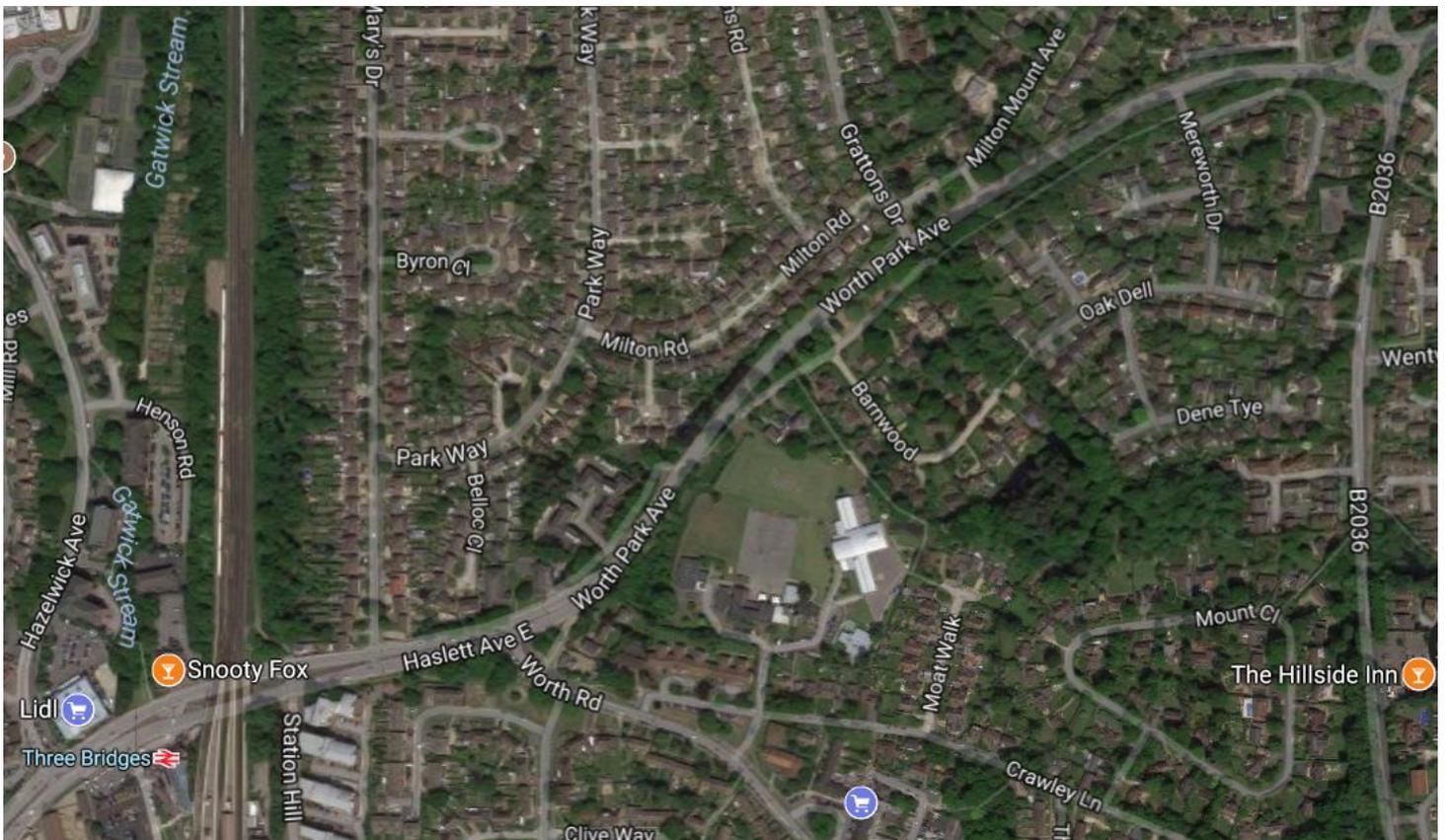


# Worth Park Avenue cycle improvements

Contributing to the Crawley Growth Programme.



Undertaken by West Sussex County Council

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Cycle improvements have been proposed between Station Hill and Pound Hill Junior and Infant Schools and between Crawley United Reformed Church and Ridley's Corner Roundabout. These improvements contribute to the aspirations of the Crawley Growth Programme by facilitating movement within the area. The Crawley Growth Programme is a partnership between West Sussex County Council, Crawley Borough Council, the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership and others.

The existing infrastructure will be upgraded to provide cyclists with a safer route in this location. This route involves the widening and conversion of footways to shared cycle routes, installation of clear signage and dedicated areas for cyclists to leave and re-join the carriageway.

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Why is the work taking place necessary?**

Worth Park Avenue, Worth Road and Haslett Avenue East make up part of a major route in and out of Crawley for motorists and cyclists. An opportunity exists to provide cyclists with safer facilities here which will encourage more people to cycle for commuting and leisure purposes. The route also provided links to existing cycle routes in the area.

#### **What will the work actually involve?**

Introducing clear signage to provide cyclists with directions along the route and to provide clear cut off points between footways and shared cycle routes, widening existing footways, installing central islands to provide cyclists crossing the road with safe places to wait, installing new kerbs and relocating lighting columns.

#### **What will the benefits be once it is finished?**

Improved facilities for cyclists travelling between the railway bridge at Three Bridges Station, Pound Hill Schools and residential area and Ridley's Corner Roundabout will be installed. This will encourage more people to cycle to and from work and for leisure with a view to introducing a modal shift towards more sustainable modes of transport and the health benefits this brings.

### **When will the works take place?**

The works will begin in February 2018 and will be completed by May 2018.

### **How much is this scheme likely to cost?**

Approximately £600,000 comprising of £380,000 of Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership funding and £220,000 of funding secured from local development in the area.

### **Will I retain access to my business or residence?**

Some temporary road closures and diversions will be necessary to carry out certain aspects of this scheme although access will be maintained at all times. This work will be scheduled to cause the minimum amount of disruption possible and will be advertised in advance.

### **Will the works require road closures at all?**

Please see above.

### **What hours of the day will actual work be taking place?**

0730 – 1730 Monday to Friday. Some night working may be necessary but will be kept to a minimum.

### **Why will it take so long to complete the works?**

In order to minimise disruption we will be undertaking these works concurrently with the traffic signals upgrade in the area in order to minimise the disruption for residents and businesses.

### **Why can't you use more workers to finish quicker?**

The number of workers on site has been identified as the optimal amount to achieve best productivity; that is to say that the workforce is sufficient to complete the scheme within the given timeframe at the budget available and to complete the scheme to the required quality.

### **Will diversions be in place?**

The majority of the proposed works are to be undertaken off of the highway, widening of footways for example. In order to safeguard the workforce some single lane closures may be necessary whilst footways are widened alongside the carriageway. Where sufficient space cannot be afforded then a road closure may be necessary with a diversionary route in

place. At this time we do not envisage any road closure and diversion routes being necessary.

**Will I still be able to get to the station?**

Pedestrian access to the station will be maintained at all times. Any necessary diversions will be advertised well in advance. We suggest it would be prudent to allow for extra time when planning to make journeys during this time.

**How will it affect my journey time?**

Inevitably there will be delays caused by the works and any required lane closures will exacerbate this. We will endeavour to try and minimise disruption however we would advise you to allow extra time for your journey during this time.