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Dear residents and businesses,

## Transport for Norwich: St Stephens Road project update

Early last year, we carried out a consultation on proposed changes to improve the St Stephens Road area of Norwich for those travelling on foot or by bicycle. The plans were then revised in response to the feedback received and reconsulted on in May. Since then, the plans have been finalised and approved for construction by the Transport for Norwich joint committee at its meeting last July.

We're writing to let you know the main measures included in the revised scheme and how to find out more about the Traffic Regulation Orders being advertised that will allow us to carry out the changes.

## Summary of revised scheme

The aims of this project are to improve facilities in the area so that more people choose to walk and cycle. The main features of the project are listed below – full details, including links to minutes of the relevant committee meetings, can be found on the project webpage at <u>www.norfolk.gov.uk/ststephensroad</u>:

- Closure of the left turn into Grove Road from St Stephens Road
- One-way traffic on Grove Road towards its junction with St Stephens Road
- One-way traffic on Grove Avenue from its junction with Ipswich Road towards its junction with Grove Walk.
- A two-way segregated cycle lane on Grove Road to the St Stephens Road junction
- Footway widening on Ipswich Road near the Grove Road junction
- Optimised traffic signals for pedestrians, cycles, buses and general traffic
- Widening of the existing pedestrian crossing on St Stephens Road

## Advertisement of Traffic Regulation Orders

So that the scheme can be delivered, we need to amend some of the existing Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) in the area. As well as orders associated with the measures listed above, these also include:

- 20mph speed limits on sections of St Stephens Road, Ipswich Road and Newmarket Road.
- A 30-minute extension to the existing morning peak-time loading restrictions on St Stephens Road to become 7.30am to 9.30am, Monday to Saturday.
- Contraflow cycling on Grove Road.
- Speed cushions on roads surrounding St Stephens Road and Ipswich Road.

You can access links to download copies of all the TROs being advertised for this project by visiting <u>www.norfolk.gov.uk/ststephensroad</u>, or you can request hard copies by getting in touch using the contact details above. These legal notices will also be available to view on site in the St Stephens Road project area and will be advertised in Eastern Daily Press on Friday 28 January 2022.

You can find details of how to object to any of the TROs on the order notices themselves and if you have any queries in relation to the orders, or the project in general, please feel free to get in touch using the email or phone number provided. The deadline for objections to the TROs is Tuesday 22 February 2022.

## Background and next steps

Following advertisement of the project TROs, construction work is due to begin in early summer. We will keep all those in the St Stephens Road area updated with full details through public information notices when the time comes.

The Department for Transport (DfT) has awarded £32m of funding to the county council from the Transforming Cities Fund to deliver a range of schemes across Greater Norwich, including this project in the St Stephens Road area. These projects aim to improve access to jobs, training and retail by supporting improvements to sustainable modes of transport, while also responding to issues around air quality. More information about our application to the DfT and all the proposed schemes can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/transformingcities

Yours faithfully,

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