

Welcome

Bolton Council is making improvements to Farnworth town centre, including improved footways, new pedestrian crossings, and better cycling routes, as well as more trees and green space along Market Street.

These improvements have been split into two phases, both creating more welcoming, greener and safer streets in Farnworth. You can read more about both phases of works on these information boards.

Since we last engaged with you in 2023, we have made a further update to our design for the junction of Market Street and King Street. This is your opportunity to share your feedback on the updated design, which includes crossings on all arms of the junction.



Aerial visualisation of the new junction, looking northwards from King Street. Market Street is on the left hand side, and the end of Darley Street can be seen on the right hand side.

Timeline

Early 2021	Bolton Council awarded funding from the Future High Streets Fund to support regeneration in Farnworth town centre.
June 2022	Consultation on the first phase of improvements takes place. This phase covers the area between King Street and Frederick Street, including Coucill Square.
Mid - late 2022	Construction of first phase begins. This creates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New segregated cycle lanes between Frederick Street and King Street• Public realm improvements outside Home Bargains• New trees and wider pavements
September - October 2023	Consultation on second phase takes place. This phase is funded by the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement and covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved footways, with smoother surfaces and improved drainage• New pedestrian crossings making it safer to cross the road• Better active travel facilities, and new trees and planting along Market Street
June 2025	Construction of first phase completes, with construction of second phase to follow.
June - August 2025	Consultation on updated design for Market Street / King Street junction, consideration of feedback and design finalisation.
April 2026	All construction complete.

King Street and Market Street junction design

Overview

Since we consulted with you on changes to pedestrian, cycle and car access through Farnworth town centre in 2023, we've updated our design for the junction of Market Street and King Street, allowing for improved safety and easier use by all users of the junction.

Our updated design now includes crossings on all arms of the junction, in accordance with the latest design standards for junctions in Greater Manchester.

Why have we made these changes?

In our 2023 consultation, we proposed segregated cycle lanes at the King Street junction but did not include a pedestrian crossing at Market Street. **The updated design now adds crossings on all sides**, meeting the latest junction standards for Greater Manchester.

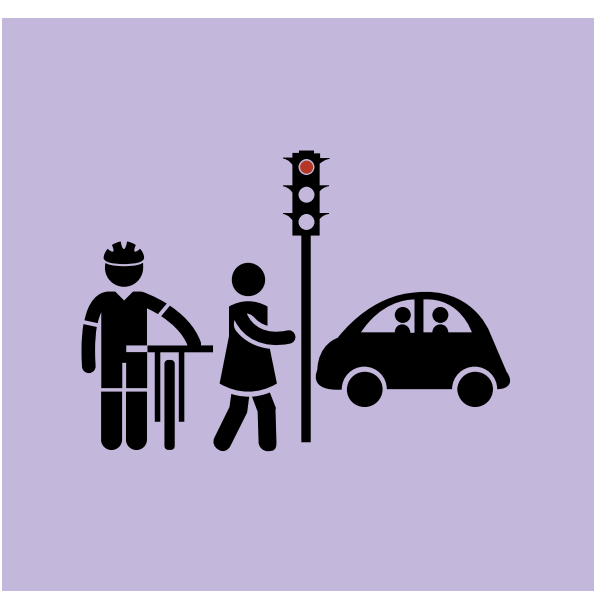
This update follows **further modelling done in collaboration with TfGM**. We aimed to better understand how the changes would affect traffic, especially for buses and cars.

The modelling showed that **the original design could increase delays**, particularly for buses. This was due to the need for separate green light phases for pedestrians and those cycling.

