

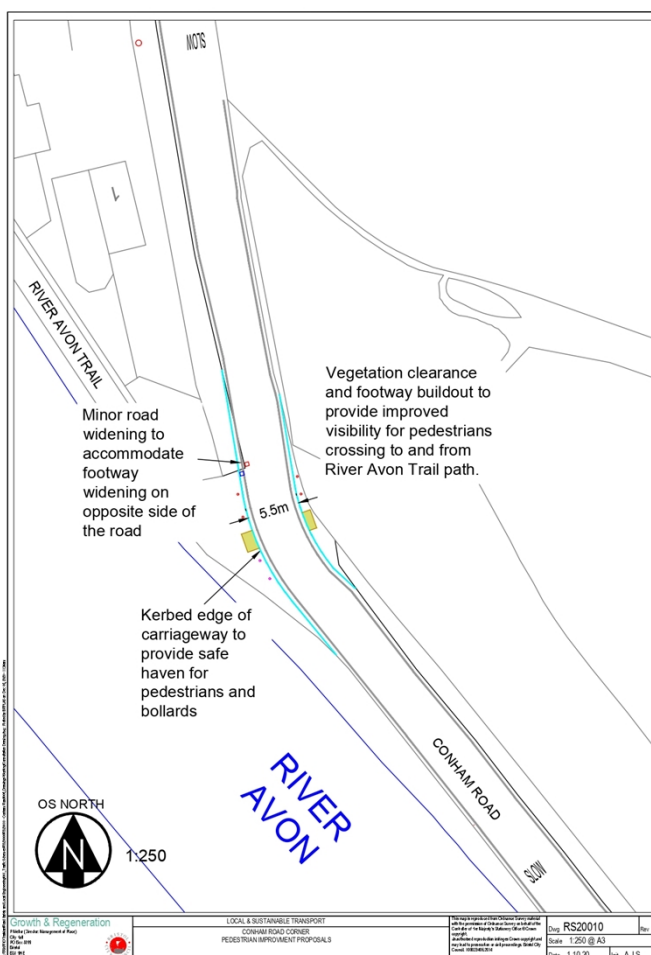
CS01 – Councillor Fabian Breckels

CONHAM ROAD CORNER - PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS

The Council is now consulting on proposed improvements at the dangerous crossing point at the start of Conham Road known locally as “Suicide Corder”. I welcome these proposals as constituents have been lobbying me to make this crossing safer. The existing footway terminates just before the bend, resulting in zero visibility between pedestrians waiting to cross from east to west and motorists travelling south. So something had to be done.

I was able to secure over £26,000 in Section 106 money last year and over the Summer I have worked with officers to come up with something effective and within budget. I’m really pleased with what has been designed and I’d like to thank the highways team for the scheme.

The proposed measures provide an additional area of footway through the bend on the eastern side of Conham Road. This will incorporate the usual tactile paved dropped kerbs at the optimum location for visibility.



Modifications to the western side of the road are also proposed to provide a safer place to stand when waiting to cross, whilst retaining access to the River Avon Trail for maintenance vehicles. Bollards are also planned to protect pedestrians and cyclists while keeping the current carriageway width through the bend allows two smaller vehicles to pass simultaneously. This is important because my constituents firmly rejected any plans to make Conham Road one way, something that could have left the area cut-off in the event of a bad winter. Larger vehicles will have to give way to one another as at present.

What I particularly like is that the scheme can be upgraded without having to rip out all the works that are proposed now. So it's cost effective and future proof. As soon as funds allow we can add a speed table at the crossing to slow vehicles down and add another crossing, with a speed table, at the other end of Conham Road where the cycle and footpath continues beside the river.

Constituents can comment on the plans until 31 January at <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/place/conham-road/>

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