

# New Cheadle Railway Station & Walking and Cycling Routes Consultation



In November 2019 Cheadle was selected to put forward proposals under the Government's Towns Fund initiative. A Town Board was established to put together a Town Investment Plan for Cheadle with the aim of promoting long term economic growth. The Board comprises representatives from local business and community groups, the local MP, Stockport Council (Councillors and Officers) and Transport for Greater Manchester.

During 2020, the Cheadle Towns Fund Board (CTFB) held an extensive consultation where the public and businesses were asked about the issues facing Cheadle and how the area could best be improved. This showed strong support for sustainable travel, better connectivity and measures to tackle congestion. 76% of respondents suggested that accessibility to the wider rail network should be a priority, and specifically, that a new railway station should be provided. Traffic movement/management, new or improved retail space and improved cycle ways and facilities were also in the top 4 areas for improvement.

£13.9m was awarded earlier this year, for the development of a new railway station for Cheadle, walking and cycling proposals to improve connectivity to Cheadle High Street/the new station, and a low carbon Eco Business Park to boost job opportunities locally. In addition, some funding was made available in advance for the delivery of a package of schemes which provided a pedestrian and cycle link on Ashfield Road (currently under construction), a new parklet on Cheadle High Street and improvements for Councillor Lane (both now completed). A package of improvements to Diamond Jubilee Park is also nearing completion.

The Council, on behalf of CTFB, would like to hear your views on the new railway station and the walking and cycling proposals. We want the investment to be focused on infrastructure that will meet the needs of and provide the greatest benefits for Cheadle's community and economy.



# Cheadle Railway Station

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It is proposed the new railway station for Cheadle will be located on the Chester to Manchester (Mid Cheshire) rail line, approximately 100 metres north of Cheadle High Street and accessed from Manchester Road.

**The new railway station is proposed to include the following facilities:**

- A single platform and shelter which caters for trains in both directions - located to the north of the existing Chester to Manchester train line.
- Cycle parking.
- Associated car parking – with electric vehicle charging spaces and disabled accessible spaces.
- New vehicle, cycle and pedestrian access off Manchester Road, with new walking and cycling routes to and from the station.

## Walking and Cycling Proposals

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To provide access to the new railway station and High Street and to connect to wider cycle routes on Manchester Rd and in Abney Hall Park, a package of walking and cycling measures has been developed. The package includes:

- 1 A new access junction for the railway station along with new signalled crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Manchester Road. A pedestrian and cycle route will be provided from the crossing to the new access to the station.
- 2 A shared footway/cycleway on the eastern side of Manchester Road from Newlands Road to the new crossing, underneath the railway bridge.
- 3 A new cycle route and separate footway through Queens Gardens from Stockport Road to Newland Road with associated parking restrictions and a new parking bay. The proposals do not include any changes to Cheadle Green.
- 4 Access to Queens Gardens is changed to allow for a parallel pedestrian and cyclist signalled crossing on Stockport Road. Access to Queens Gardens will be via Bank Street with improvements to the junction with Stockport Road and additional waiting restrictions on Bank St / Queens Gardens.
- 5 A signed on-carriageway cycle route, and pedestrian improvements, from Oak Road to Brookfields Park including some junction improvements.
- 6 Improvements to the existing bridge and footpaths within Brookfields Park to accommodate shared footway/cycleways, including re-surfacing and the provision of lighting. Vehicle access controls will be reviewed to ensure that it is accessible for all users.
- 7 A shared footway/cycleway on the western side of Shiers Drive.
- 8 A new signalled crossing for pedestrians and cyclists on Cheadle Road between the Shiers Road junction and Bruntwood Lane.
- 9 A new shared footway/cycleway on Bruntwood Lane.

# How can I give my views on the proposals?

We would like to hear your views on the proposals, which you can comment on by using the following methods:

## Drop-in events:

Sat 23rd Oct, 10am-12 noon, Cheadle Library  
(Ashfield Road, SK8 1BB)

Thurs 4th Nov, 2.30 - 6.30pm, Cheadle Village Hall  
(1 Brook Road, SK8 1PQ)

**Online:** [stockport.gov.uk/consultations](https://stockport.gov.uk/consultations)

**By email:** [theadletownsfund@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:theadletownsfund@stockport.gov.uk)

**By post:** Cheadle Towns Fund, Services to Place,  
Stopford House, Stockport, SK1 3XE

**By phone:** 0161 217 6043

## Next steps

Responses to this consultation will be considered as part of the scheme development and approval process prior to any implementation. We will continue to engage with the local community to provide updates on the project. We plan to start work, subject to planning permission and approvals, by 2022/2023.

## Find out more about cycling and walking across Stockport at:

[www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/cycling-and-walking-in-stockport](https://www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/cycling-and-walking-in-stockport)

## For future updates and to find out more about the Cheadle Towns Fund:

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