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Dear Sir/Madam,

Transport for Norwich: consultation on proposals for Grapes Hill Roundabout

Norfolk County Council and the Transport for Norwich (TfN) partnership are asking for feedback on proposed changes to the Grapes Hill roundabout area. The aims of the scheme are to provide quicker and more reliable journeys for bus passengers through this junction and to improve pedestrian and cycle facilities in the area. We're writing to let you know how to find out more about the project and how to take part in our consultation.

What's being proposed and why

This table explains what changes we're proposing and the reasons behind them. The enclosed plan shows what the project would look like on the ground – the numbered proposed changes below correspond to the relevant points marked on the map.

	Proposal	Reason for proposal
1	Remove traffic signals from roundabout	This will have a positive impact for bus users travelling to the west of Norwich, including the UEA and along roads such as Dereham Road, Unthank Road and Earlham Road, by significantly reducing journey times and improving service reliability. Traffic modelling shows savings of around two minutes in the morning peak period and up to seven in the evening peak. It also shows reduced journey times for general traffic, saving up to four minutes in the morning peak.
2	Wider cycle crossing	This provides the additional space needed to cater for existing users and predicted increases in future users.
3	Widen entrance to Chapelfield Gardens	This removes an existing pinch-point where the entrance path is narrow.
4	New shared-use pedestrian/cycle paths	The new path around the Temple Bar pub allows those walking and cycling to use a higher quality, wider surface, which links

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		to the new crossing on Convent Road. The new section of shared-use path on Convent Road extends the existing facility, allowing those cycling to remain separate from general traffic, including around the roundabout.
5	New 3.6m staggered pedestrian/cycle (Toucan) crossing	This will make the road easier to cross in a location where there is currently no formal crossing.
6	Remove existing uncontrolled crossing for pedestrians	These crossings will be replaced by the new signal-controlled Toucan crossing.
7	New uncontrolled crossing for cyclists	To connect to the widened cycle lane at the junction with Unthank Road.
8	Existing cycle lane to be widened to 1.5m	To allow more room at the junction for those cycling.
9	Footpath widened	To provide more room for those walking in the area

How to comment

There are two ways to comment on the consultation:

- Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/grapeshill where you can complete our online survey to share your thoughts on the proposals.
- Ask for a hard copy of the survey by calling or emailing us using the details at the top of this letter. Large font and other formats are available on request.

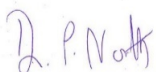
Next Steps

The deadline for comments is Sunday 28 March 2021. We will carefully consider all responses and report back to the Transforming Cities Fund Joint Committee later in the year. The committee, which is chaired by Norfolk County Council and made up of councillors from TfN partners Norwich City, Broadland District and South Norfolk councils, will then decide how to proceed with the project. The webpage above will be kept up to date with the latest progress and information.

Background

The Department for Transport (DfT) has awarded £32m of funding to TfN from the Transforming Cities Fund to deliver a range of schemes across Greater Norwich. 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. You can also read more about previous, current and future TfN projects by visiting www.norfolk.gov.uk/tfn.

Yours faithfully,



Dan North, Engineer