

Introduction.

The development of a Mini-Holland in the Woodside location will provide improved permeability of the surrounding streets with core routes linking to the greater network. The housing is primarily of tenement flats served by quieter streets making it the ideal location to incentivise cycling. Quietways will serve segregated cycle lanes that integrate with the programmed improvements to Sauchiehall Street.

The project will promote cycling not only as the environmentally responsible way of getting around, but as the normal way. Proposals will link to existing and proposed routes, driving connectivity to academic, social and cultural venues, and local subway stations. Cycle parking will be actioned in advance at trip generators. These measures will improve the area for pedestrians and cyclists and serve to enhance the area as a living space.

The on-going development of Glasgow's City Ways is aimed at getting non-cyclists onto bikes through the construction of safe cycle ways suitable for all.

Many residents of the area work, study and socialise in the West End and City Centre. As part of the project, a segregated cycle route (a key link in Glasgow's proposed City Ways network) would be delivered along St George's Road from Charing Cross to Possil Road to encourage and support greater use of the bicycle as a commuter option.

The development of the Mini-Holland concept will facilitate further expansion of the cycle network into the city centre, Great Western Road, Maryhill Road, Garscube Road, the Colleges Cycle Route, the Forth and Clyde Canal, and the major redevelopments of Sighthill and Port Dundas where cycling infrastructure is already planned or has occurred.

Key Aspects.

- A Key link in the proposed cycle network.
- Permeability and Connectivity for Woodlands.
- 'Place making' scheme at St. George's Cross
- Cycle links & Safer Routes to Schools

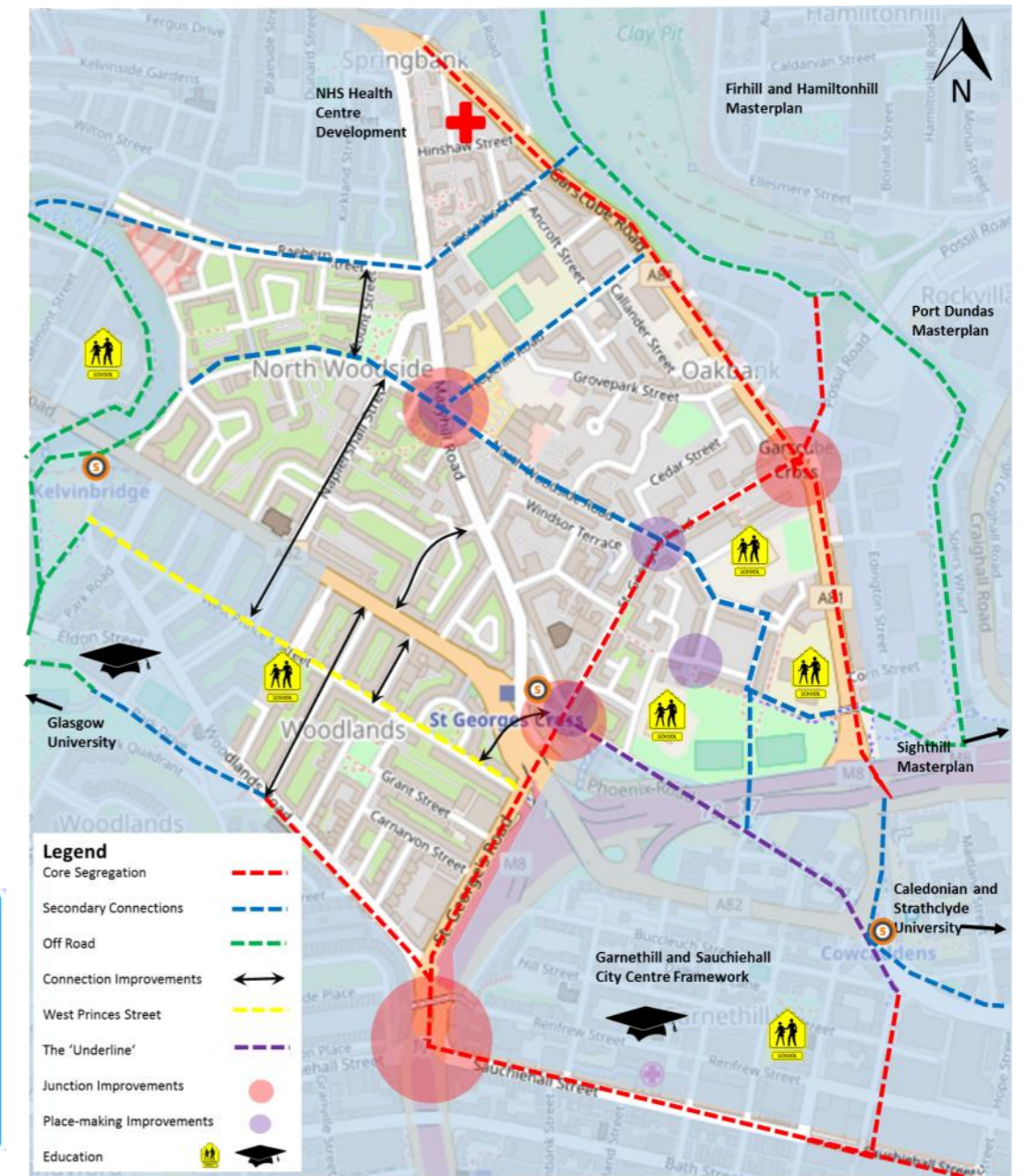


Objectives & Benefits.

In addition to the expected benefit of active travel such as improved health, this project will deliver safer, more comfortable, faster and more coherent cycle routes that will continue to expand Glasgow's Cycle Network.

The strategic location of Woodside provides access to the City Centre, West End and the north of Glasgow. The proposed improvements will build on existing levels of cycling and enable greater uptake of cycling as a mode of everyday transport. This in turn should contribute to the local economy and improve social cohesion.

High quality segregated cycle infrastructure is included as part of a major upgrade to Sauchiehall Street which is due to be implemented by late 2017. The cycle routes delivered through the Woodside "Mini-Holland" project would enable the connection of the Sauchiehall Street infrastructure to the wider active travel network.



Deliverables.

This project would deliver an exemplar cycle friendly neighbourhood that connects into the high quality infrastructure being implemented on Sauchiehall Street and the wider cycle network to the north and west. Its successful implementation could be used to stimulate the development of similar areas throughout the city.

St. George's Road has scored highly on the Proposed Cycle Network Prioritisation developed by Sustrans Staff seconded to GCC. This location acts as a launch pad for future projects to the North and North-West of Glasgow. City Deal funding will be used to develop and implement Sauchiehall Street Avenue and has the possibility to expand further.

Other projects will be taking place in the near future. Scottish Canals has created a cycle access at Baird Brae and Applecross Junction. The Council has resurfaced the Metal Petals at Cowcaddens and is in the process of master planning Sighthill and Port Dundas. Active travel and movement are high on the agenda for these projects which will tie into this Mini-Holland proposal.

