6) Access and connectivity





Wider connectivity

We are looking at proposals to improve Peirson Road and the junction at Cheapside, Old St John's Road, and St John's Road, in order to improve connectivity between the Acute and Ambulatory Hospitals.

It will include formalising pedestrian routes and enhancing pavement areas with planting.

We are also proposing two signal junctions at the St Aubin's Road/Peirson Road, and at the Westmount Road/Peirson Road junctions to facilitate the increased trips to Overdale.

A principle aim of the road network amendments in this area will be to retain as many existing parking spaces as possible.

Westmount Road

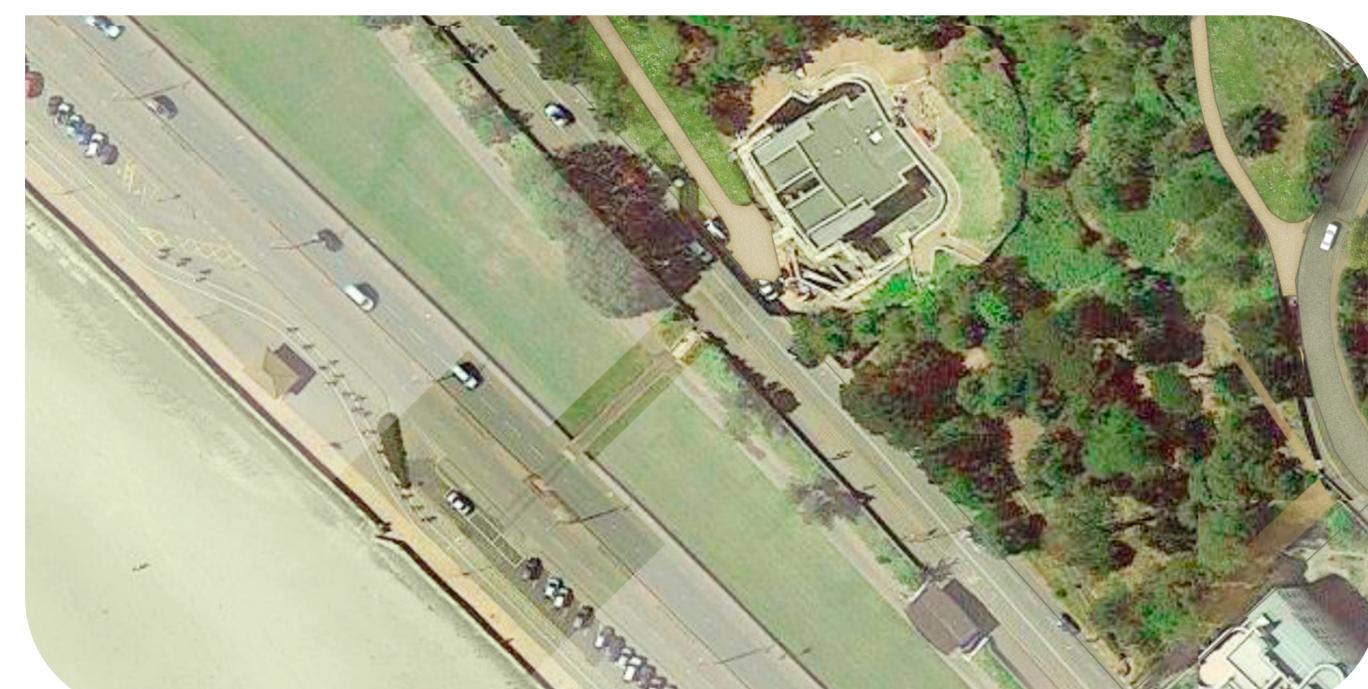
There are no plans for significant re-aligning and widening of Westmount Road. This is possible because the majority of patient journeys will be to the Ambulatory (Outpatients, day case and minor injuries walk-in) facility which will be located at Kensington Place, and therefore limits the works required to Westmount Road. Although the proposal will generate an increase of traffic in the surrounding area of the Acute Hospital, analysis has shown that there will be no new traffic on the wider highway network.

Access will be maintained from all directions using Westmount Road, with journeys from Tower Road and St Aubin's Road providing wider connection into the highway network.

The scheme will be further developed, in discussion with key stakeholders about access options, with particular focus on minimising adjustments to the road, whilst acknowledging that some land take will be required.







Islanders will be able to use different methods of transport and active travel options to get to Overdale. Pedestrian routes are planned to provide better connectivity to, from and through the site.

Once at Overdale, the Acute Hospital must be accessible for all members of the community with different levels of mobility and needs.

West Park and Westmount Gardens

An active travel route is proposed to be incorporated through West Park and Westmount Gardens which will provide a safer route away from vehicle movement for pedestrians and cyclists accessing Overdale.

The active travel routes build upon the extensive existing West Park pathway and will take advantage of the adjacent woodland area.

The scheme will look to minimise impact on the existing network where possible whilst improving the routes where necessary to enhance the public's access to the hospital through West Park. The main active travel route is accessed via St Aubin's Road where there will be a new controlled crossing to enhance pedestrian safety.

Proposals such as low-level lighting to make the route safe for all users, while still considering the ecological impacts of new lighting in the park (e.g. to bats).

We are doing everything we can to make the active travel routes as accessible as possible, whilst respecting ecological constraints. We are looking for areas where gradients can be reduced and there will also be rest awhile stops.

Further extension of the Active Travel Route is being explored which could take the form of signal crossings across St Aubin's Road and Victoria Avenue to connect to the established Cycleway. A suitable step ramp or wheeling ramp is being considered to allow all users to continue their journey using Lower Park.







