

Press Release

Liskeard consulting on major highway changes for town

Liskeard Town Council is consulting on some major highway proposals around the town and in the town centre. The Council is urging all residents and visitors to have their say on the biggest changes to the town's layout in years.

The Council has commissioned a local cycling and walking infrastructure plan, with the aim of making it easier and safer to walk and cycle in and around Liskeard. To do this, they have worked with consultants at Sustrans. After undertaking the first public consultation a few months ago, looking at barriers to cycling and walking around the town, the Council have developed some draft detailed proposals they want your views on. The plans can be viewed on the Council's website <https://www.liskeard.gov.uk/active-travel/>

Some of the main changes include:

- More 20mph zones
- Reducing Charter Way to 30mph
- New segregated cycle and footpath on Charter Way
- New two-way cycle path on Plymouth Road
- A new bus station in the town centre or extending the existing Barras Street bus stops
- Closing off Castle Street and Pound Street to through traffic (bus and locals only)
- Changes to Barras Street town centre
- Changes to Bay Tree Hill
- Safer crossing on Dean Street/Limes Lane area

There is an online survey or a paper copy of the consultation survey available on request at Liskeard Town Council's offices on West Street. Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WVTZVWW>

If you, the public, like these plans, the Council can develop them and start applying for funding to start making it happen. It's important to have your say now, before funding is applied for, or shovels start going in the ground.

The public have until the end of September 2022 to have their say.

Mayor of Liskeard Cllr Simon Cassidy said: *"We are looking to make some big highway changes to make it safer for all road users in Liskeard. We have seen and*

heard a lot of comments from the public about wanting to make it easier to walk and cycle – now is everyone’s chance to have their say on our proposals.”

Cornwall Councillor for Liskeard Central Cllr Nick Craker said: *“I urge the public, businesses and visitors of Liskeard to have their say about these proposals. Whether you’re a taxi driver, local resident, shopkeeper or work in the town, we want to hear from you all. It’s important we don’t make changes that lots of people are anti or knew nothing about. Now is the time to spend a few minutes looking at the proposals for our town, and respond to the survey.”*

Chair of the Active Travel Working Group Cllr Rachel Brooks said: *“We can make Liskeard a place where more people enjoy walking and cycling to go shopping, travel to school and work and spend time with family and friends. That will help keep us healthy too. Please fill in the survey so we get a wide range of views and can show funders what local people want.”*