

GREATER REDHILL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT PACKAGE

CONNECTING PLACES

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS ON OUR PLANS TO IMPROVE CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN REDHILL, REIGATE AND HORLEY

What is the greater Redhill Sustainable Transport Package

It's a series of improvements along the A23, the A2044 and the A217 in and around Redhill, Reigate and Horley and along National Cycle Route 21. They will make travelling by bike, bus or on foot safer, easier and faster.

The improvements will:

- Encourage more walking, cycling, bus and rail travel.
- Reduce congestion and its cost to local businesses.
- Help make the buses more reliable and reduce journey times so more people will use them.
- Help people get to work and to railway stations.
- Reduce accidents.

The current road network

At the moment this area has very few cycle paths or lanes. Those that exist are poor quality and cyclists have to negotiate busy, fast roads. This means that few people can cycle to work.

Although bus services are frequent along the A23, the A2044 and the A217, many bus stops are poor quality and hard to get to and do not offer an attractive waiting environment. Due to congestion bus journey times can be unreliable. Many people are still therefore using their cars.

The net effect is that traffic and congestion are restricting the area's potential for growth. Things will only improve if people use their cars less.



This is what currently exists for cyclists and pedestrians.



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Proposals

The main aim of the Greater Redhill STP project is to make it easier for people to travel between business areas by bus, by bike or on foot and also improve connectivity to health facilities, retail areas and leisure by sustainable transport means.

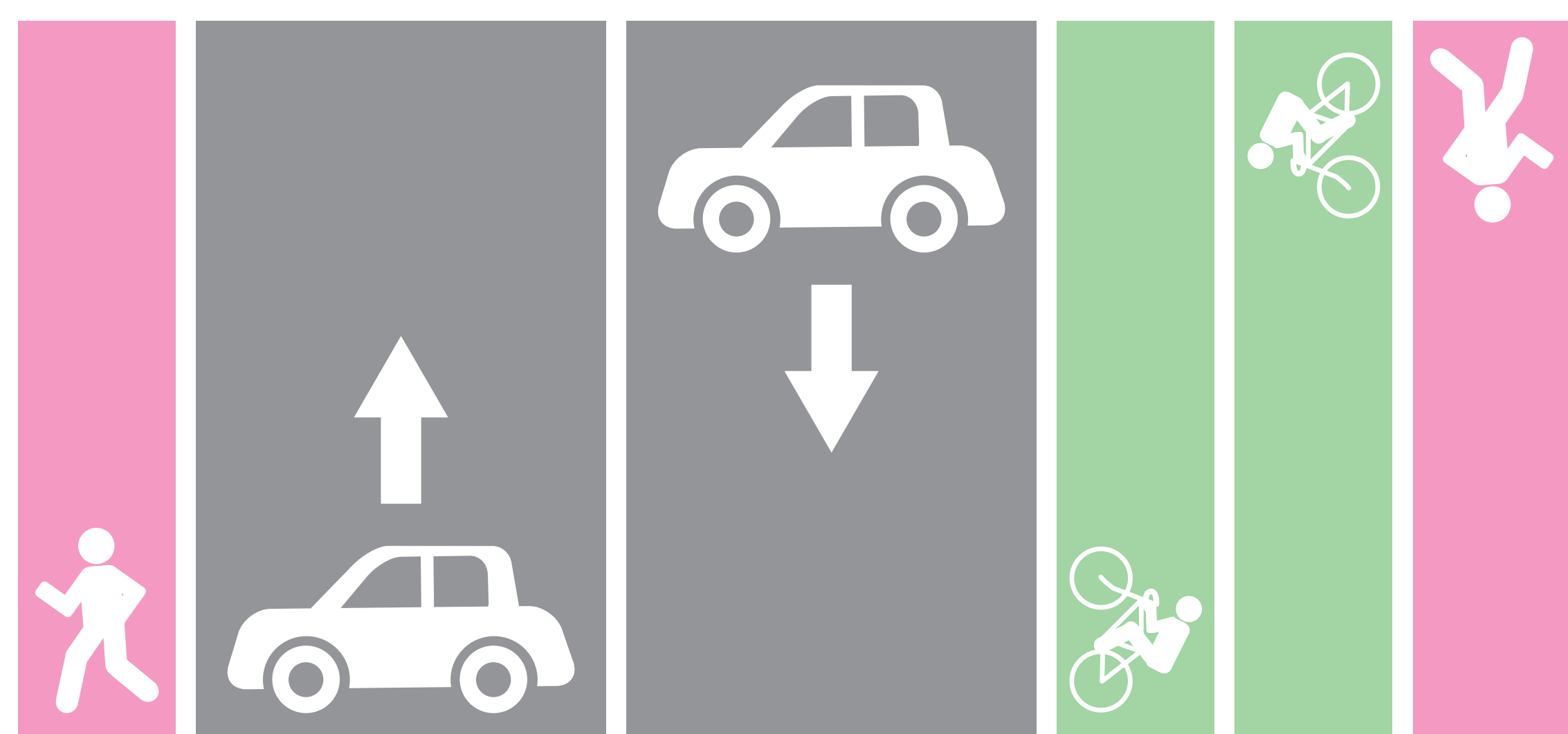
The best way to do this is to extend the quality cycle and bus corridors that exist in central Redhill into this area. Better bus corridors and either segregated or shared cycle paths will mean that the wider Redhill area benefits from routes that link up.

