

4 Leek Road / Station Road Junction

Current Challenges:

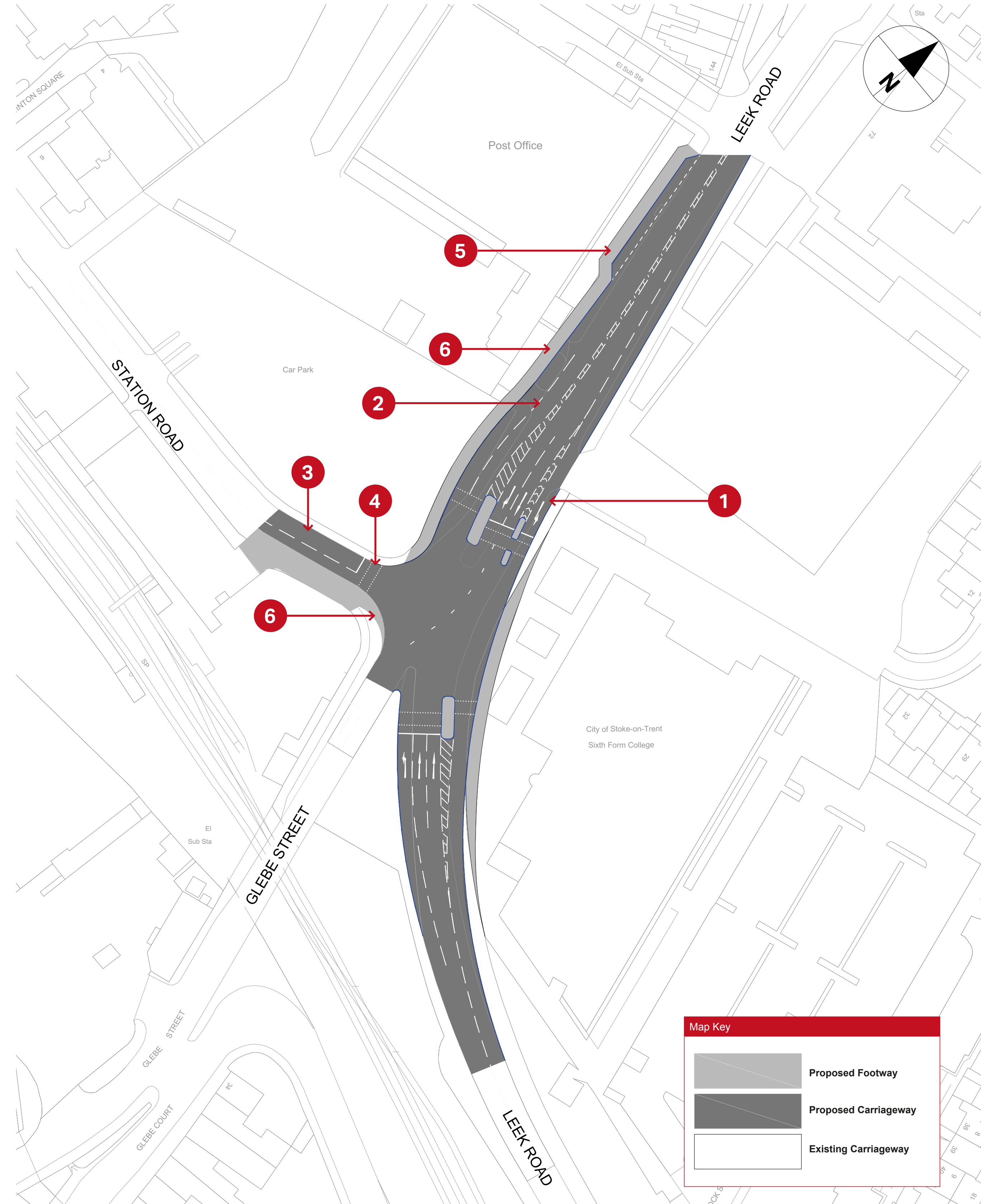
- The layout and operation of the junction is inefficient and, as a result, all four approaches suffer from congestion, long queues and delays, particularly at peak times. This has a negative affect on the local economy and connectivity to the City Centre.
- The queues heading south west to the junction are sometimes hundreds of meters long on Leek Road along much of the frontage of the main University campus.
- The junction is heavily used by pedestrians, including those accessing Staffordshire University and the Sixth Form College.
- The pedestrian crossing point across Station Road is uncontrolled and difficult to cross between signal stages.
- Drivers frequently park inconsiderately on Leek Road in order to access the Royal Mail collection office, causing delay and blocking the footway

