

# Northway (A59) Dodd's Lane Junction Improvements Frequently Asked Questions

## **Where is Dodd's Lane Located and Why Here?**

Dodd's Lane is located on either side of the Northway (A59) dual-carriageway in Maghull, providing access to residences, local businesses and services.

Dodd's Lane has been chosen for junction and active travel improvements due to its current poor active travel and crossing facilities. These improvements will allow for an extension of the Northway Cycleway southbound, with future junction upgrades planned for Eastway/Westway, approximately 350m to the south of the Dodd's Lane junction.

## **What is Active Travel?**

Active travel means making everyday journeys using your own energy - by walking, wheeling, or cycling. It covers trips to school, work, the shops, or to visit friends and family. It can also form part of a longer journey, such as walking to the bus stop or cycling to the train station.

By encouraging more people to choose active travel, we can help improve health and wellbeing, reduce air pollution, and create safer, more attractive streets for everyone.

## **Will there be changes near to where I live?**

We have included maps in the appendix at the back. These show where the current proposals are located.

## **What are the service road changes?**

There are currently two options being presented, however these will be subject to change at later design stages once this engagement is complete.

Within Option A, all Northway service roads are to remain open, however, will operate under a one-way restriction. This will allow for better flows of traffic than is currently operating.

Along the southern service road, cyclists will be guided onto here to continue southbound journeys by cycle.

Within Option B, the northern service road will be closed to traffic for entry and exit from Dodd's Lane. There will be a turning head for refuse vehicles to turn back into the service road, as opposed to allowing access as at present.

The southern service road will have the same configuration as Option A, with a one-way restriction and cyclists being guided onto here to continue southbound journeys by cycle.

### **How will the changes to the junction provide traffic benefits?**

The proposed changes within both options will provide both safety and traffic management benefits to the junction.

By introducing clearly marked and dedicated right-turn lanes on both sides of the A59, drivers will benefit from enhanced confidence and safety when turning right, reducing the risk of accidents. Furthermore, traffic modelling shows that reducing the A59 from three lanes to two lanes at the junction will not affect overall traffic flow. This change allows for wider footways, creating more space for pedestrians and cyclists without compromising road efficiency. Together, these improvements aim to ensure that traffic remains steady while reclaiming valuable space for those choosing to travel by foot or bike, supporting a safer and more inclusive environment for everyone.

### **Why was a pedestrian footbridge not chosen?**

While constructing a pedestrian footbridge across the A59 was considered, this option would have required purchasing extra land to meet accessibility standards - ensuring the bridge could be used comfortably by everyone. This would have significantly increased the cost and complexity of the project. Instead, we have decided to enhance the existing signalised crossings at the junction. These improvements will provide safer and easier access for pedestrians, offering a quicker and more cost-effective solution without compromising on accessibility.

## When could this be delivered?

The scheme is to be considered for delivery between 2027 – 2032, as part of a funding programme called Transport for City Regions (TCR). [You can find out more about the TCR programme on the government website.](#)

## How can I have my say?

There are three main ways to get involved:

- **Online survey**

Complete the engagement survey on **Your Sefton Your Say**

- **Paper survey**

Request a paper copy by visiting Maghull Library who will be able to provide a physical copy and return the survey to the same location, or by email or post to:

*Sefton Council, Transport Planning, Bootle Town Hall, Oriel Road, Bootle, L20 7AE.*

- **Drop-in events**

Meet the project team, view designs and ask questions at the following events:

<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>
Drop-in Session 1	Northway Primary School	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	4:30pm to 6:30pm
Drop-in Session 2	Maghull Parish Hall	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> march	9:30am to 4:30am

No booking is required. Please contact us in advance if you require information in another format (large print, translated documents, etc.).

## What happens next?

After this engagement:

1. We will review all feedback and update designs accordingly.

2. All responses reviewed will be summarised in an engagement report which will be published on the Council's website.
3. Responses received will assist in informing the next stage of design

### **I have questions. Who can I contact?**

You can email the project team at [transport.planning@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:transport.planning@sefton.gov.uk)