

# 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 traffic can't use Winter Hey Lane people could start using the other side streets, what could be done about this?**

It may be necessary to install traffic calming measures and other restrictions on these other streets, to regulate traffic and deter vehicles from taking short cuts away from main routes. When a decision has been made on the options for Winter Hey Lane, we will look at the possible measures in these areas and consult with residents and stakeholders.

**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.

**If I don't agree with either proposal, is there anything else the funding could be spent on?**

If you don't agree with either proposal, please let us know your alternative suggestions to improve the Lanes area.

**What happens after the consultation?**

The stakeholder responses will be analysed, alongside other information, to determine what proposal, if any, will be progressed. The findings from this consultation will be published on the Council's closed consultation [webpage](#).

It is anticipated that a decision regarding Winter Hey Lane will be made in early 2026. If any of the proposals are to be taken forward, work would likely start in summer 2026.

**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.