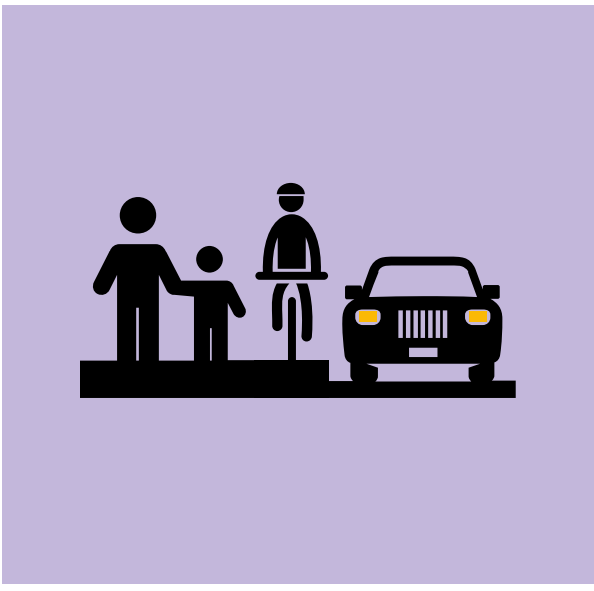
To improve traffic flow and ensure safe crossings for everyone, we've redesigned the junction layout. The new plan **balances efficiency with safety for all road users**.

What are the benefits?

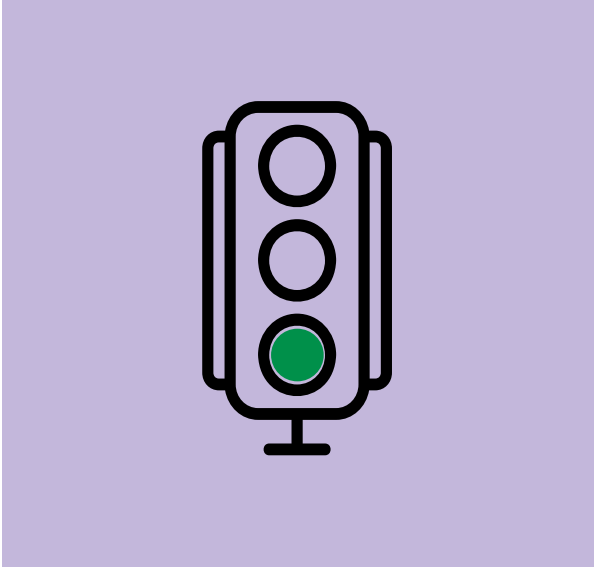
In order to help traffic flow better, while making sure pedestrians and those cycling can cross safely, we have modified the junction layout.



