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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Active Travel Fund – St Williams Way**

**Proposed Mandatory Cycle Lanes and Double Yellow Lines**

Norfolk County Council was recently awarded £1.2 million from the Department for Transport’s (DfT) Active Travel Fund to invest in local infrastructure projects that support the promotion of walking and cycling as an attractive and convenient transport mode for shorter journeys.

Bearing in mind changes in people’s travel habits during the global pandemic, this is an opportune time to encourage more people to walk or cycle, reduce congestion on our roads and deliver a wide range of health and environmental benefits to residents.

Safety concerns have been highlighted for a number of years, that parking within the existing advisory cycle lanes on St Williams Way forces those that are cycling to swerve into the main carriageway of this busy stretch of road.

This project aims to provide a safer environment for all road users by providing a wider unobstructed route for cycling and an increased separation between vehicles and cycles. This will be achieved by extending the recently installed lightly segregated mandatory cycle on St Williams Way, from where it currently ceases, just west of Thor Loke, to around Margetson Avenue.

We are consulting on proposals to:

• Change the existing sub-standard advisory cycle lane to a wider 2m mandatory\* cycle lane with separator islands, from west of Thor Loke to its junction with Margetson Avenue,

\* Please Note: whereas advisory cycle lanes are spaces on the carriageway for cycling in and occasional use by vehicles, mandatory cycle lanes are dedicated lanes solely for use by those cycling.

• Provide ‘At any time’ waiting restrictions (double yellow lines)\*\* along the lengths of the proposed mandatory cycle lanes on St Williams Way from approx. 80m west of Thor Loke to its junction with Margetson Avenue. In addition, it is proposed to extend the double yellow lines into the junctions with Pilling Road and Aerodrome Road.

\*\* Waiting restrictions indicated by yellow lines apply to the carriageway, pavement and verge, however you may stop to load or unload or while passengers board or alight.

No other changes are proposed to the road layout and vehicles will still be able to access all properties along this road.

Please refer to the enclosed plan which shows the changes proposed in more detail.

**How to comment**

Before formally advertising the Traffic Regulation Orders for these proposals, we would like your feedback. Please respond by using the reply slip enclosed or emailing transportfornorwich@norfolk.gov.uk by Friday 26th March 2021.

If you have any queries or would like to discuss the proposals in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number.

*Please note, in addition to these proposed cycleway improvements we are also in the process of developing plans for the Heartsease roundabout to improve crossing facilities/pedestrian safety, which we understand have been a long-standing concern of the local community. It is our intention that the cycleway improvements would complement this proposal which we hope to be in a position to seek public views on later this year.*

Yours ,

Jonathan Taylor

Project Engineer

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**Reply Slip**

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| **Please return by 26th March 2021 to:**Norfolk County CouncilDepartment of Environment Transport and DevelopmentCounty Hall Martineau LaneNORWICHNR1 2SG**For the attention of Jonathan Taylor** |