



Church Street & Prior Park Area

Bath & North East Somerset Council is seeking your feedback on plans to improve your neighbourhood streets, and the proposals set out in this leaflet.

Lately we've seen a significant increase in traffic on residential streets which makes walking, wheeling and cycling much harder. We want to improve streets so that people who don't have cars, or who want to travel actively, can get around easily.

The map of your area overleaf shows a range of improvements to complement the existing through-traffic restriction, encourage more considerate driving, and create safer routes to schools and shops and a quieter, healthier environment.

Share your views

1. View the proposals inside
2. Find out more online
3. Share your feedback at

www.bathnes.gov.uk/yourLN

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Please contact us for support

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- Email LN@bathnes.gov.uk



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Church Street & Prior Park Liveable Neighbourhood Proposals for your feedback



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- ① A continuous, raised crossing would be installed over the junction of Church Street with Widcombe Hill, and the existing traffic island would be removed.
- ② To accommodate the crossing and improve pedestrian access, we would remove approximately three on-street resident parking spaces on Church Street and provide double yellow lines.
- ③ A new zebra crossing with dropped kerbs and tactile paving would be installed on Widcombe Hill, just west of the junction with The Tynning, to slow approaching vehicles and improve the safety of people crossing the road.
- ④ The existing bus stop to the west of the junction with Church Street would be moved further west on Widcombe Hill to improve visibility of the zebra crossing. This would require the removal of approximately two on-street parking spaces.
- ⑤ A set of bollards on either side of St Thomas à Becket Church and Widcombe Manor is already in place to prevent drivers from using Church Street as a through-route. The bollards can be removed by the emergency services and for access to the church, and access to properties is maintained from either side of the restriction.

Signage

The potential location of signage alerting road users to these new proposals will be included in detailed designs.

Continuous crossings

Continuous crossings feature wide, block-style paving raised to the level of the pavement to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, mobility aids and push chairs. They are designed to slow vehicles approaching the junction and give pedestrians priority when crossing the road. Road junctions are typically narrowed and bollards line the edge of the footway to prevent vehicles from driving on the pavement.

Finalising plans

Once we have considered your feedback, we will publish more detailed designs and make any necessary adjustments before installing the scheme under standard Traffic Regulation Orders. Please go to www.bathnes.gov.uk/yourLN (Church Street & Prior Park Road) to find out more about how we decide on changes to road layouts.

Scan the QR code to find out more on your smartphone



Why do we need these improvements?



Better health
and wellbeing



Less noise, congestion
and pollution



Closer, friendlier
communities

How were these proposals developed?

Over the last few years, we have engaged local communities, including residents in the Church Street & Prior Park area, about traffic-related issues on residential streets. This has included several rounds of engagement and a co-design workshop to suggest improvements.

Not all the ideas put forward made it to this draft plan. Some are not affordable, some have already been trialled and made permanent, and some ideas have evolved to ensure they are safe and meet specific technical criteria.

Aims of the scheme



In 2024, we made a through-traffic restriction trial on Church Street permanent to prevent drivers from using this narrow, residential street as a short cut and to create a quieter, safer environment for residents, pedestrians and cyclists.

We are now proposing improvements for pedestrians near the junction with Widcombe Hill, including a new zebra and continuous crossing to support those travelling actively to schools, shops and neighbouring residential areas.

Next steps

We will consider
your feedback



Detailed designs
will be prepared and
published



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finalising plans



We will install the
improvements

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