There will be better links between Reigate and Woodhatch and along the A23. Earlswood, the East Surrey Hospital, Whitebushes, Salfords, the new housing developments in Horley and Gatwick Airport will all link up.

To do this we're proposing to make a combination of cycle and bus improvements.

Cycle Improvements

- We'll be making existing off road cycle paths better and building some new ones. All these will be 2-3 metres wide and the aim is to encourage less confident cyclists.
- On the east side of the A23 and in some places between Reigate and Horley there will be a shared foot and cycle path.



The A23 will have cycle lanes in each direction on one side and better footpaths on either sides.

Bus Improvements

- We'll be improving existing bus corridors using information from our recent Local Transport Review to make the bus improvements that people want the most.
- We'll be providing better facilities and better information so catching the bus is more appealing. These improvements will mean more accessible bus stops and better waiting environments. They will include new high quality bus shelters and reliable live bus service information with electronic displays at some bus stops. The same information will also be available through mobile phones and the internet.



New bus shelters will be built where needed.



What else will improve?

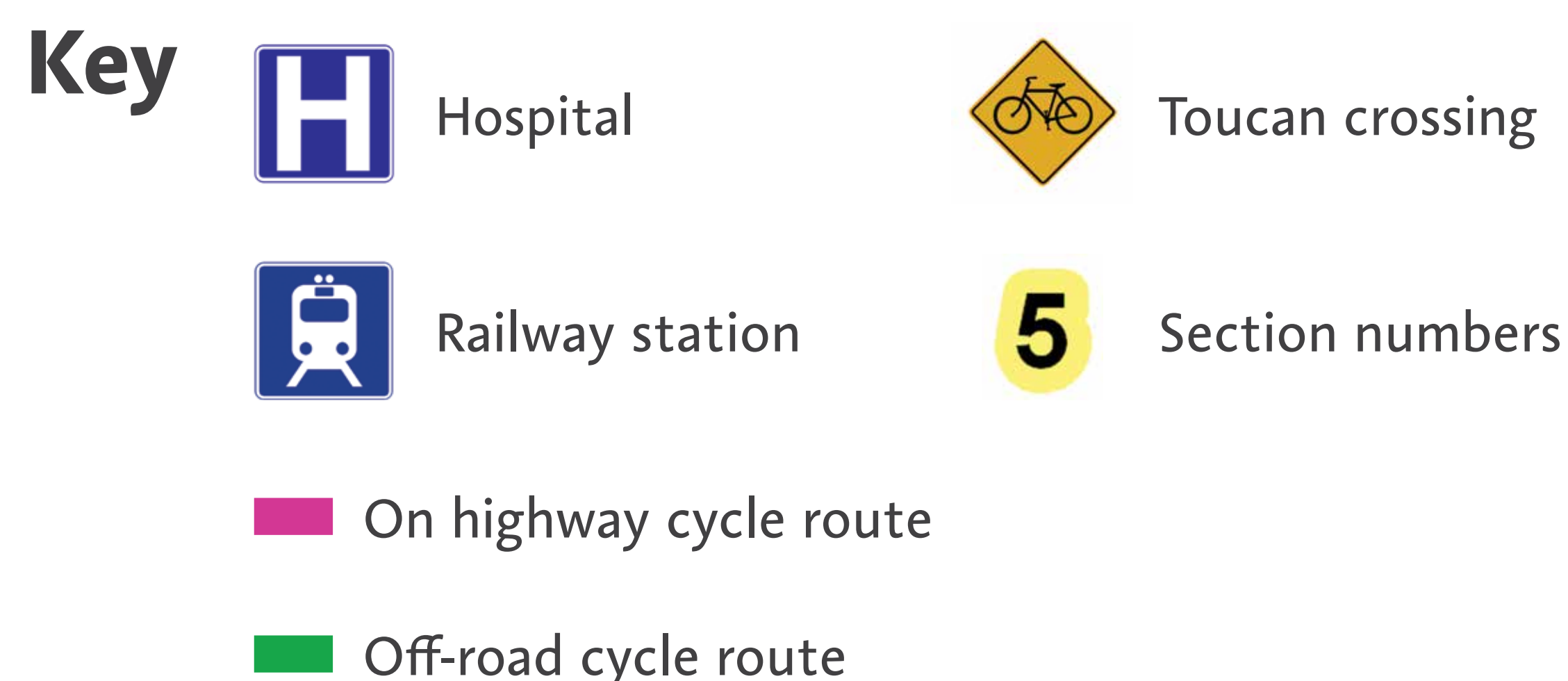
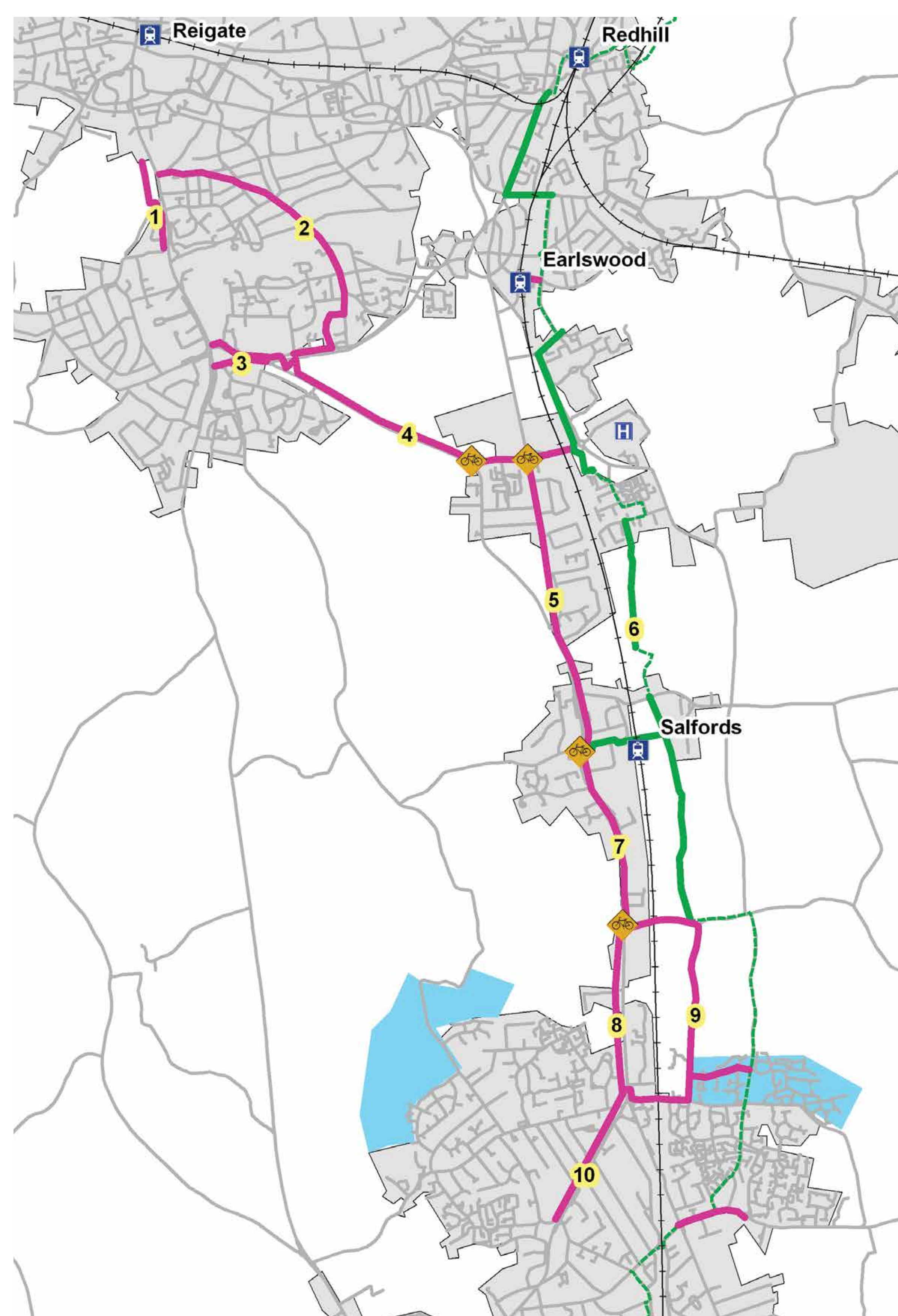
- We'll be making improvements to sections of the National Cycle Route 21 between Cross Oak Lane and Earlswood station.
- Some smaller and older bus shelters will be improved and fitted with information screens.
- Raised kerbs at targeted bus stops will make it easier to get on and off the bus.
- Buses will be given priority at some junctions to make journeys by bus quicker and more reliable.
- We'll make bus stops modern and more accessible with more visible waiting areas and better shelters. People will be able to get on and off the bus 'step free' and there'll be better information available on bus times and arrivals through Real Time Passenger Information displays. All this will get more people using the bus.
- We'll be working with Southern Railway and other stakeholders at train stations in the greater Redhill area to put together and implement Station Travel Plans which will seek to improve access to and from the stations, and enhance the station area.
- We'll also be helping to market and promote bus travel in the area in association with bus operators.
- We'll be making it easier for pedestrians and cyclists to get to Salfords station, and generally improving pedestrian crossings and pavements.