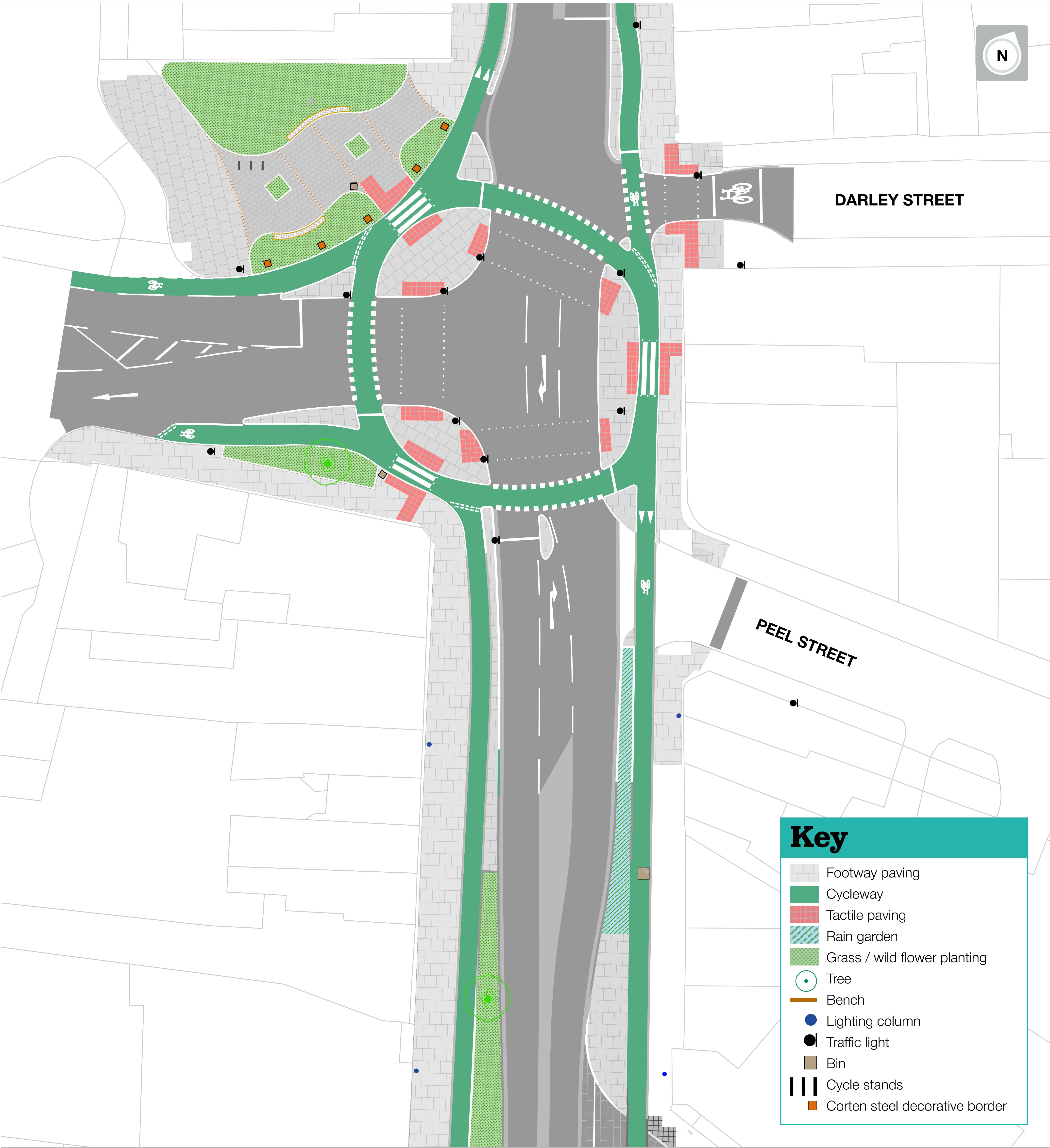
Complete separation of pedestrians and those cycling from general traffic improves safety by reducing the possibility of collisions or conflict.



Pedestrians and those using bikes get where they want to be more quickly, with more waiting space.



More efficient signal staging increases overall green time for vehicles, helping to reduce the impact identified in the modelling.



Plan showing the proposed design of the junction

Work to Date and Next Steps

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Our work so far

Completion of first phase

Work has now completed on the first phase of improvements to Market Street. This has delivered improvements around Coucill Square, and between King Street and Frederick Street, including works to the square itself. The full list of changes includes:

- A redesign of Coucill Square to provide greener space;
- A new parallel crossing at Frederick Street, giving priority to both pedestrians and those cycling;
- Tree planting in Coucill Square; and
- A redesign of the Home Bargains car park, meaning public space at Coucill Square is maximised.



A visualisation of Market Street, including new segregated routes for pedestrians and those cycling, from above

Building on progress

Beginning of second phase

Construction work on the next phase of the improvements (except for the junction) began last month. Subject to the outcome of our engagement with you, we aim to begin construction on the junction in September. We anticipate all works to be complete by April 2026.

In order to minimise disruption, the work will be carried out in sections. This will mean the road and pavement will be available for use for as long as possible. Construction on each section will happen in isolation – which means that no two sections will be under construction at the same time.

We will continue to work with businesses and residents in the area to make sure that accesses are maintained throughout the works. Our contractor will also liaise with any affected properties ahead of construction taking place.



A visualisation of Coucill Square and Home Bargains from above

Have your say

We would welcome your feedback on the new design for the junction of Market Street and King Street.

You can share your feedback with us by **Monday 21 July**, by completing an online feedback form by scanning the QR code, or submitting a hard copy form at our in-person event.



We will review all feedback received and will share this in a report available on the Bolton Council website later this summer.