



Between January 2022 and March 2022, St Helens Metropolitan Borough Council embarked on a footway enhancement initiative as part of the St Helens Framework TMC15, engaging in a collaborative effort to revitalise the Lea Green Road area. The project aimed to improve pedestrian and cyclist accessibility through comprehensive footway improvements.

The Lea Green business park area is a growing location due to its proximity to other highway networks, and the works were planned to make pedestrian and cyclist access more safe whilst also laying the groundwork for future connectivity. Increasing the provision of footway and cycleway options also benefits the local community.

The scope of the project included:

- Excavation of existing grass verges, general site clearance and disposal of arisings at offsite tip.
- Cut down an existing tree and dispose of off-site,
- Excavate & dispose of existing road kerbs and concrete edgings,
- Take up and store existing traffic signage and non-lit bollards,
- Lay Terram barrier to full extent of footway,
- Install road kerbs, Kassell bus kerbs and PCC edgings,
- Lay MOT 1 sub-base to footway area,
- Apply weedkiller treatment to the footway area,
- Install Tactile paving at uncontrolled pedestrian crossings,
- Lay 50mm thick AC20 Binder Course to Footway,
- Lay 30mm thick AC6 Surface Course to Footway,
- Re-install traffic signage and non-lit bollards removed during site clearance.



This large footway project included the use of:

- 700 linear metres of road kerbs
- 855 linear metres of concrete edging kerbs
- Over 600m3 of verge and footway excavation
- 2425m2 of Terram barrier
- 2425m2 of combined footway / cycleway bitmac
- Removal, storage and re-instatement of over 88 non lit bollards



Due to the nature of the works adjacent to live traffic, the project team worked closely with St. Helens Council’s highways team to ensure safe working with phased sections executed under carefully managed traffic management setups.

The Lea Green Road footway improvements project demonstrates effective collaboration between client and contractor whilst delivering tangible benefits to the community, setting a standard for infrastructure enhancement. With a total project at approximately £200,000, the investment reflects a commitment to sustainable development and community welfare.

“Improving the footway and cycleway will only benefit the area, making pedestrian access safer and allowing for greater footfall. These improvements will aid connectivity in the area and it’s been a pleasure working with St. Helens Council on this project from start to finish”.

Trevor Murray, Director