Aims:

- Reduce congestion and delay at this junction
- Reduce journey times, including those to the City Centre
- Improve pedestrian crossing facilities and safety
- Improve air quality



Present: Issues at Royal Mail Collection Office

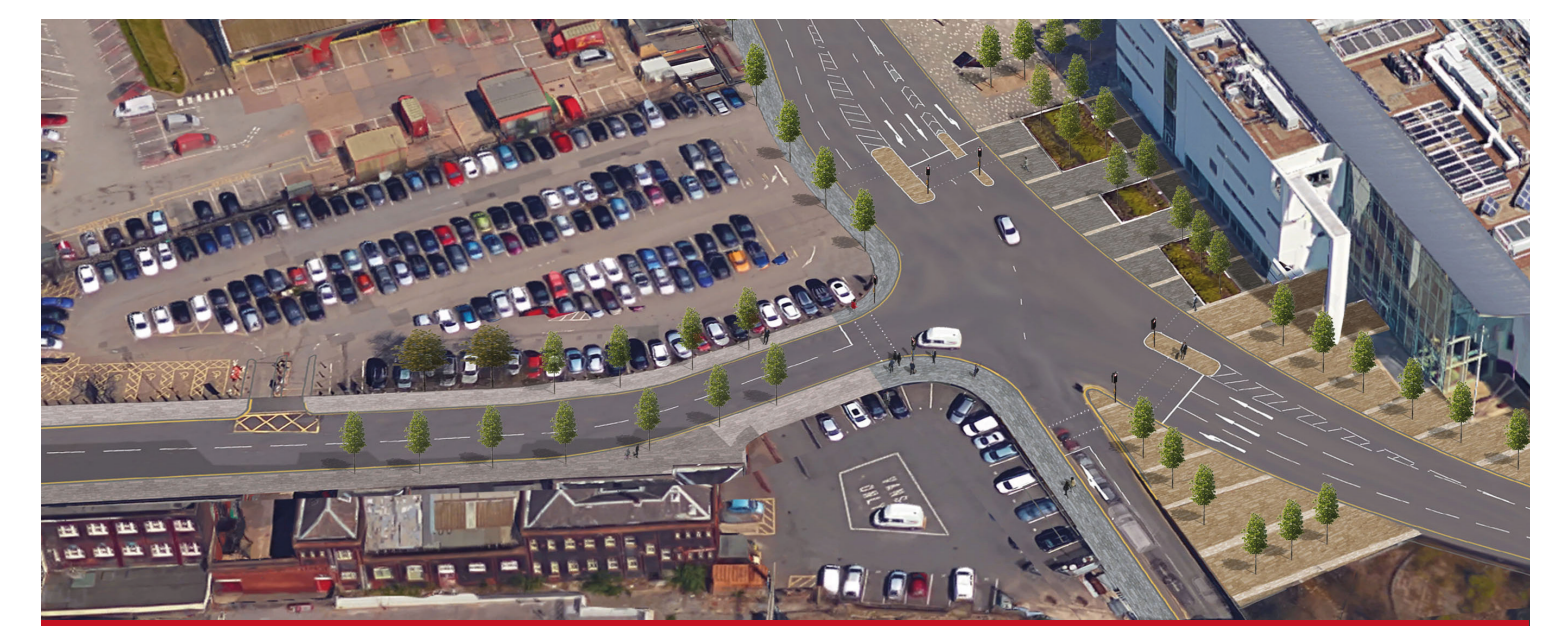


Proposals:

- 1 Provide additional (south-west bound) left turn filter lane to improve capacity for Leek Road movements.
- 2 Provide extended merge lane on (north-east bound) exit to increase capacity. Any Virgin Trains loss of car parking spaces will be provided to rear of the rail station.
- 3 Reduce the number of lanes in Station Road on approach to Leek Road.
- 4 Introduce 'push button' signal controlled pedestrian crossing facility on Station Road.
- 5 Consider options for addressing the parking problems associated with the Royal Mail Depot.
- 6 Enhance public realm to tie-in with improvements on Glebe Street and Station Road.



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All proposed waiting and loading restrictions will be subject to future consultation.