

# STREETS FOR ALL

## MARKET STREET & COUCILL SQUARE, FARNWORTH



Thank you for taking the time to come and talk to us about what matters to you in your town centre. This is a valuable opportunity for us to get insight from you and present the proposals for Market Street and Coucill Square.

### 1. Who are we and what are we doing?

Bolton Council was awarded funding from the Future High Street Fund in early 2021, to deliver a street transformation on Market Street. The core study area spans between King Street and Frederick Street, including Coucill Square - the public space at the front of Home Bargains.

We are looking to use the funding to improve accessibility to and within the town centre, enhance people's experience and support local businesses. Early engagement and our own observations have identified the following issues:



Underwhelming pedestrian environment



Lack of greenery and places to rest



Lack of safe crossing points



Under-used space at Coucill Square

**Streets for All** is Greater Manchester's new approach to create thriving places that support local communities and businesses. It is a people-centred approach to street planning, design and network management with an emphasis on reducing traffic and improving the environment for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users.

### Vision Objectives

Building up from the Streets for All strategy, the key principles for the regeneration of Market Street in Farnworth are:



Enhance **accessibility and inclusivity** supporting the Streets for All approach.



Contribute to **climate resilience** and improve air quality. Promote **sustainability**.



Encourage more **productive use of the square**, including event space.



**Support businesses** and create a more successful Market Street. **Celebrate heritage** and improve the setting of valued buildings.



Push through-traffic on to the **A666 bypass** around town. **Reduce the speed and impact** of cars and the wide carriageway along Market Street.



**De-clutter** and simplify street scene. Incorporate spaces for public art.

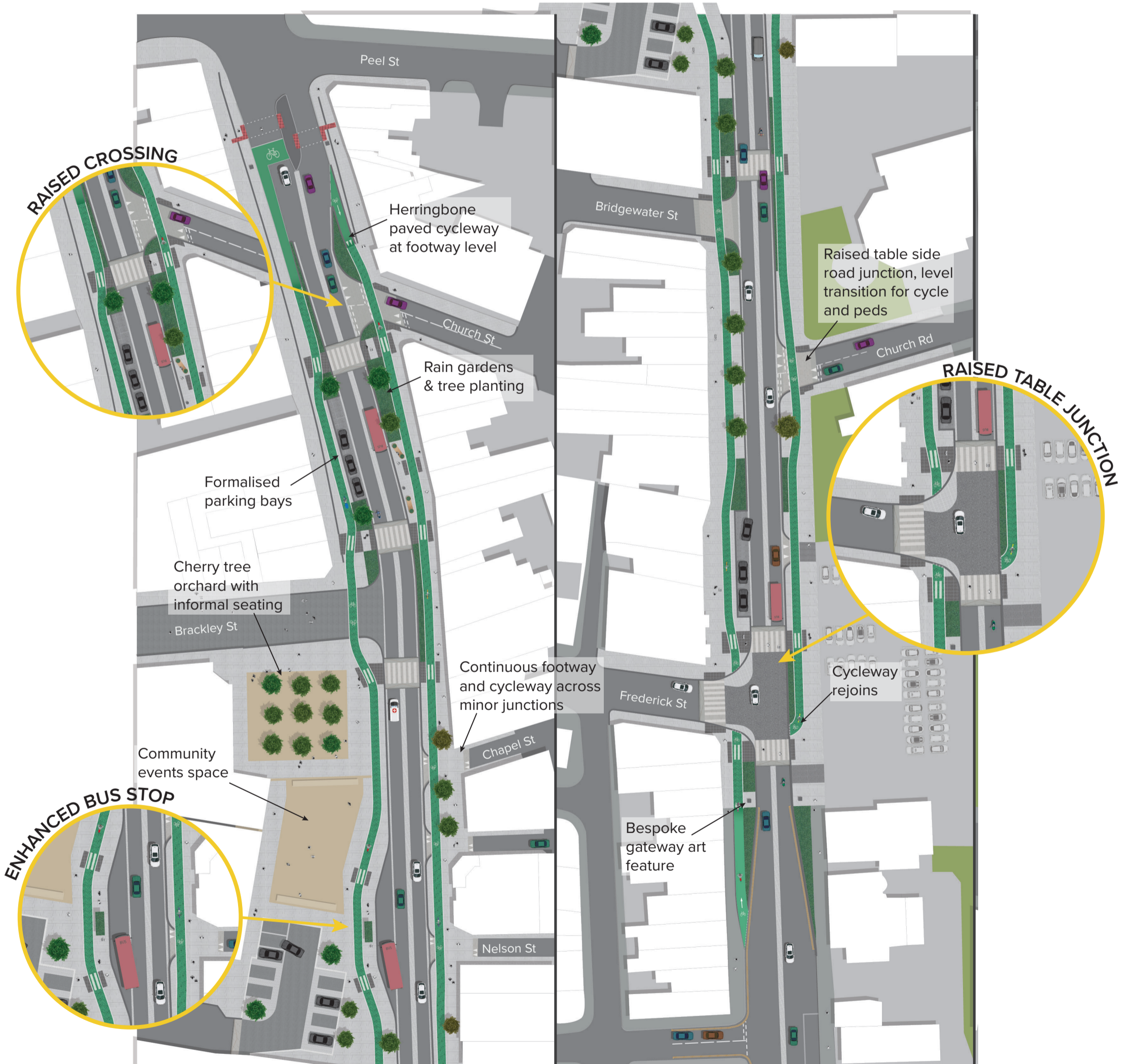
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## 2. What is the proposed scheme?

