

Western Road

The way we travel is changing

We are seeing significant changes to the way people are using the city's streets. More of us are walking and cycling for exercise and to get to work, school and other destinations. We have a strong instruction, and funding, from central government to **make active travel an attractive option for short journeys** (or as part of a longer journey).

Covid-19 has played a huge part in this shift towards more active and sustainable travel. Our need to move around the city while physically distancing has played an important role in keeping us safe while supporting our economic recovery.

While we continue to face the challenges of dealing with the pandemic, we are also facing a climate emergency.

We are **taking action to help our city in both the short and long term** by reallocating road space for people who walk and cycle. This includes protected cycle lanes to safely separate cyclists from other road users; as many of those who don't currently cycle tell us this is due to safety concerns.

We want **everyone** to be able to access safe, inclusive and sustainable travel in Brighton and Hove.

We are committed to being carbon neutral by 2030, supporting the economic recovery of our city and improving the mental and physical health of our residents including through better air quality.

One Journey Better



We are now seeking your views on some of our existing temporary changes in the city and further proposals to complement these.

Find out more about our proposals for Western Road and other parts of the city, and have your say in our questionnaire by **14 March 2021** at: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onejourneybetter

Western Road

The council has been successful in receiving two government grants to improve Western Road between Montpellier Road and the Clock Tower.

This funding will be used to provide a safer, more attractive environment for pedestrians, bus users, cyclists and taxis.

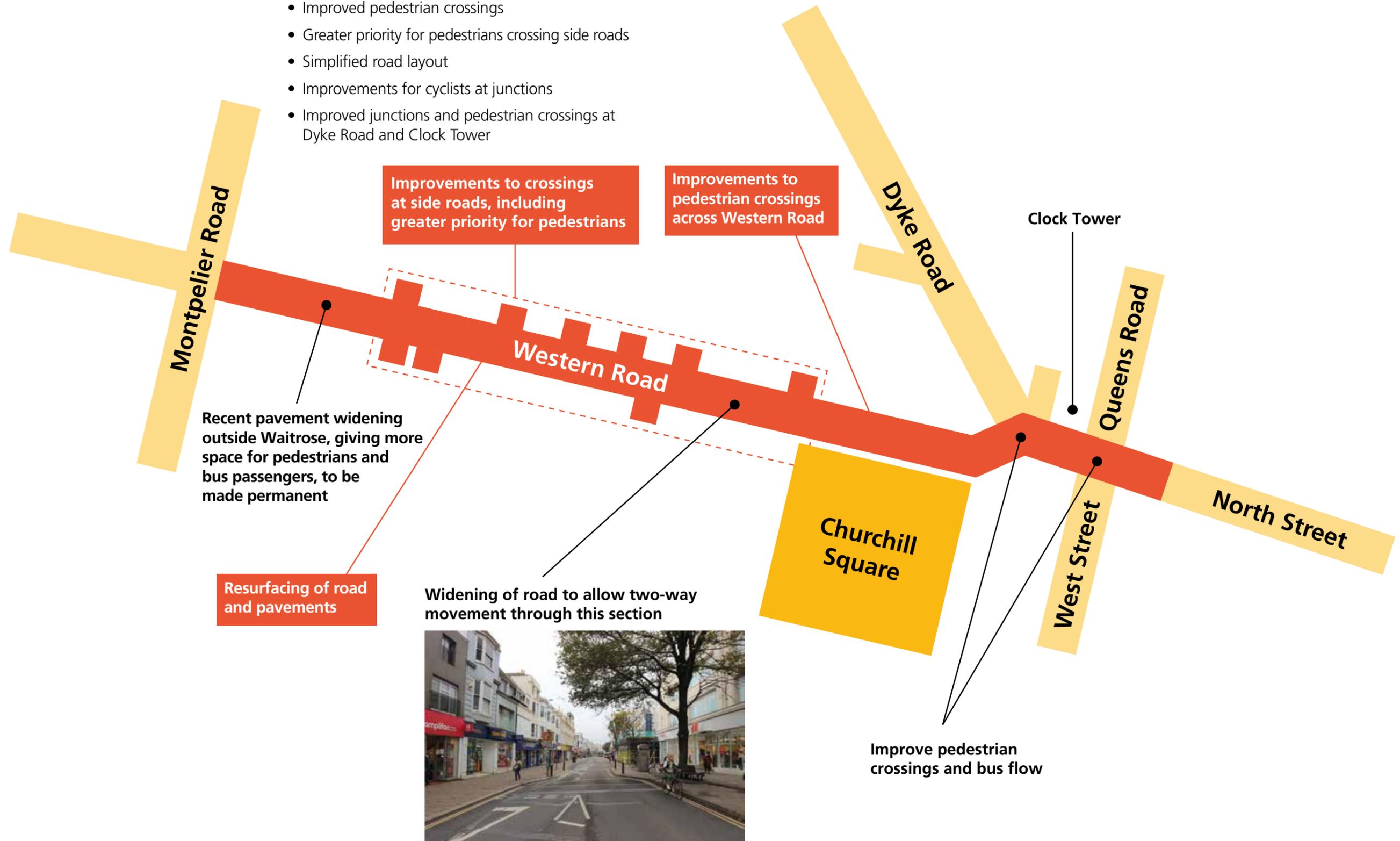
Subject to further design work, the proposed changes include:

