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31st March 2022

Advance Notice Footway /Cycleway Widening works St. Nicholas Park (NCR 41).

Dear Resident / Park User,

I am writing to give advance notice of planned works to improve the shared footpath / cycle track in St Nicholas Park between Myton Road and Emscote Road (National Cycle Network Route - NCR 41).

The improvement of this cycle route is part of a programme of new cycling schemes being developed by the County Council to help more people to make local journeys by bicycle and improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions, and cut traffic congestion.

It is proposed to widen the footpath / cycle track to make it more comfortable and attractive for people walking and cycling through the Park, by providing more space for all users.

Much of the footpath / cycle track is currently segregated and a total width of approximately 3.5 metres, the width will be increased to 5 metres where possible, to provide a 2-metre-wide footpath and a 3 metre wide cycle track. The 200-metre-long section closest to Emscote Road is already approximately 5 metres wide and will be subject to only minor improvements, this section will remain un-segregated. Existing widths will be maintained over the river Avon bridge and in the vicinity of Kingfisher Pool due to limitations of space and the need to accommodate existing angling activity at the pool.

Work is planned to start on **Monday 4th April 2022** and is expected to be complete by the end of May 2022.

To help minimise disruption and inconvenience the works will be carried out in two phases, as below & shown on the enclosed plan.

Phase 1 – North section - Emscote Road to River Avon bridge.

Phase 2 – South section - River Avon bridge to Myton Road.



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Working hours will be 8am to 5pm (Monday to Friday). No weekend works are planned at this time.

During Phase 1 works (north side of the Avon river bridge) - a section of the footpath / cycle track will be closed between Emscote Road and Pickard Street, with a local diversion for pedestrians signed in both directions. Cyclists will be directed to dismount. Please refer to the plan for the temporary diversion route.

During Phase 2 works (south side of the River Avon bridge) the footway will remain open but with restricted width. Cyclists will be requested to dismount as they pass through the section of restricted width. Work will be undertaken in sections of approximately 50m.

Please note: In the final stages of the works the whole footpath / cycle track (NCR41) will be closed overnight for up to three nights between the hours of 8pm and 6am. This is to allow the laying of the final tarmac surface of the footpath / cycle track. The dates of the closure will be signed on site in advance.

Access to the Park and car park from Banbury Road will not be affected and will be available at all times. Use of the sports centre & gym, outside sports pitches, fishing lake and other facilities within the Park will be available during the works as usual.

The works will be undertaken by the County Council's Highways Contractor – Balfour Beatty Living Places. If you have any queries or concerns over the works while they are being carried out, please contact the Duty Manager on : 07837 319243 / Office: 03452 415302.

Yours faithfully,

Harshad Solanki
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