Our proposals aim to create a balanced street that better supports the regeneration of Farnworth. It will work better for people on foot and cycle, and deliver a space that the community can be proud of.

The proposals have been developed by Bolton Council, Transport for Greater Manchester, and Mott MacDonald, an experienced design team.



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Brackley St & Coucill Square



South-view along Market St & Coucill Square

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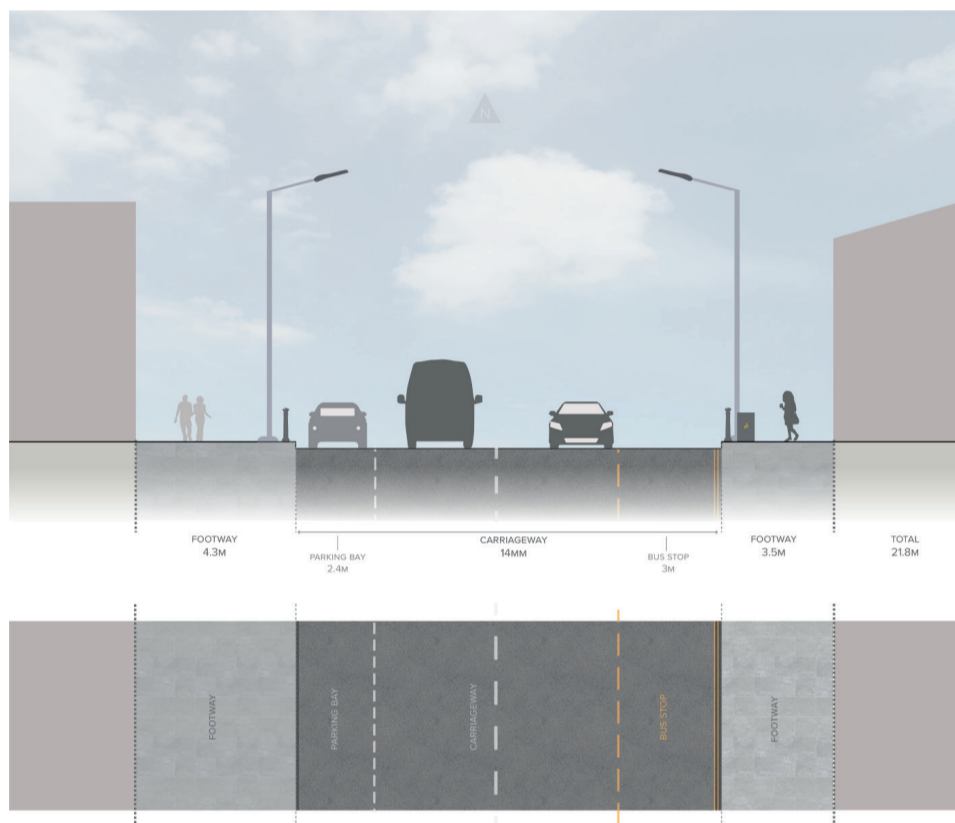


