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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Transport for Norwich: Consultation on proposals for Heartsease Roundabout, Norwich**

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

The aim of this scheme is to improve crossing facilities for those walking and cycling in the area, whilst improving safety for all road users by reducing vehicle speeds and removing confusion, hesitation and conflict on this key junction of the outer ring road.

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.

<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Reason for proposal</b>
1. Roundabout island and approaches to be realigned to single lane vehicle entry/exit on all arms with a safe overrun area for heavy goods vehicles.	To enable the introduction of new crossing facilities to aid those on foot or cycle (see point 2 below). Slow vehicle speeds and improve safety for all road users.
2. New parallel zebra crossings (which give priority to those on foot or cycle) to be installed on all arms of the roundabout.	To allow a safe way for those on foot or cycle to cross on all arms of the roundabout.

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3. New 3m wide shared use paths created around all arms of the roundabout (subject to land availability where applicable).	Improve safety/comfort and enable those on foot or cycle to navigate the roundabout. Shared use areas either side of Harvey Lane are subject to land availability.
4. Improved footway on St Williams Way and where the shared use paths join onto the existing footway.	Improve safety/accessibility for those walking or cycling.
5. New segregated cycle path connecting to existing cycle lanes on St Williams Way.	Improve safety and comfort for cycling. To provide a safe transition from the cycle lanes on St Williams Way onto the shared use paths around the roundabout.
6. New cycle facilities to connect with carriageway on Heartsease Lane.	Improve safety and comfort for cycling. To provide a safe transition from the shared use paths to/from the road.
7. Existing signalised crossing on the northern end of Harvey Lane to be removed and new parallel zebra crossing provided in its place (see proposal 2 above).	Provide a safe and consistent way for those on foot or cycle to cross the road on all arms of the roundabout.
8. New waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) to be installed south side of St Williams Way (15m in length) and the 36m along the north side of Plumstead Road East	As St Williams Way will be narrowed any parked cars in this location would block the road. Plumstead Road East restriction will improve visibility/safety for residents exiting driveways.

Existing cycle routes in the surrounding area would also be improved to encourage the use of quiet residential streets as alternative cycle routes which avoid the junction entirely (please see alternative cycle route map for further details).

### How to comment

There are two ways to comment on the consultation:

- Visit [www.norfolk.gov.uk/heartseaseroundabout](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/heartseaseroundabout) 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 **Sunday 18 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.

Yours faithfully,

Transport for Norwich