

Levelling Up East Lancashire

Creating opportunities through safer, greener, and healthier travel

Our Levelling Up East Lancashire programme will improve opportunities and everyday life for people in East Lancashire through better travel options, easier access to jobs and services, and support for our local economies.

Working closely with local communities and stakeholders we have developed detailed plans to deliver an ambitious programme of projects across Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle and Rossendale.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us shape plans for Levelling Up East Lancashire. The feedback and ideas from stakeholders, communities, and residents has helped tailor plans to deliver improvements that matter most to local people.

Next steps

The final plans have been submitted to government. A summary of the proposals, known as a Full Business Case, is [available here](#).

Subject to confirmation from government of the funding and final programme, work will start later in 2025. We will continue to engage and inform local communities and other stakeholders as we move into the delivery phase.

About the programme

The Levelling Up East Lancashire programme will deliver a range of improvements through three connected projects:

- Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets.
- Accessible and Vibrant Town Centres.
- Public Transport Improvements.

The improvements planned through these three projects aim to provide:

- faster and more reliable bus journeys.
- safer and more accessible streets.
- access to better jobs, pay, and living standards.
- more attractive & busy town centres.
- enhanced public and green spaces to spend time in.

The programme is funded by £5m from Lancashire County Council and an indicative £50m awarded by government in 2023 for investment in specific areas. More information about how the areas were carefully selected the project ideas developed in partnership with local communities is available [here](#).

Our proposals have been carefully developed to ensure a strategic and joined up approach to delivering improvements across Lancashire, and these plans complement wider investment projects being delivered across the county and at district level.

Pendle

Pendle is one of the four districts to benefit from the Levelling Up East Lancashire programme.

Lancashire County Council has been working closely with local communities and stakeholders in Pendle to develop the plans for the area, and thanks everyone who has been involved.

Pendle will benefit from three connected projects as part of the programme:

- Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets.
- Accessible and Vibrant Town Centres.
- Public Transport Improvements.

Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets

The three Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets projects in Pendle will provide improvements to local streets which aim to make travel easier between homes, jobs, shops and services, and help make streets safer and more accessible for everyone.

Overview

Colne, Pendle

This project includes various improvements to local streets within the area surrounded by Albert Road, Guysyke, Rigby Street and Lord Street; including the streets around Lord Street Primary School.

The works will provide new wider pavements and will introduce safety improvement measures for pedestrians, consisting of raising the road to meet the kerb level (raised tables) with tactile paving at junctions. These measures

will help to improve overall road safety, prioritise pedestrians, manage traffic flows and reduce speeds.

The junction by the leisure centre at Bridge Street and Guysyke will be redesigned to improve visibility, reduce traffic speeds, and improve the walking route between the town centre and the train station. The revised junction layout will result in minor adjustments to the existing signalised crossing and bus stops on Albert Road.

Signal crossing facilities will be added to the Albert Road / Lord Street / Sutherland Street junction to improve pedestrian safety and the walking route to the town centre and Lord Street Primary School.

The Lord Street / Rigby Street / North Valley Road junction outside the school will also benefit from adding signal crossing facilities, which will help parents and children safely walk to school and improve the school's access to the woodland area they use for their outdoor classes.

Forthergill Street will be made one way (northbound) and the pavements next to the school will be widened, with tree planting in the footway buildouts to improve greenery and make the area in front of the school less car dominated, safer and more attractive for pedestrians.

In response to residents' concerns we have altered the proposals for the Queen Street / Rigby Street junction area. We have removed the original proposals for double yellow lines and removed the tree planting. We have also made Rigby Street one-way to allow the introduction of parking bays on Rigby Street. The priority of the junction will be changed so that Queen Street traffic needs to give way. This will improve safety and reduce traffic speeds on Queen Street.

Latest designs

Project designs were updated following public and stakeholder engagement in 2024. These technical drawings reflect the latest proposals which have been submitted to government in 2025 as part of the Full Business Case for the programme.

The technical design drawings showing the proposed improvements as part of the Safer, Greener, Healthier Streets project for Colne, Pendle are available below.

https://lancashire.citizenspace.com/environment-and-planning/colne-sghs-pdf/user_uploads/p_sghs_colne_.pdf