

Working in partnership



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Dear resident,

**Alterations to Beckford Road, Cowes – temporary measures to boost cycling and walking**

We are writing on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council to explain some forthcoming changes to the traffic arrangements in your area. The changes are being introduced for a trial period of 18-months to encourage active travel.

The measures are part of a series of initiatives to promote these aims at a time when, because of the coronavirus pandemic, public transport is not running at full capacity. The moves will also, of course, encourage healthy ways of travelling.

These steps are being taken with money secured by the council from the Government's Active Travel Fund.

There are six schemes in total. Some involve only minor alterations to the highway, such as the removal/repositioning of bollards and barriers to open up more space for pedestrians and cyclists, or the addition of convenient cycle parking facilities.

The details of the project most affecting you, the introduction of a 'pop-up' cycle lane is outlined below:

**Beckford Road Cowes – Proposed One Way, Cycle Contraflow, and General Signage.**

The scheme will make Beckford Road one-way for motor vehicles in a north easterly direction (towards Birmingham Road) between Gordon Road and Westhill Road. A contraflow lane for cycles will be installed in a south westerly direction (towards Gordon Road).

These measures will require all the existing parking to be moved from one side of the road to the other and changes to signage and line painting. **These changes will result in a net gain of one additional residents' parking space.** Other measures that will not impact upon parking are also being considered.

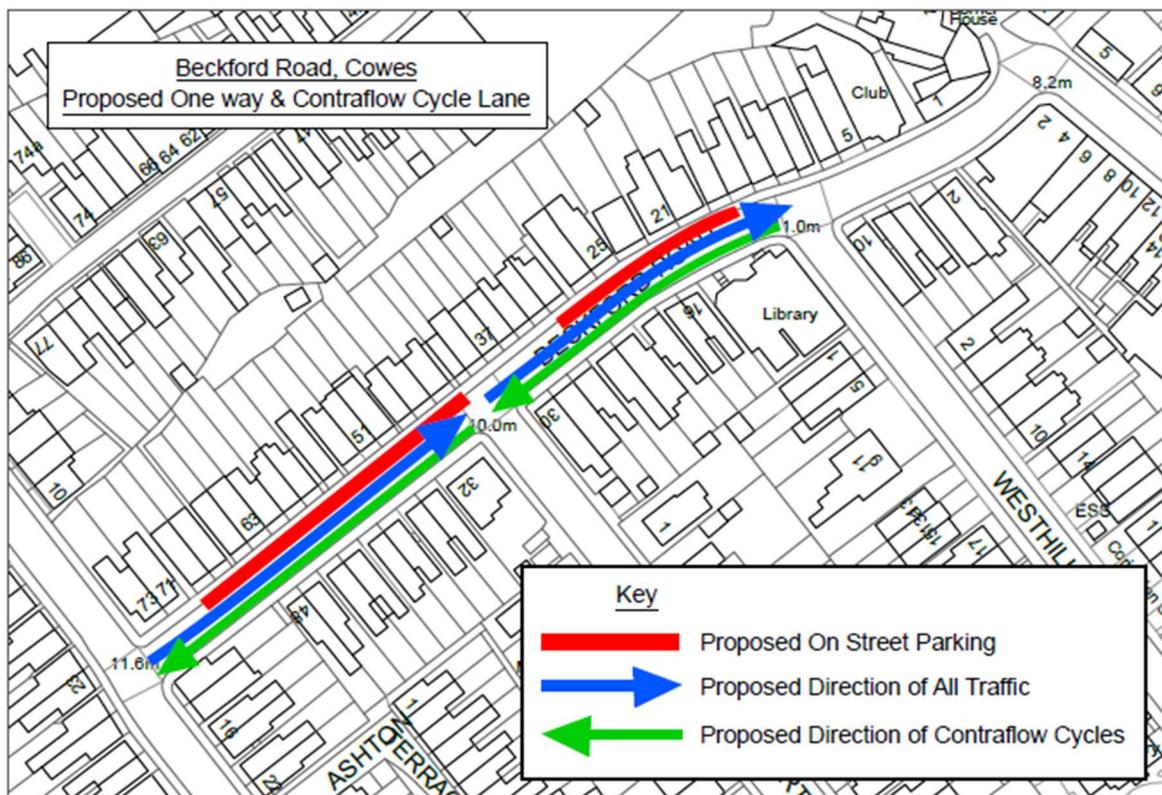
The proposed works are estimated to take up to two weeks and will require a full road closure for the duration of the works. Work – which will take place during the day - will be phased between Westhill Road and Consort Road, and between Consort Road and Gordon Road) to minimise inconvenience.

Parked cars will have to be removed from the location during work periods. Island Roads will remove any vehicles that remain on the carriageway within the road closure and relocate them to a safe alternative location nearby. In these circumstances, you can locate your vehicle

by contacting our help desk on 01983 822440. Please note that Island Roads has the authority to remove vehicles in these circumstances from the carriageway and costs may be charged to the registered keeper if a vehicle has to be relocated.

Further details on the timing of works will be displayed on information boards in the location prior to work commencing. Please also see illustration below.

Work is currently scheduled to begin on Monday 14 September.



We recognise that these works may cause some inconvenience for local residents and businesses, but we hope any disruption will be offset by the improvements we are making. We would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in enabling us to complete these works.

If you have any queries then please do email us at [info@islandroads.com](mailto:info@islandroads.com) or call our helpdesk on 01983 822440.

Thank you!