North Colchester and Stanway Cycle Packages

What will the impact be during construction?
Due to some of the complex construction activities some disruption will be unavoidable. However, we will endeavour to minimise this impact wherever possible and liaise with affected parties to reduce the impact this may have.

Benefits
The proposed cycleway improvements will bridge gaps in the existing cycle network between key attractors, neighbourhood centres, existing developments, and future developments. The schemes will build on the success of Colchester Cycling Town, which delivered improved facilities and various cycling benefits.

Key dates
All work is anticipated to be delivered by Spring 2016.
**North Colchester Cycle Package**  
Colchester Local Sustainable Transport Programme

**What is it?**
A package of sustainable improvements, including improved walking and cycling facilities are planned to support the future housing and business development in Colchester and to provide high levels of connectivity from the North of Colchester to the town centre.

**Aim**
The key aim is to develop cycling initiatives aimed at encouraging people to get on their bikes, promote sustainable transport and influence travel behaviour for local trips within Colchester.

The objectives of this scheme are:
- To promote cycling, which will help to alleviate traffic congestion in North Colchester;
- To support housing and job growth;
- To encourage and promote health and wellbeing.

**Key aspects**
The cycling improvements included in this package were originally identified within the North Colchester Travel Strategy document. Elements being taken forward as part of this package include:
- Improving access to Colchester Station;
- Ipswich Road Cycle Route Improvements, which includes extending the existing cycle route along Ipswich Road;
- Widening and resurfacing the cycle route from Hillridge to Thornton Drive through Highwoods Country Park;
- Improving the link between Colchester Station’s South Access and North Access via Station Way;
- Replacement of the bridge in Castle Park to provide a wider shared structure and remove the need for cyclists to dismount;
- Providing a new lit footway/cycleway link from Park and Ride to the community stadium;
- Introduction of an alternative cycle route from Colchester Station to the Colchester Institute.

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**Stanway Cycle Package**  
Colchester Traffic and Access Strategy

**What is it?**
A package of cycle improvements which have been identified within the West Colchester and Stanway Travel Strategy document. The cycle improvements will offer either shared segregated or on-road lane designated cycle facilities, which will cater for cyclists that are not normally confident alongside general traffic.

**Aim**
The aim of the improvements is to:
- Reduce traffic and congestion at key points on the network;
- Promote, encourage and support sustainable journeys along key corridors;
- Promote healthy and active lifestyles;
- Support housing and job growth.

**Key Aspects**
- Winstree Road – new shared unsegregated cycle/footway.
- Replacement of the footbridge on Balkerne Hill to provide a shared facility for cyclists and pedestrians.