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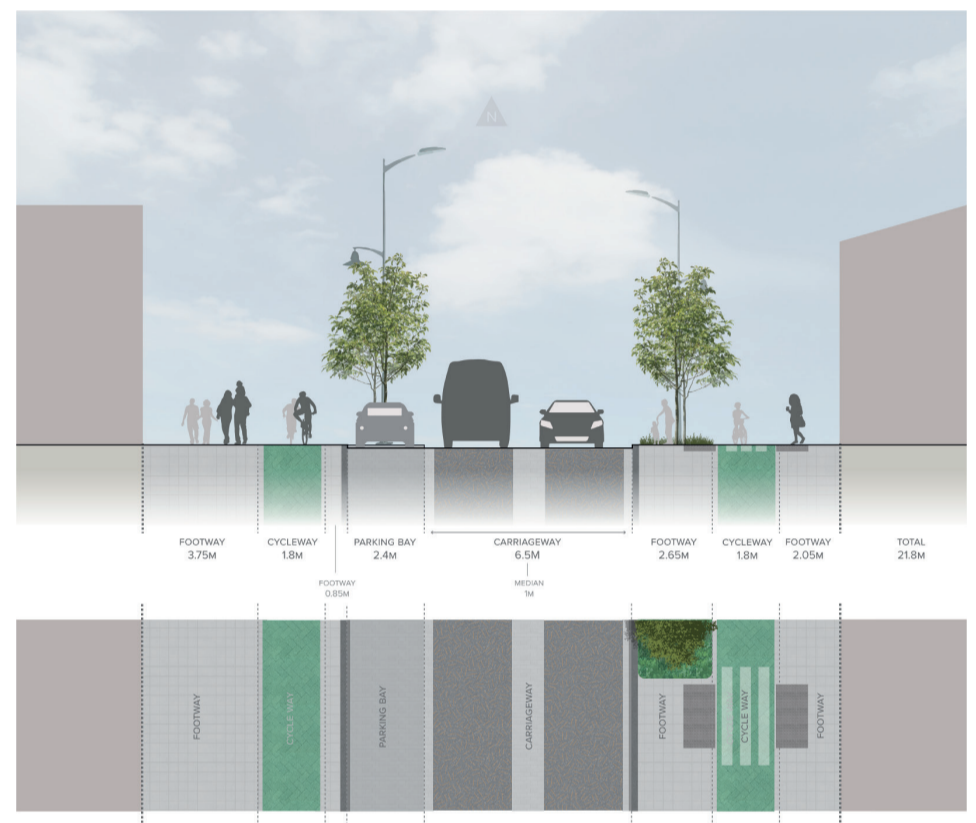
The scheme will provide:

- A new and improved public space at Coucill Square, outside Home Bargains, to create a more user friendly space where events can be held.
- Wider pavements, with smoother surfaces and improved drainage along Market Street.
- Traffic calming measures on Market Street and adjoining streets to ensure the safety of all road users.
- More green features along the street, with new trees and planting.
- Better active travel facilities including segregated cycle lanes between Frederick Street and King Street.
- Formalised and improved parking and loading facilities.

#### Before:



#### After:



The **Streets for All Check** was developed by Transport for Greater Manchester and is based upon the seven network principles that feature within the GM Transport Strategy 2040. The existing layout scores **56**, with 5 'Critical' issues identified. The proposed layout scores **151**, with 0 'Critical' issues identified.

Network Principle	Existing Layout	Proposed Layout
Integrated	45%	60%
Inclusive	19%	70%
Healthy	20%	59%
Environmentally Responsible	7%	61%
Reliable	36%	86%
Safe and Secure	22%	73%
Well Maintained and Resilient	21%	91%

<b>Overall Streets for All Score</b>	56	151
<b>Number of critical issues</b>	5	0

- Existing layout
- Proposed layout





### 4. Next steps

The proposals have been developed after reviewing an extensive list of possible options. These options were subject to a sifting process, with input from local stakeholders. We have now finalised the design concepts and would like to get your feedback.

Phase 2 works are being designed to extend the same active travel and public realm principles to the northern and southern ends of Market Street, subject to additional funding. This is to ensure the street environment is accessible and welcoming to all, and to provide a better cycle link right to the centre of Bolton.



### How to get involved

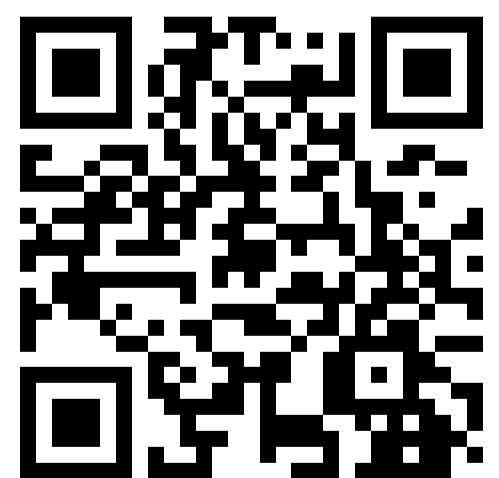
We encourage you to share your feedback on the Market Street and Coucill Square proposal through our **Online Survey**. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and all responses will be treated confidentially.

We will be reviewing and considering all comments received. The survey will close at **5pm on 22nd July 2022**. Contact email for paper, large format or braille survey: [emily.aldridge@mottmac.com](mailto:emily.aldridge@mottmac.com)

Please scan the QR code below, or visit the website to access the Online Survey.

Alternatively, ask any member of our project team to assist you completing the survey.

Market Street will become a green and healthy street supporting business and better movement. Coucill Square will become a new vibrant space for the community.



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[www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NPBSES/](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/NPBSES/)