

## **BSIP - Water Lane/Fylde Road/Tulketh Brow Junction Improvements**

### **Pedestrian Crossing**

#### **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The purpose of this proposal is to introduce a signalised pedestrian crossing on the B6241 Tulketh Brow, Preston, to improve pedestrian safety and support more efficient movement through the area.

The proposed crossing point is located on a well-established pedestrian desire line, with regular movements between nearby residential areas, local services, bus stops, and routes towards Ashton and surrounding communities. The existing arrangement does not provide controlled facilities, which limits safe crossing opportunities—particularly during busier traffic periods.

The introduction of a signalised pedestrian crossing will:

- Provide a designated, safe and reliable crossing point along this key pedestrian desire line.
- Encourage walking and active travel by offering safer and more convenient facilities.
- Improve accessibility for vulnerable users, including children, older people, and individuals with mobility impairments.
- Create controlled breaks in traffic flow to help movements into and out of Waterloo Road.
- Improve overall network efficiency as part of the wider Tulketh Brow and Water Lane improvements.

The proposed crossing forms an important component of the wider improvement scheme, aimed at delivering safer pedestrian provision and better-coordinated traffic management across the network.

For these reasons, the County Council considers the introduction of this controlled crossing to be necessary and beneficial for the safe and efficient operation of the highway.