

Frequently Asked Questions

Winter Hey Lane Proposals – Frequently Asked Questions

What does 'public realm' refer to?

Public realm refers to the spaces that people can freely use including roads, pavements and pedestrianised areas.

What would the public realm look like with the proposed options?

There would be new Yorkstone paving to enhance the area. Benches would be provided for seating and trees and planted areas will be installed.

What are the benefits of the two proposal options?

Option 1 (One way with contraflow cycle lane) would provide better and improved public realm areas, including more room for pedestrians and less through traffic making a more pleasant environment to visit and shop.

Option 2 (Pedestrianisation between St John Street and Lee Lane) would provide areas for people to sit and an area where events can be held.

Would I still be able to get to the car parks on St John Street?

Yes, access would still be available with both options if either option is approved.

How would deliveries be made to the shops?

Option 1: Access would still be available using the one-way system

Option 2: Access would be available for loading during off peak hours in the closed section of the road.

Where would through traffic that uses Winter Hey Lane between Lee Lane and Chorley New Road go?

Option 1: Traffic going from Chorley New Road to Lee Lane would use Chorley New Road to the roundabout at The Crown or Victoria Road to get to Lee Lane and Church St respectively.

Option 2: Some traffic would divert to Curteis Street to access Wright Street etc. Other traffic would divert as Option 1.

How would I get to Harrison Street if Winter Hey Lane is closed to traffic?

Access would still be available from Wright Street, crossing Winter Hey Lane, if either option goes ahead.

If one of the schemes is supported, when would the works take place?

The works would start in Summer 2026.

Are you considering any other proposals than the two options outlined in the document?

We are open to hearing any alternative proposals during the consultation if you do not agree with either of the proposed options.

What work has been done so far from the Masterplan for Horwich?

The Horwich Town Centre Masterplan included a number of interventions that were to be taken forward. So far, the new Health & Wellbeing Centre, Hampson Street refurbishment and improvements to Station Park have been completed.