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Dear Sir/Madam,

Transport for Norwich: consultation on proposals for St Giles Street, Norwich

Norfolk County Council and the Transport for Norwich (TfN) partnership are asking for feedback on proposed improvements to St Giles Street in Norwich as part of Norwich City Council's Towns Fund award. We consulted on the general principles of the scheme in summer 2021 as part of the 'Connecting the Lanes' programme and we are now consulting on more detailed plans for St Giles Street. 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.

Proposal	Reason for proposal
<p>Pavements will be widened throughout St Giles Street by reducing the width of the carriageway.</p> <p>Increased pavement space will also create space for seating (including cafes - subject to licensing) and cycle parking.</p>	<p>Provide a safer and more pleasant area for walking, cycling and sitting out to encourage active travel and support the local economy.</p> <p>The closure of Exchange Street to general traffic means that St Giles Street is no longer a through route for general traffic trying to reach the north and east of Norwich.</p>
<p>New informal crossing points with dropped kerbs</p>	<p>Enable people walking and those with restricted mobility to cross the road more easily. This will help encourage low traffic speed along the street in combination with the narrowing of the carriageway.</p>
<p>New loading bays at pavement level</p>	<p>Time restrictions will encourage appropriate use and a net increase of</p>

All bays restricted to Monday – Saturday 07:30 – 18:30, 30 minutes maximum stay with no return within one hour.	space for one additional vehicle will further support local businesses. Allows additional pavement space for walking when loading bays are not in use.
Revision to car club bay allocation	Whilst there will be a reduction of one car club space, this is considered sufficient to meet demand for the car club and enables additional loading space for local businesses.
Proposed changes to on street pay and display parking arrangements. Restrictions will remain Monday – Saturday between the hours of 07:30 - 18:30 with a one-hour maximum stay and no return within one-hour.	There will be a net reduction of approximately 30 metres of pay and display parking (approximately 5-6 spaces). Current parking will continue to be available at the nearby St Giles multi-storey car park.
Planting of 8 additional new street trees. All existing trees retained.	Beauty, biodiversity, slowing rainwater passage into drainage system and offsetting carbon emissions from remaining vehicles.

Resurfacing of the road in this area would also be carried out at the same time as this scheme to minimise disruption and improve overall value for money. The direction of traffic flow on Upper Goat Lane will be reversed from Summer 2022 as part of previously agreed changes relating to Exchange Street.

How to comment

There are two ways to comment on the consultation:

- Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/stgiles 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.
- All comments must be received by **Sunday 29 May 2022**.

Next Steps

We will then carefully consider all responses and report back to the Transport for Norwich Joint Committee later in the year. The webpage above will be kept up to date with the latest progress and information.

Background

The St Giles Street scheme is funded by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) Towns Fund. This grant was provided to Norwich City Council and the project will be delivered in partnership with Norfolk County Council.

More information about previous, current and future TfN schemes can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/transformingcities.

Yours faithfully,

Transport for Norwich