- A resurfaced road, improving comfort and safety for bus passengers, cyclists and taxis
- Resurfaced pavements, improving safety for pedestrians
- Improved pedestrian crossings
- Greater priority for pedestrians crossing side roads
- Simplified road layout
- Improvements for cyclists at junctions
- Improved junctions and pedestrian crossings at Dyke Road and Clock Tower

We want to hear your experiences of travelling along Western Road and what you think of these proposals.

Your feedback will inform revised designs, which will be reviewed by the council's Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee.

Please complete the questionnaire online at: www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onejourneybetter by 14 March 2021 or to request a paper copy please email transport.projects@brighton-hove.gov.uk or call 01273 293614 and leave a message with your request.



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Do you have more detailed designs?

We will develop these using your feedback from this consultation, however all access to properties would be maintained and any temporary or permanent changes to bus stops would be clearly signposted. Any proposals to alter access on side roads would require a Traffic Regulation Order which allows for further consultation with businesses and residents.

When will this work be completed?

Timescales will depend on the progress of designs and the outcome of public consultation. However, it is expected work will be complete by early 2022.

What about access to businesses and residences during construction?

Once designs are agreed, we will be in contact with businesses and residents with details of access arrangements during construction.

How have these changes been funded?

The project will be funded by the Department for Transport after the council successfully applied for two grants. £1.5m will come from the Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund and £0.8m will come from the Active Travel Fund.

Can the money be used for other purposes?

No, the funding can only be used for highway maintenance and for walking and cycling improvements in this location.

What monitoring is being carried out?

We will use traffic and cycle counters or video surveys to record pedestrian, traffic and cycle movements. Public opinion surveys will also be carried out both before and after changes are in place.

What happens next?

Please fill in the questionnaire at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/onejourneybetter by **14 March 2021** with your feedback on our proposals. All comments received during the consultation will be carefully considered and further detailed designs on schemes will respond to feedback raised during this consultation. The results will be reported to the council's Environment, Transport and Sustainability Committee where decisions will be made.

How do you make sure the changes are inclusive?

The council carries out Equality Impact Assessments (EqIAs) on all new schemes in the city to ensure that any changes made are inclusive to as many people as possible by identifying and reducing negative impacts.

Our EqIA can be viewed on our website at www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/travel-and-transport-covid-19 This document is evolving and helps inform decision-making. Once each scheme is taken forward for detailed design, a specific EqIA will also be produced.

Will these changes be permanent?

Yes, the proposals for the Western Road area will be permanent changes and the temporary pavement widening outside Waitrose, implemented in the Spring, will be made permanent as part of these works.

Arabic

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Farsi

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Urdu

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Bengali

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Polish

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Mandarin

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