



## Active Travel Funding Tranche 2: Consultation Plan

### **Introduction**

Bracknell Forest Council submitted plans for a number of walking and cycling infrastructure improvements to the Government's Active Travel Fund, Tranche 2. The Council was awarded £181,800 from the fund. This sum is not sufficient to deliver all the schemes in the bid.

The Council therefore plans to focus on delivering the two Toucan crossing elements – on Binfield Road and Forest Road - of our Scheme 2 proposal. The remaining schemes will be delivered when future funding opportunities arise.

### **Scheme details**

The Toucan crossing on the B3018 Binfield Road, at Frampton's Bridge, will provide a safe crossing place on this busy road for both pedestrians and cyclists from the new Warfield housing development. It provides key access to the all-through Kings Academy school, which is the local designated area school. It will also provide access to the main employment areas on the Western and Southern Business Areas and the local leisure amenities at Jock's Copse and Tinker's Copse.

The Toucan crossing on the B3034 Forest Road will also provide a safe crossing point for walkers and cyclists to access the Kings Academy, and has been requested both by local residents and Binfield Parish Council. This improvement will also benefit the main north/south walking and cycling route along Wood Lane, providing direct access to the Western and Southern Business Areas for residents of Binfield.

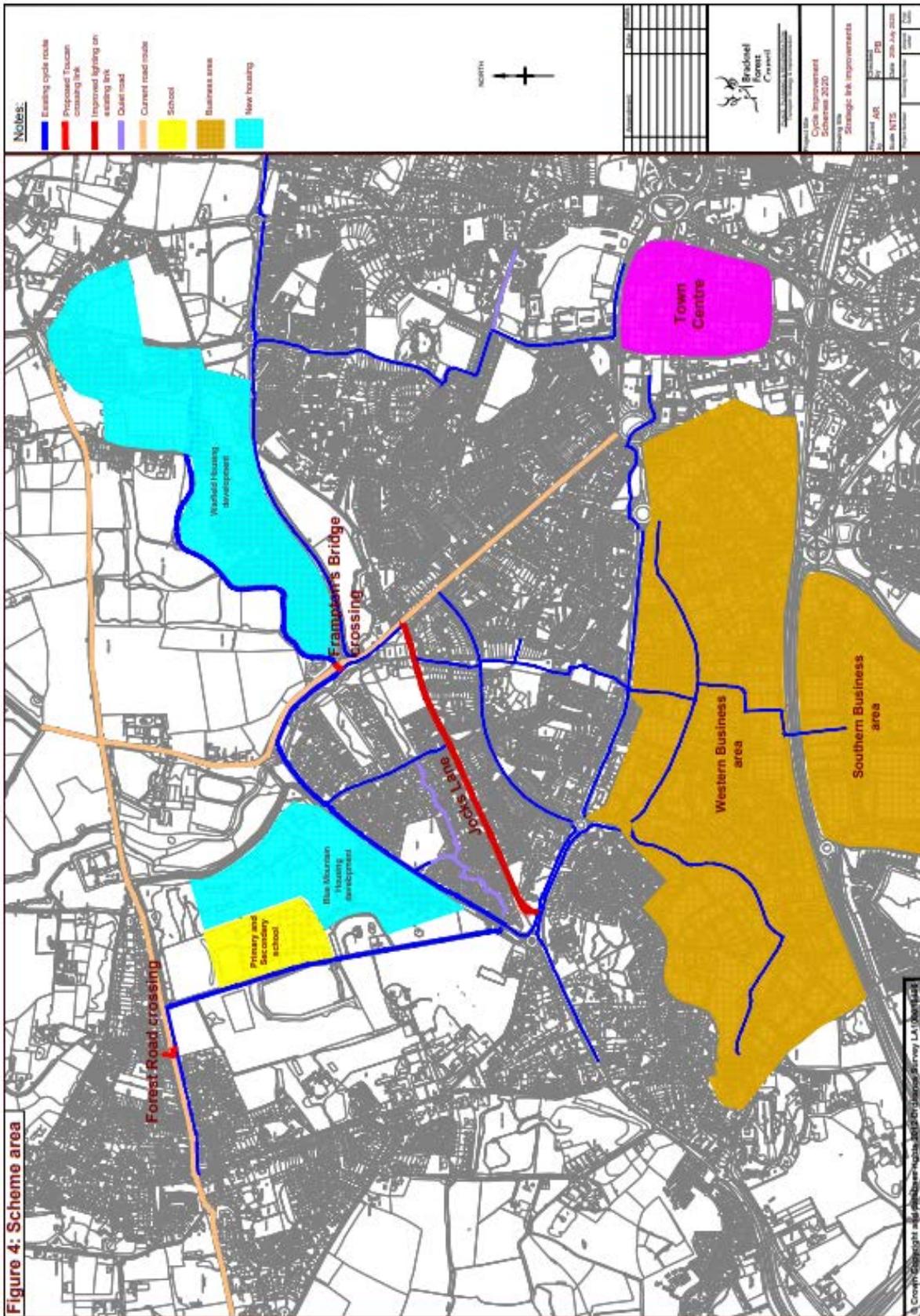
### **Consultation**

The Government has been clear that Tranche 2 funding will not be released until a consultation plan has been published. This document therefore sets out what consultation has already taken place, and what level of consultation the Council feels is appropriate for schemes of this type.

It is important to recognise these schemes do not take away space already allocated to motorised vehicles and will therefore have a limited effect on local traffic, freight or emergency vehicles.

The table at Appendix B sets out a range of stakeholders and details what consultation has already taken place, and what is planned as part of the delivery of the scheme.

# Appendix A



## Appendix B

Stakeholder	Previous Consultation	Proposed future Consultation	Justification
Local Residents		Statutory notices regarding the crossing will be advertised in the local newspaper.  All properties adjacent to the crossing sites will be contacted by direct letter.	The scheme is not considered to be controversial.  The scheme will not adversely affect residents, it will benefit them.
Parish Council	Both local Parish and Town council's have been consulted on the schemes.	Notification of programmed works.	This is standard practice for schemes of this type.
Local Councillors	Councillors have been notified of proposals and comments sought.  Exec Member for Planning and Transport approved the scheme bid	Notification of programmed works.	This is standard practice for schemes of this type.
Local MP	None	We will write to the local MP to advise them of the funding award and provide an opportunity to comment on the schemes.	We recognise that some Emergency Active Travel Funded schemes in other areas have been politically sensitive. Although this scheme does not fall into that category, we will make the local MP aware of the scheme.
Local Business	None	We will inform Bracknell BID of the schemes.	The crossing will aid access to the wider cycle network which serves the Western and Southern Business Areas.
Emergency services/Royal Mail/Bus operators	None	No further consultation required	The scheme does not introduce any new vehicle restrictions
Internal Colleagues	Senior Management have been consulted on the schemes.	As required	Internal colleagues have been consulted already, but further specific consultation may be required.