

Summary of Key Comments – Pimhole & Fishpool Active Travel Community Briefing

The following comments were raised by residents during the recent engagement. With the exception of the proposed bellmouth tightening at the Wellington Road / Manchester Road junction, none of the concerns are directly related to the active travel scheme. There is a section on the last page of this report that summarises some of the support demonstrated for the scheme at the engagement events.

1. Junction of Parker Street and Lord Street

Difficulty turning right from Parker Street onto Lord Street, particularly after Friday evening prayers at the mosque.

Suggestions included:

- Making Lord Street one-way towards Rochdale Road.
- Adding a "Keep Clear" marking to allow turning vehicles to access the northbound lane of Lord Street.
- Making Cook Street one-way towards Heywood Street.

2. Bus Lane Restrictions – Manchester Road, Bury

Residents questioned why the Manchester Road bus lane operates 7am–7pm, when other bus lanes along the route (e.g. Higher Broughton) operate only during peak hours (7–10am, 4–7pm).

3. 'No Through Route' Signage – Alfred Street Modal Filter

Request to relocate the 'No Through Route' signage from Alfred Street / Back of Oxford Street to the junction with Wilson Street, to deter vehicles from using Back of Oxford Street.

4. Parking Restrictions – Back of Oxford Street

Request for double yellow lines around bellmouth radii to prevent obstructive parking. The street is narrow, and parked vehicles are restricting manoeuvrability.

5. Ormrod Street routing

Residents have requested that options be explored for making Ormrod Street a one-way street. They have raised concerns that the combination of on-street parking and two-way traffic makes entering and exiting Ormrod Street difficult and potentially hazardous

6. Parking Enforcement – Wellington Road

Concerns about non-permit holders occupying residents' bays, leaving residents unable to park near their homes. Lack of enforcement was highlighted.

7. Anti-Social Behaviour – Manchester Road Park

Reports of drug dealing and safety concerns preventing families from using the park.

Issues with older youths (believed to be from Holy Cross), intimidation, littering, and recent incidents involving fireworks, knife crime, and shootings.

8. Anti-Social Behaviour & Lighting – Back of Wellington Street

Reports of drug dealing and antisocial behaviour in the back street.

Requests for additional street lighting, CCTV, and more frequent street sweeping due to litter build-up.

9. No. 16 Wellington Road – HMO Concerns

Concerns over the reported conversion of 16 Wellington Road to an HMO, with associated issues around drug activity and local safeguarding.

10. Trees on Parkhills Road

Issues raised:

- Slippery conditions in autumn due to fallen leaves.
- Mud accumulation.
- Footway and boundary wall damage from tree roots.
- Uneven footways and trip hazards.
- Request to remove and replace trees with smaller species.

11. Wellington Road / Manchester Road Junction (Scheme Related)

Some concern over the proposed tightening of the bellmouth and the potential for congestion when vehicles turn right from Wellington Road onto Manchester Road.

However, residents recognised the importance of reducing pedestrian crossing distances, particularly given the nearby school.

12. Fishpool Bus Reliability

Requests to explore options for a local runaround service for elderly residents of the Fishpool area. Comments made that the 94 bus which services this area is very unreliable.

13. Vehicle Encroachment over Oxford Street/Alfred Street Modal filter

Residents noted that vehicles are driving over the pavement of the recently installed Oxford Street / Alfred Street Modal filter to avoid having to circulate around.

Designer note - There are additional provisions being provided at this location to prevent vehicle encroachment.

14. Positive Feedback (Scheme Related)

Heywood Street / Parker Street Junction Improvement

There is strong support for this intervention due to the condition of the existing uncontrolled crossing points and poor visibility caused by tree cover. This is a high footfall route, with many children and elderly residents needing to cross Heywood Street to access the mosque. The crossing is currently difficult and potentially dangerous due to the volume of traffic.

Pimhole Road Interventions

There is strong support for this intervention, particularly for its traffic-calming benefits. Residents have noted a high volume of HGV and goods vehicle traffic travelling at speed along this road. The removal of the mini-roundabout and the introduction of a new crossing point are expected to significantly improve safety for residents and schoolchildren in the area.

Holy Cross College – Manchester Road

A representative from Holy Cross College has expressed support for the proposed improvements on Manchester Road, Wellington Road, and Gigg Lane. It is currently very difficult and dangerous for students to travel to and from the college safely. The proposed improvements are expected to greatly enhance student safety.

Gigg Lane T Junctions

Residents living near these junctions have expressed support for the proposed interventions. The current mini roundabouts are considered difficult to navigate and lead to unsafe interactions between vehicles and pedestrians. The introduction of raised table crossings is particularly welcomed by elderly residents as a safer method for crossing.

Bury College - Market Street / Wellington Road

Bury College has expressed support for the proposed improvements in this area. All interventions, including the installation of controlled crossing points and the widening of footways, are expected to significantly improve safety for students travelling to and from the college.

Heywood Street/ Rochdale Road + Albert Street Closure.

It was noted that the current condition of the junction is poor and that improvements are necessary to enhance its efficiency. While the closure of Albert Street may increase commute times for some residents, it is considered a necessary measure to improve the overall performance of the junction.

Alfred Street – Dropped Crossings / Islands

It was noted that the existing crossing points and speed of cars travelling on Alfred Street posed a risk for pedestrians. All interventions, including the installation of crossing points, narrowing of bell-mouths and installation of islands within the carriageway have been noted to have significantly reduce the speed of cars travelling on Alfred Street. Whilst the interventions at crossing points have provided a safer and more direct route for pedestrians.