Real time passenger info will be available at bigger bus stops along routes



Some of the existing bus stops on the route are unappealing and poor quality.



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Who is paying for all this?

The majority of the £4.9 million scheme cost will come from the Local Enterprise Partnership's Local Growth Fund.

When is work planned?

The works could start in the autumn of 2015 and will be completed in stages over a three year period. A Construction Management Plan will be in place to minimise any disruption to travel. Access to the hospital will not be affected.

Tell us what you think?

We need your views to help us to develop the detailed aspects of the scheme. Please complete the questionnaire by 31st July 2015 to let us know your views, either at the exhibition or online:

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You can also post your completed questionnaire to us at:

Transport Policy
Surrey County Council
Room 420 County Hall
Penrhyn Road
Kingston-upon-Thames
KT1 2DN

Staff are on hand at the exhibition on Thursday 9 July and Saturday 11 July to answer any questions to help you complete the questionnaire.

The exhibition will be held at:
Three Arches Restaurant
East Surrey Hospital
Redhill
RH1 5RH

The exhibition will be open between 11am and 7pm on Thursday and between 11am and 4pm on Saturday.

All information presented on the panels can be found on our website, which also has a link to the questionnaire should you wish to complete it online.

Thank you for viewing the exhibition.



Toucan crossings will be installed to make crossing the road easier for pedestrians and cyclists



Some cycle paths will be segregated or shared.



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