

**Frequently Asked Questions:
Doffcocker to Town Centre Phase Two**

1. About the proposal

1a. What is being proposed in Doffcocker to Bolton Town Centre Phase Two?

Bolton Council is proposing a package of walking, wheeling and cycling improvements across parts of Doffcocker as part of Phase Two of the Doffcocker to Town Centre scheme. The proposals aim to make local streets safer, easier and more pleasant to use for residents and visitors. Measures include:

- New and upgraded pedestrian crossings
- Raised junction tables to slow traffic and improve visibility
- Dropped kerbs to improve accessibility
- Footway widening in selected locations
- Traffic calming features such as chicanes
- New planting and green space enhancements

These improvements are designed to create safer crossings, improve accessibility and strengthen connections towards Bolton town centre.

1b. Is the scheme related to previous engagement you undertook in the area?

In 2021, Bolton Council consulted on Phase One of the Doffcocker to Town Centre scheme. That phase focused on improving walking and cycling routes between Doffcocker, Queens Park and Chorley New Road, helping people travel more safely towards Bolton town centre.

Phase One included:

- New and improved crossing points
- Narrower junction crossings to slow traffic
- Resurfaced pavements in some areas
- Dropped kerbs to improve accessibility
- Following that consultation, the Phase One design was developed further and is currently planned for delivery in 2026. You can read the Phase One Consultation Report on the project webpage.

2. Phase Two proposal

2a. What does Phase Two propose?

Phase Two looks at additional streets to the north-west of the Phase One area. The aim is to extend improvements so that more local streets benefit and routes are better connected.

The Phase Two proposals are still at a draft stage. Your feedback will help shape the final design before any decisions are made.

2b. What do you mean by the term ‘public realm’?

Public realm refers to the spaces that residents can freely use in their day to day lives, including roads, footpaths, crossings, and pedestrianised areas. Proposed improvements to the public realm include resurfacing roads and footways, and the introduction of greens spaces and rain gardens.

2c. What are the benefits of the scheme?

The scheme is designed to promote connectivity within Bolton Town Centre, improve connectivity to surrounding hubs, and enhance the walking experience for pedestrians.

By delivering this, Bolton Council aims to:

- Make streets, safer, quieter, and more welcoming for all road users through traffic calming measures;
- Help improve people’s physical and mental health by making walking, wheeling and cycling a more attractive option;
- Support local communities and businesses by creating greener, more accessible and more connected public spaces; and
- Enable more sustainable forms of travel and reduce car dependency to help meet Greater Manchester’s air pollution and decarbonisation targets.

3. Funding

3a. How is the scheme being funded?

The scheme is being funded through the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS), which is a government programme designed to provide long-term, consolidated funding for local transport networks in England’s largest city regions. CRSTS funding provides £5.7 billion over five years (2022-2027) to eight city regions, including Greater Manchester, and it underpins the region’s vision for the Bee Network, a London-style integrated transport system.

3b. Why can’t the funding be used for more practical improvements, such as filling potholes?

The CRSTS funding is provided to city regions for reaching sustainable transport goals. This means the funding can only be used for projects that meet national objectives such as

improving active travel, reducing carbon emissions, supporting public transport and enabling safer, more inclusive streets. It cannot fund general road maintenance, pothole repair, parking changes or unrelated highways improvements.

4. Construction timeline and impacts

4a. When is construction likely to start on the scheme?

Subject to final design and funding approvals, construction on Phase Two of this scheme is expected to take place in 2027. Updates on when construction is anticipated to begin will be confirmed as the design is finalised, as this will impact construction approach. Feedback received during engagement will help to shape this detailed design. Works will be phased to minimise disruption where possible. Advance notice will be provided before any works begin on individual streets.

4b. How will the scheme improve the local environment?

New trees and greening will provide shade and enhance biodiversity, as well as improving air quality, which is also improved by reducing traffic congestion and emissions from idle vehicles. Safer pedestrian crossings and improved cycling routes and footways will make walking and cycling safer and easier. This makes active travel more accessible which, alongside the creation of quiet streets, will reduce noise pollution in the area.

4c. What will be the impact of construction on traffic and public access?

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

The scheme is focused on improving safety and accessibility rather than redirecting traffic. Where appropriate, assessments will be undertaken to understand potential impacts. The intention is to reduce speeds and improve conditions, not to divert traffic elsewhere.

5. Consultation

5a. How can I find out more about the proposals?

We'll be holding an in-person consultation event where you can find out more about our proposals, talk to members of our team, ask questions and provide your feedback.

Location	Time	Date
Bolton Rugby Union Football Club, Avenue Street, Bolton, BL1 3AW	2:30pm - 6:30pm	Tuesday 10 March

If you are unable to make our events, further information on the Doffcocker to Town Centre Phase Two proposals will be made available on our consultation pages:

<https://towntodoffcocker.commonplace.is/>.

If you have any further questions about our proposals, you can get in touch with the project team by emailing us at doffcockerconsultation@aecom.com

5b. How can I provide feedback on the proposals?

We will be conducting a public consultation from 02 March to 27 March 2026.

You can provide your comments and feedback to the consultation:

- Online: by completing and submitting a feedback form on the Bolton Council website - <https://towntodoffcocker.commonplace.is/>
- By email: emailing your feedback to doffcockerconsultation@aecom.com
- In-person: by completing a hard-copy feedback form at one of our consultation events

5c. Why are you consulting on proposals in the Doffcocker area separately to other proposals in Bolton Town Centre?

This is a separate scheme to proposed works in the Doffcocker area. Although we are consulting on these schemes at the same time, feedback on schemes will be considered separately. This will allow us to develop each scheme with feedback from local stakeholders specific to the proposals in question. You can find out more about the Bolton Town Centre East Phase 2 and Topp Way / Marsden Road proposals here: <https://boltontowncentrefhasetwoeastscheme.commonplace.is/>.

5d. What happens after consultation?

Once the consultation has closed on 27 March 2026, all feedback provided will be collated and analysed. We will carefully consider all the community feedback we've received, as well as input from elected members, and other interest groups, and take this on board where feasible to help shape our plans.

Once the consultation has concluded, we will prepare a Consultation Report. This will provide a summary of the feedback received during the consultation and will show how it has been considered. This report will be shared on our website.