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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Active Travel England Consultation:
Proposed walking and cycling improvements Church Lane, Gorleston**

Norfolk County Council are asking for feedback on proposals to improve Church Lane and the northern end of Middleton Road so that more people choose to walk, wheel or cycle. 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

The proposed route would provide safer cycling facilities between Middleton Road and East Norfolk Sixth Form College as well as introducing improved safe crossings for those on foot.

The table overleaf explains what changes we're proposing and the reasons behind them. Plans available on the project website show what the project would look like on the ground – the lettered proposals correspond to the relevant points marked on the map.

How to comment

There are two ways to comment on the consultation:

- Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/churchlane where you can view plans, read our FAQs and complete our online survey to share your thoughts on the proposals.
- Large scale plans are also displayed at Gorleston Library, with copies available to take away. Hard copies and other formats for all materials are also available on request via the email and telephone details above.

Background

This project was identified as a priority scheme in the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Gorleston and is supported by Great Yarmouth Borough Council. A budget of £735,000 has been allocated for the works which would be funded by the Governments Active Travel Fund. This money cannot be used to fund other council

services or initiatives and must be spent on schemes that promote walking, wheeling or cycling.

Proposals

Point	Proposal	Reason for proposal
A	Footway widened to create shared use pavement (for walking and cycling) from the northern end of Middleton Rd, following the line of the existing southern footway of Church Lane, stopping to the west of East Norfolk Sixth Form College, opposite Spencer Avenue. The carriageway width would be reduced to a minimum of 6 metres but all on street parking would remain.	To provide a safer environment for those walking and cycling along this busy route and improve access to the college. The proposals are designed to link in with further walking and cycling improvements proposed for Middleton Road, which were consulted on last November.
B	Replace 2 uncontrolled crossing points on Church Lane with 2 new zebra crossings.	Making it easier and safer to cross this busy road and improve access to the college.
C	Continuous footways across the junction of Bailol Road and the entrance to the car park of East Norfolk Sixth Form College.	Allow cyclists and pedestrians using the shared use path to cross the junction quicker and safer as they will have priority.
D	New parallel crossing at northern end of Middleton Road close to its junction with the roundabout.	Making it easier and safer to cross Middleton Road close to the roundabout for cyclists, pedestrians and wheelchair users.

Next Steps

The deadline for comments is **Monday 26 May 2025**. We will then carefully consider all responses and report back to you with the results and next steps. All decisions rest with the cabinet member for highways, infrastructure and transport. The webpage above will be kept up to date with the latest progress and information.

Yours faithfully,

Transport for Norfolk



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