social distancing measures that were introduced over the summer, with better quality materials that can be kept in place for an extended period and are more in keeping with Petersfield town centre. These are likely to include better signing and large wooden planters in place of the existing red and white barriers.

Subject to feedback, the existing bus gate feature could be enhanced with improved signing and will continue to only allow access for buses and licensed taxis.

Additional cycle stands will also be introduced in and around the High Street area of the town centre.

Objectives of this scheme are to:

- Improve the temporary measures so they are more appropriate for Petersfield town centre;
- Maintain access for those who need it;
- Enable social distancing;
- Support the economic recovery of the town centre;
- Reduce the need to travel short distances by car; and
- Reduce through traffic in the town centre.

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2. Petersfield High Street Plan



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3. Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the scheme needed?

Hampshire County Council is committed to creating better spaces for people walking and cycling in and around our towns to enable social distancing for safe, essential journeys and exercise during the Coronavirus pandemic, and as we work towards a period of recovery.

Who is paying for this scheme? Is this taxpayers money?

The scheme, if implemented, is being funded through the Active Travel Fund provided by the Department for Transport.

How does the scheme support the climate change agenda?

Transport accounts for nearly 37% of the carbon emissions across Hampshire, and much of that is from private car use. If we can reduce the number of private car journeys made, it will impact positively on emissions. Nationally we have seen more people shopping locally, not only during lockdown, but also as part of supporting local businesses campaigns as we head into the recovery phases. We've also seen people walking and cycling more as part of their daily exercise. The Active Travel Fund schemes aim to encourage short journeys on foot or by cycle by providing more space, resulting in a reduction in the number of journeys made by car.

Will emergency services still have access?

Yes, emergency services and refuse vehicles will still be able to access the High Street in the same way they do currently. We will continue to liaise with them to ensure it remains acceptable.

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4. Frequently Asked Questions

How will the bus gate feature be enforced?

A temporary traffic order (TTRO) will be in place and the bus gate can be enforced by the police. Depending on the consultation outcome, an enforcement camera may be provided in the future if necessary.

Who is project managing the project - Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council or the Town Council?

It is being managed by Hampshire County Council's Transport Team with support from the District and Town Councils.

Can we spend the money on other facilities in the area instead?

As this funding comes from the Department for Transport to support walking and cycling measures, there are constraints to what the funding can be spent on. However, there may be future funding that would allow other ideas to be implemented.

How long will it take to remove barriers and install the new planters and cycle parking?

Between one and two weeks.

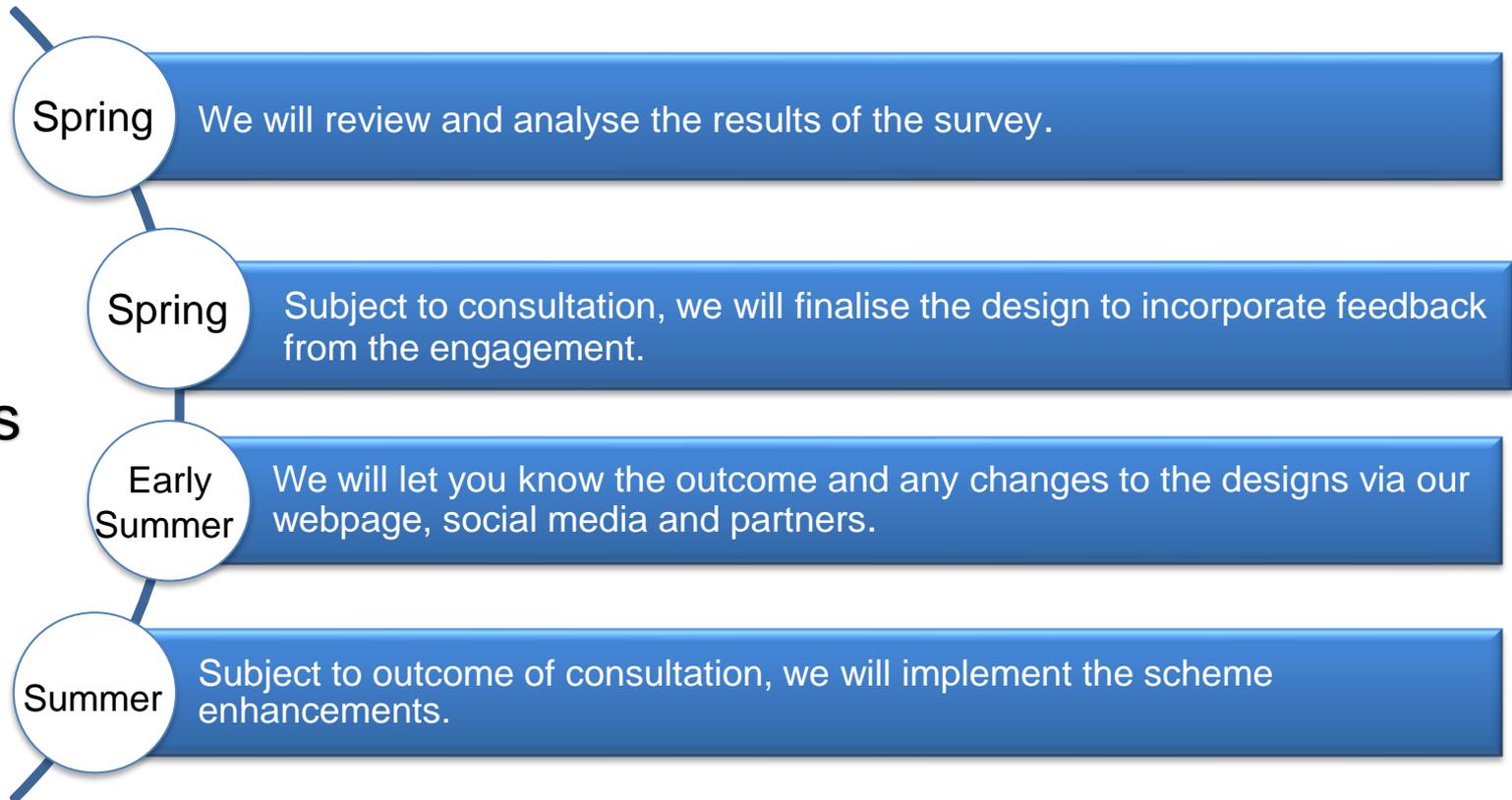
Will there be any further funding for this scheme?

There is currently no further funding for this scheme. If a new source of external funding was made available, the Council could submit a bid but only if there is support for this scheme to remain.

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5. Next Steps

What happens next?



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6. Have Your Say

Thank you...

for taking the time to view the plans and provide feedback.

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