

Resurfacing of Cuckoo Lane between Franklin Road and Pullens Lane

Work is now starting on **Monday 25 March 2019** (anticipated to take six weeks)

These works are to be funded by the Growth Deal and are part of a £4.6m programme of improvements to walking and cycling routes in the city over five years (2018/19 to 2022/23). If there are questions about the planning of the scheme specifically or the programme more broadly, contact Craig Rossington, Senior Transport Planner, Oxfordshire County Council <craig.rossington@oxfordshire.gov.uk>

The following notes were written by Craig Rossington following a site meeting held on 19 March 2019 with local residents and councillors:

The path is to be resurfaced as a footpath at this stage. If it is considered appropriate later on to pursue an upgrade to a formal cycle route, a formal legal process will need to be followed with associated public consultation.

Generally, the path will be 2.5m wide (as opposed to 3.0 previously proposed), with 1m offset from southern boundary. The alignment will not be dead straight, with the offset from the southern boundary varying from 1m to 1.5m over approximately 50m lengths. This 'waviness' will therefore be subtle.

Wooden posts (square oak posts?) to be reinstated at the Franklin Road end of Cuckoo Lane.

Surface the informal connecting path from Franklin Road (west) to the main route on Cuckoo Lane (same spec as main path, max 2m wide):





The memorial stone and bench will dictate the alignment of the path at the eastern end:



Path to be tarmac, dressed with buff gravel – Thames Riverside Routes to be copied as far as is possible:



Given that the gravel dressing (6mm golden gravel) will need to take place sometime after the black top is laid, careful messaging will be needed to allay concerns about impact of the path works on the sensitive environment. Signs to say buff gravel dressing to follow?

Drainage on path to be sorted via a crossfall to one side feeding into a gravel soak-away channel which would be grassed over.

Once path is built, the areas reclaimed from existing over-wide path to be reinstated in the best way to allow re-greening of the corridor. Maybe topsoil with meadow seed. Ollie Hearn to take advice from city ecology team.

At the east end by the junction of Pullens Lane please refer to photo below:



- a to be left as existing. People can use it on foot (or mountain bike!) if they want
- b to be surfaced as the main path, 2.5m wide. Wooden posts (ideally oak) to be positioned at the junction with Pullens Lane to prevent use of path by cars; one bollard (with reflectors) to be positioned in the middle of the path could help reduce exit speeds by cyclists onto Pullens Lane
- c to be surfaced as main path: 2.0–2.5m wide with 0.5m buffer to wall.
- d to be left as existing.

Consideration to be given to rationalising poor quality self-seeded vegetation at this east end of path at junction of Pullens Lane. At very least, lower limbs of tree immediately to right (north) of path b to be removed to aid visibility.



Bollards to be removed and replaced, probably with square oak bollards.

Where path c (see above) emerges on Pullens Lane, relocate footpath sign and square off and widen access so entry onto Pullens Lane has better visibility:

