



Southlands

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 safely.

The map of your area overleaf shows a range of improvements to complement the existing through-traffic restriction and to encourage more considerate driving, safer routes to local 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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Southlands Area Liveable Neighbourhood Proposals for your feedback



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Southlands through-traffic restriction

A through-traffic restriction on Southlands was made permanent in early 2024 and we are now proposing to install a permanent modal filter to replace the temporary planters.

See Inset A

- 1 At the restriction, a 5-metre stretch of road would be narrowed to create a 3-metre-wide cycle lane with wider pavements on the western side. Bollards lining the pavements prevent vehicles from bypassing the filter.
- 2 A removable bollard would be installed in the centre of the lane, allowing bicycles and mobility scooters to pass but not motor vehicles. Emergency service vehicles can pass by removing the bollard.
- 3 Vehicle access to homes would be maintained from either side of this restriction.
- 4 A small planting area (3m x 2m) would be installed between the cycle lane and western pavement, maintained by volunteers.
- 5 Boulders would be placed around the perimeter of the grassed area outside 74 and 76 Southlands to prevent people from driving on the grass.

Penn Hill Road

- 6 The crossing point/central island near the entrance to Weston Bowling Club would be replaced with a zebra crossing, raised to the height of the pavement and incorporating tactile paving.
- 7 Pavements on either side of the zebra crossing would be widened and the road narrowed.
- 8 The existing bus stop outside the bowling club would be moved opposite the junction with Southlands to improve visibility of the crossing.

Paths from Southlands to the High Street

- 9 A board-walk style ramp would replace the steep steps leading to the High Street, improving accessibility for people with disabilities, mobility aids and pushchairs.
- 10 Steps would be replaced with two asphalt ramps
- 11 Lighting columns would be replaced
- 12 Overgrown hedges would be cut back
- 13 Ramps and dropped kerbs would replace the steps by the shops

Signage

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

Finalising plans

Once we have considered your feedback, we will publish more detailed designs and make any necessary adjustments before installing the scheme. Please go to www.bathnes.gov.uk/yourLN (Southlands) to find out more about how we decide on changes to road layouts.

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 Southlands, 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, some we have referred to different projects, and some ideas have evolved to ensure they are safe and meet specific technical criteria.

Next steps

We will consider
your feedback



Detailed designs
will be prepared and
published



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adjustments will
be made before
finalising plans



We will install the
improvements

Aims of the scheme



These proposals aim to complement the new through-traffic restriction on Southlands and make walking, wheeling and cycling around this area safer and more accessible.

They include a proposal for the final design of the modal filter (already in place), improvements to lighting and handrails on the paths, and the replacement of the steep steps to the High Street with a gently sloping ramp. A new zebra crossing on Penn Hill Road is also proposed to support a walk-to-school route and to slow approaching traffic.

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