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| **Have your say on proposed cycling and walking improvements between Fishbourne and Chichester**  |
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| Public engagement has begun on a number of proposed walking, wheeling and cycling improvements between Fishbourne and Chichester city centre.The proposals are part of the county council’s transport strategy, which aims to make walking, wheeling and cycling a more attractive option for shorter trips. By encouraging active travel, congestion on our already busy road network will reduce, air quality will improve and the county will become a safer, more pleasant place in which to live and work. Active travel schemes also bring health benefits and provide more options for non-car users.The proposed improvements in Chichester are divided into three sections:* Western Section: Fishbourne Road East
* Central Section: Westgate (between Sherborne Road and Parklands Road)
* Eastern Section: Westgate (between Parklands Road and Orchard Street Roundabout).

Cllr Joy Dennis, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport at West Sussex County Council, said: “These exciting proposals are at an early stage, so we would like to hear from people and organisations who may be affected by the scheme to help us shape the final designs. If we decide to progress the scheme, these designs would then be presented as part of a further, formal consultation at a later date.”You can find out more about the suggested improvements by visiting the project’s website: <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/westgate-chichester>On the website you can have your say by completing a survey and comments can be added to our interactive maps.Furthermore, a drop-in event will be held next Monday (3 July 2023) from 4:30pm-7:00pm at County Hall, West Street, Chichester. At the event attendees will have an opportunity to meet the project team, ask questions, and provide feedback in person.This initial public engagement period will close at 23:59 on 7 August 2023.A person riding a bicycle on a street  Description automatically generated with low confidencePicture caption: A computer generated visualisation of walking, wheeling and cycling proposals for Westgate, Chichester.**Notes to editors**The county council’s [West Sussex Transport Plan 2022 – 2036](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/17428/wstp.pdf) sets out its approach to improving the county’s transport network. It explains how  the county council intends to address challenges such as climate change, congestion and road safety, by  implementing a series of transport improvement schemes when funding becomes available.The proposed scheme announced today between Fishbourne and Chichester city centre aligns with the [Chichester Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)](https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/23971/Cycle-lanes-and-routes), adopted by Chichester District Council in 2021. By improving routes for walkers, cyclists and people who use wheelchairs or mobility scooters and by enhancing public transport, the council aims to improve the health, well-being, and safety of West Sussex residents. Additionally, these improvements will support the local economy, reduce pollution, benefit non-car users, and contribute to the fight against climate change, aligning with national targets for increased cycling and walking by 2030. |

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