

Creating “Pop-Up” Cycle Lanes to Support Safe Walking and Cycling

A635 Phase 2 Consultation



Local councils, including Tameside Council, were provided with statutory guidance from the Government on reallocating road space to ensure people can walk and cycle whilst social distancing during the Covid-19 pandemic.



Acting on this guidance, Tameside Council created a temporary ‘pop-up’ cycle lane along the A635 Manchester Road, between the Snipe Retail Park and Manchester City Centre. This was to help to help people travel safely and provide an alternative to travelling by car and public transport. One of these ‘pop-up’ cycle lanes was trialled along the A635 Manchester Road, between the Snipe Retail Park and the Manchester boundary.



Tameside Council consulted on Phase 2 of the ‘pop-up’ cycle lane between 20 November 2020 and 29 January 2021. We were keen for residents to have their say on the changes so we can work together to explore long-term opportunities and make walking and cycling an easier and safer way to travel in Tameside.

You Said

People were asked to provide feedback on Phase 2 of the A635 Manchester Road scheme. 197 responses to the online survey were received.

The findings were:

56% expressed a negative response. The key factor against the scheme was a reduction of parking space (in 32% of responses).

16% said the scheme would increase traffic.

14% expressed a positive response to the introduction of cycle routes.

14% expressed a neutral view or left the comment blank.

31 email or phone responses were also received. (77% of these expressed a negative response.)

We Did

Following a review of the findings from the consultation, with residents and local councillors, it was agreed not to progress with the current phase 2 proposals to create a ‘pop-up’ cycle lane along the A635 through Audenshaw.

The A635 ‘pop-up’ cycle lane was delivered from the Emergency Active Travel Fund due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This meant that delivery of the temporary scheme and consultation was completed at pace and at the same time.

The Council remains committed to increasing the opportunities available for people to walk and cycle safely in Tameside and will continue to engage with residents and local business to ensure that schemes are developed to meet the needs of the local community.