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Dear Owner/Occupier

RE: Castle Lane West Sustainable Travel Improvements Information Event – Wednesday 9 November

A series of walking, cycling and bus improvements are planned along Castle Lane West that will form part of a sustainable travel route running between Merley, Poole to/from Christchurch.

They are part of a proposed network of new cycle and walking routes and bus improvements aimed at reducing traffic congestion and offering people safe, green, and healthy travel options to get around the region. Public consultation was held on the six sustainable travel routes asking for views on the proposals last year. Reports summarising the results from the consultation can be found at www.transformingtravel.info

Following review of the responses received on the initial proposals, we have developed our designs at Northbourne Roundabout, Redhill Roundabout and along Castle Lane West including Broadway Roundabout. These designs are available online at www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/tfcastlelane

From spring 2023 works are planned to be underway on the following improvements:

- Shared footway and cycleway installed, providing a link for cyclists and pedestrians around Redhill Roundabout.
- New crossings installed at each arm of Redhill Roundabout.
- Existing crossing over Muscliffe Lane to be upgraded to a toucan crossing allowing pedestrians to cross the road in one stage.
- New one-way stepped cycle track on both sides of the road. Cycle track to be separated from carriageway by a sloped kerb, maintaining vehicular access to/from properties.
- Upgrading of crossing points along Castle Lane West.
- Remodelling of Broadway Roundabout to provide separate spaces for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
- A few trees and areas of landscaping will be removed. New trees and landscaping will be planted as part of the final layout.
- A range of pedestrian and cycling improvements around Northbourne Roundabout.

Along with the recently completed Whitelegg Way section of the route, these improvements will mean that there is more than 2.5km of new, safer cycling facilities in the area that will connect to the existing cycle provision along Castle Lane West.

Some elements of the proposals remain subject to a separate legal process, and a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) will be published in due course outlining the following changes:

- Introducing double yellow lines near the parade of shops by the junction of Castle Lane West and Muscliffe Lane. Three parking spaces would be removed as a result, with the other parking spaces outside the shops unaffected.
- Introducing double yellow lines on Castle Lane West between Redbreast Road North and Lawford Road to create space for a one-way protected cycle track on both sides of Castle Lane West. It would not be possible to park on this part of Castle Lane West as a result.
- The existing on street parking between Redbreast Road North and West Way would be reduced by approximately one car length near the junction of Redbreast Road North.
- Reduction in parking and the introduction of restricted waiting time outside the shop and restaurant on Castle Lane West near Broadway Roundabout.
- Changes to local access near Northbourne Roundabout.

We would like to invite you to a **public drop-in event on Wednesday 9 November at Bournemouth Electric Club** about these proposals at Northbourne Roundabout, Redhill Roundabout and along Castle Lane West including Broadway Roundabout. It will be an opportunity to meet the project team, ask any questions you may have about the scheme and the proposed changes, as well as finding out more about the wider proposals for cycling, walking and bus improvements in the region.

Details for the event:

- Date: Wednesday 9 November 2022
- Time: 5pm – 8pm
- Location: Bournemouth Electric Club, 115 Broadway Ln, Bournemouth, BH8 0AA

Getting here:

- By bus: morebus operate a number of services along Castle Lane West, with a stop directly outside of the venue
- By car: parking is available at the venue, or there is on-road parking on the surrounding roads

Site investigation works in early November

In early November we will be carrying out site investigation works at Broadway Roundabout, Castle Lane and in the Northbourne area to help inform the final design plans. Temporary traffic lights will be required in some locations to allow us to safely carry out the works. They will operate outside of rush hour to minimise traffic disruption. Advance notice road signs detailing the exact dates of the works will be installed beforehand.

To stay up to date with the latest information about these works please sign up to our newsletter www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/TTnewsletter and follow us on social media (Facebook: [@TransformingTravel](https://www.facebook.com/TransformingTravel); Twitter: [@ttravelinfo](https://twitter.com/ttravelinfo)). Our project team will also be at the public information event on 9 November to answer any questions you may have.

Transforming Cities Fund programme

The sustainable travel improvements are largely funded through the government's Transforming Cities Fund. Dorset Council and BCP Council were one of 12 regions in England to secure a share of this fund based on its commitment to driving economic growth through investment in public sustainable transport. It forms a major part of the region's Transforming Travel programme to reduce road congestion and pollution by creating safe, green, and healthy travel alternatives, particularly for shorter journeys.

We look forward to welcoming you along to the event. If you cannot attend, then all materials will be available online afterwards at www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/tfcastlelane

Yours faithfully,

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