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Dear Sir/Madam,

Transport for Norwich: Consultation on proposals for Newmarket Road, Norwich

Norfolk County Council and the Transport for Norwich (TfN) partnership are asking for feedback on a series of proposed improvements to Newmarket Road in Norwich.

We are seeking to improve safety for those travelling through the area by bus, bike or on foot. Newmarket Road is a key transport corridor into Norwich from the south-west and forms part of the blue pedalway between Wymondham, Hethersett, Eaton and Norwich city centre. These improvements would be funded by the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund which can only be spent on the highway network.

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 accompanying plans available on our website show what the project could look like on the ground.

Eaton/Leopold Road Junction

Proposal	Reason for proposal
1. Existing pedestrian crossing on Newmarket Road, at its junction with Eaton Road and Leopold Road to be widened and the central islands removed.	Provide a safer and larger crossing for those on foot, especially school children at peak times. The crossing distance would also be reduced.
2. Proposed shared use push button crossing over Eaton Road at its junction with Newmarket Road.	Improve safety for those travelling on foot or cycle.
3. Proposed double yellow lines to be installed on the south side of Newmarket Road from the	To prevent pavement parking in the existing shared use area – improving safety for all users.

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junction of Claremont Road into the junction of Eaton Road (both sides)	
4. Proposed new site for Beryl bike bay on the south east corner of the Eaton Road junction with Newmarket Road.	Enhance cycle hire provision to encourage active travel.

Daniels Road Roundabout

Proposal	Reason for proposal
5. Proposed conversion of an existing section of grass verge to a new shared use pavement on the southwest corner of the Daniels Road roundabout.	Improved route for those on foot or cycle.
6. Proposed pavement widening (subject to land purchase) on the southwest corner of the Daniels Road roundabout	To improve visibility and safety for those on foot or cycle at what is currently an area with restricted visibility.

The roundabout work would also include some minor kerb realignments to improve the route for buses.

Lime Tree/Christchurch Road Junction

Proposal	Reason for proposal
7. Existing pedestrian crossing on Newmarket Road, at its junction with Christchurch Road and Lime Tree Road to be widened and the central islands removed.	Provide a safer and larger crossing for those on foot, especially school children at peak times. The crossing distance would also be reduced.
8. Proposed shared use push button crossing over Lime Tree Road at its junction with Newmarket Road.	Improve safety for those travelling on foot or cycle along the shared use blue pedalway route and will provide convenient access to the crossing on Newmarket Road so those cycling into the city can transfer from the shared use cycleway on the south side of Newmarket Road to the segregated cycleway on the north side.
9. Proposed removal of the existing bus stops situated on Newmarket Road (both sides) just west of Lime Tree Road	Removal of these under-used stops would improve bus journey times along a key route out of the city and improve conditions for walking and cycling.
10. Proposed widening of the cycle lane and installation of segregator wands on the north side of Newmarket Road either side of the Christchurch Road junction.	Improve safety on key cycle route to meet government's current design standards for cycle lanes.

11. Existing shared use pavement to be widened around 3 sides of the Christchurch/Lime Tree junction with Newmarket Road.	Provide a safer and larger area for those on foot or cycle.
12. Proposed new link for cycle access onto the existing off carriageway route on the south side of Newmarket Road approaching the Lime Tree Road junction.	Improve safety for those travelling by bike.
13. Proposed bell bollards on the southeast corner of Newmarket Road and Lime Tree Road.	To protect those on foot or cycle from turning vehicles.

How to comment

There are two ways to comment on the consultation:

- Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/newmarketroad where you can view plans in more detail and complete our online survey to share your thoughts on the proposals.
- Ask for a 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.
- All comments must be received by **Thursday 1 December**.

Next Steps

We will then carefully consider all responses and report back to the Transport for Norwich Advisory Committee early next year. 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,

Transport for Norwich