

## **Falmouth Town Centre Gateway - Public Consultation**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

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#### **What are you proposing?**

Cornwall Council and Falmouth Town Council are proposing to relocate the existing rising bollard from Church Street to the town centre gateway at Market Street. In addition, a new road layout, extended footway and signage is proposed to emphasise the gateway to Market Street and the existing traffic restriction.

#### **Why are you doing it?**

Extending the pedestrian priority zone in the town centre is a key priority of the Falmouth Neighbourhood Plan (NDP), specifically policies TCON2 and TCON3. During preparation of the Falmouth NDP, consultation showed strong support from the local community for improving spaces for pedestrians. The proposed scheme will help realise the vision of the NDP specifically by enhancing the quality of the public realm; creating a pedestrian friendly, safe, and accessible environment in the main streets through the town; managing vehicle movements, deliveries, parking, and supporting shuttle bus services.

The Town Council supports these works and have made a financial commitment to the costs to enable the full scheme to go ahead and in order to achieve the NDP vision and provide more effective enforcement of the existing traffic restriction.

An “experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO)” was put in place in May 2021 to amend the existing “Pedestrian Zone” traffic restriction in Falmouth Town Centre and was subsequently made permanent in 2022. To support compliance with the initial trial, marshals were provided. However, funding for the marshals came to an end in February 2022 and there have been complaints about a rise in vehicles now entering the high street during restricted hours. The proposals aim to address this issue.

Falmouth Town Council, Cornwall Council and the Police have received complaints from the public around lack of compliance with the restriction and concerns over pedestrian safety.

The town centre route has also been identified as a priority route and core walking zone within the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) [Report Cornwall LCWIP 2021-07-13](#). This plan - like others in place across Cornwall - aims to improve walking and cycling routes, giving residents travel options that not only help our environment, but health too.

#### **Who is running this scheme?**

CORMAC are the consultants for this scheme and are running the public consultation on behalf of Cornwall Council and Falmouth Town Council.

### **Can you use enforcement cameras instead?**

The Council does not currently have the necessary powers from Government to carry out camera enforcement.

### **What about the Church Street car park?**

The car park's future use is subject to ongoing devolution discussions with the town council around change of use. As part of the current traffic restriction, access to Church Street car park is not permitted during the Pedestrian Zone hours except for permit holders.

### **Will access to private parking spaces within the Pedestrian Zone still be possible?**

Yes, access will be maintained to private parking spaces and permit holder space within the Pedestrian Zone.

### **Will access to Fish Strand Quay for fishing purposes be maintained?**

Yes, access will be maintained to Fish Strand Quay for the loading/unloading of fishing boats.

### **Are these proposals final?**

No, we will consider all consultation responses in determining whether to proceed or if any modifications may be needed.

### **How can I have my say during this consultation?**

To respond to this consultation, you can either:

1. Use Cornwall Council's Consultation finder, an on-line facility for viewing and responding to traffic consultations. This can be accessed by visiting [www.cornwall.gov.uk/TrafficConsult](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/TrafficConsult). Once registered you will be able to submit responses to this and other current traffic consultations.
2. E-mail Infrastructure Design on [traffic@cormacltd.co.uk](mailto:traffic@cormacltd.co.uk), quoting scheme name and scheme reference and indicating your support or objection to the proposals.
3. Respond in writing to the following address, indicating your support or objection to the proposals

Infrastructure Design  
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The deadline for responses is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023**.

### **I have a question about the scheme that is not answered above?**

Please contact Infrastructure Design at Cormac on [traffic@cormacltd.co.uk](mailto:traffic@cormacltd.co.uk) or **01872 327281**