

KILMARNOCK INFINITY LOOP

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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We have outlined our response to frequently asked questions (FAQs) below. This document will be updated as the project progresses to reflect the questions received and our corresponding responses.

How will the project benefit local residents, businesses and commuters?

The Kilmarnock Infinity Loop will create a safe and attractive environment for walking, wheeling and cycling for all. Enabling low cost access to sites of education, employment, key services and leisure sites.

Research found pedestrianised areas generally outperform non-pedestrianised areas in terms of retail turnover and that cycle parking delivers 5 times higher retail spend than the same area of car parking ([Sustrans](#)).

How is the project being funded?

Funding for the project was awarded by Sustrans through Places for Everyone. Places for Everyone is an active travel infrastructure programme funded by the Scottish Government through Transport Scotland and is administered by Sustrans.

What are the different Sustrans stages?

Places for Everyone funding is awarded across the year in groups of project stages for Concept (Stages 0-2), Design (Stages 3-4), and Construction (Stages 5-7). Stages 3 is currently underway for Routes 1 and 2. The indicative timeline for stages 3 and 4 are outlined below:

0. Strategic Definition - Complete
1. Preparation and Brief – Complete
2. Concept Design – Complete
3. Developed Design - Autumn/Winter 2023
4. Technical Design – Winter 2023

Who will maintain the routes?

The appointed contractor for the Kilmarnock Infinity Loop will be responsible for the maintenance of the routes until a year after completion. Following on from this, Ayrshire Roads Alliance will adopt and maintain the routes.

Are all the routes of the Kilmarnock Infinity Loop going to be constructed?

No final decisions have been taken on what will and will not be constructed. Through the ongoing community engagement process, views are being sought on the level of support for the project. Your feedback from this engagement will help refine the designs for Routes 1 and 2 as well as the additional links.



FAQ

Why are there no detailed proposals for King Street or The Foregate?

The design options for King Street and The Foregate / Foregate Square are being developed. King Street is the main retail corridor for the entire town centre. We are currently exploring the ways in which King Street and associated units along its length can be repurposed to enhance the use and character of the area..

The Foregate is to the north east of the Town Centre and is centred around Foregate Square. The ambition is to establish this space as a destination for residents and visitors alike to enjoy, including but not limited to providing access to shops, socialising spaces, public art.

As part of this consultation, we are asking for you to provide any initial thoughts or suggestions in relation to improvements or changes you would like to see along King Street and within Foregate Square. Please provide your initial thoughts and suggestions via the survey or via email at KIL@sweco.co.uk

There will be separate public consultations for The Foregate Civic Space and King Street in Winter 2023, which will allow you to provide your views on a number of the design options.

What is a Quiet Street?

'Quiet Streets' or Mixed Traffic Streets are those where conditions allow for cyclists to mix with motor traffic. Traffic calming measures such as speed humps, raised tables and road markings are included in the design throughout the Quiet Streets to increase cyclist safety.

What is Wheeling?

Wheeling refers to an alternative means of travel to foot/pedestrian-based mobility, such as travel by wheelchair, mobility scooter or wheeled walker.

What is a bi-directional cycle track?

Bi-directional cycle tracks are sections of track where people are travelling on bikes going in two directions on one side of a road.

What are segregated cycle tracks?

Segregated cycle tracks incorporate a degree of separation between general traffic and a dedicated space intended for cycling.

I own / manage a business along one of the proposed routes, what does this mean for me?

As a local business, we want to capture your views on the developed designs. By providing your feedback, we can better understand the challenges you face in relation to your employees and your customer base accessing your business by walking, wheeling or cycling.

We are committed to providing routes that serve the communities' needs and ambitions, therefore we are undertaking targeted engagement with community groups, including businesses. We are in the process of setting up a Business Forum to allow representatives to share any concerns or ideas with the project team. If you would like to join this forum and receive invites to our business workshops, please email us at KIL@sweco.co.uk

FAQ

What is the purpose of the community engagement?

We are now running a six week community engagement period to understand the level of support for the proposed designs of routes 1 and 2.

The community engagement will close at 11:59pm on Sunday 12th November 2023.

Community engagement strengthens the involvement of communities within projects, and the process is designed to reflect local views within the project outcomes as they are refined and finalised.

Everyone in the local community has the chance to see and comment on the project vision and detailed route designs to ensure their feedback is considered. We are committed to developing a project that demonstrates what you, as residents, commuters, and businesses, would like to see in the area.

How can I share my feedback?

There are several ways you can get involved and share your feedback on the proposed measures between the 2nd October and the 12th November.

You can take part in the online survey, the link is on the project webpage [here](#)

You can complete a paper survey, available to collect and return from the following sites:

- Ayrshire Athletics Arena
- Galleon Centre
- Dick Institute

You can attend one of the public drop-ins:

- Burns Shopping Mall - Saturday 7th October (11:00am to 5:00pm)
- Microsoft Teams - Tuesday 24th October (7:00pm to 8:00pm)
- Shortlees Community Centre - Monday 30th October (1:00pm to 7:00pm)
- Burns Shopping Mall - Saturday 4th November (11:00am to 5:00pm)

Can I get the information in different formats and languages?

Yes, if you would like any of the engagement documents in an alternative format, please email: KIL@sweco.co.uk

Who can I speak to if I have a question about the project?

If you have a query or comment about the project or this engagement period, please email: KIL@sweco.co.uk

How will my information be used?

Information provided will be treated confidentially and in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) 2018. Our privacy notice, which explains how we will process your personal information, how long we will retain it and your rights as a data subject, are available at: <https://www.ayrshireroadsalliance.org/About-this-website/Privacy-policy.aspx>