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Dear Sir/Madam,

Transport for Norwich: consultation on proposals for Dereham Road, Norwich

Norfolk County Council and the Transport for Norwich (TfN) partnership are asking for your feedback on a series of proposed highway improvements along the Dereham Road corridor, which is a key transport route to and from the centre of Norwich and beyond.

The proposed changes aim to provide shorter and more consistent journey times for buses, improve connectivity between different modes of travel, as well a safer environment for those walking or cycling along Dereham Road. We also aim to provide better connections between the two large communities on either side of the main road and provide safer access to local schools and other amenities.

We recently ran a smaller consultation on proposed walking and cycling improvements for Mayfly Way to the south of Richmond Road and we are now writing to let you know how to find out more about these further elements of the project and how to take part in the consultation.

All proposals are being funded by the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund, which can only be spent on the transport network.

What's being proposed – overview

The proposals relate to two main sections of the Dereham Road;

- The Longwater Lane scheme (covering Longwater Lane to Grays Fair) and;
- Dereham Road travel hub; which covers the area from Grays Fair to Gurney Road

Main features:

- Creation of a new travel hub, connecting bus services with local walking/cycling routes as well as new spaces for community use
- A reduction in speed limit to 30 mph along Dereham Road between Longwater Lane and Norwich Road to create a safer environment for all road users
- Removal of the Butterfly Way pedestrian underpass and creation of a new signalised street level pedestrian and cycle crossing on Dereham Road

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- New sections of inbound and outbound bus lanes to provide shorter and more consistent bus journey times to and from the city centre and Norwich Rail Station
- Improved crossing facilities on Dereham Road at the Richmond Road junction
- Dedicated facilities for those walking or cycling, with raised table side road crossings and additional traffic calming measures
- Additional bus stops/shelters and real time passenger information
- Extensive pavement widening and landscaping.

Removal of some trees and vegetation would be required to facilitate these proposals but full mitigation plans including suitable replanting would be provided for any areas affected once we have gathered all views from the local community.

Further detail

To view the proposals in more detail please visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/derehamroad where you will find detailed drawings, full breakdowns of all changes proposed and the reasons behind them. A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) is also provided.

How to comment

- Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/derehamroad to view the plans in more detail and complete our online survey/s to share your thoughts on the proposals.
- Ask for hard copies by calling or emailing us using the details at the top of this letter. Large font and other formats are available on request.
- Speak to a member of our team at a consultation event or request a meeting
- All comments must be received by **Wednesday 30 November 2022**.

Exhibitions/meetings

We will also be holding a series of face-to-face public consultation events for you to view large scale plans and ask questions should you wish. These will be held:

- Monday 14 November - The Costessey Centre, Stafford Hall, 2pm-8pm
- Tuesday 15 November – Chapel Break Community Centre, 10am-4pm
- Thursday 17 November – Chapel Break Community Centre, 1pm-7pm

An online meeting or telephone call can also be arranged on request if you are unable to attend one of the above events but would still like to speak to us.

Next Steps

We will then carefully consider all responses received and report back to the Transport for Norwich Advisory Committee early next year. This committee is chaired by Norfolk County Council and made up of councillors from TfN partners Norwich City, Broadland District and South Norfolk councils, who will consider how we should proceed with the project.

The webpage above will be kept up to date with the latest FAQs and progress.

Yours faithfully,

Transport for Norwich