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Dear Sir/Madam,

Transport for Norwich Consultation: Walking and cycling improvements proposed for Mile Cross Road

Norfolk County Council and the Transport for Norwich (TfN) partnership are asking for feedback on proposals to improve the Mile Cross Road and surrounding area 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 safe cycle access linking North Norwich with the Marriott's Way, which provides direct links to the city centre and beyond. Through traffic would be reduced, pavements and crossings would be more accessible and safety would be improved across the wider Mile Cross estate. This would also provide an improved cycle link for those travelling east or west via Margaret Paston Avenue and Half Mile Road.

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.

Point	Proposal	Reason for proposal
A	Segregated on-carriageway mandatory cycle lanes on both sides of Mile Cross Road from near the Aylsham Road junction to the Drayton Road roundabout. The carriageway would be widened and kerbs realigned where necessary, whilst maintaining a suitable width footway. The cycle lanes would be physically separated from general traffic using reflective wands with double yellow lines throughout the length of the mandatory cycle lanes to prevent pavement parking.	To provide a safer environment for those cycling along this busy route, which links with key off road access in and out of the city via Marriot's Way. The cycle lanes would be classified as mandatory cycle lanes, so drivers cannot drive in them. The double yellow lines will mean no vehicles may park within the cycle lanes. These elements provide a safer environment for cycling and ensure the pavements are fully accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs, as well as those on foot.
B	Replace the 3 existing pedestrian refuges with 2 new zebra crossings.	Making it easier and safer to cross this busy road.
C	Permanent closure of motor vehicle access at the junction of Half Mile Road. This would be enforced using bollards and replaced with a turning head with double yellow lines to prevent parking and allow free turning movements on Half Mile Road, with dropped kerb access for those cycling. Some bollards would be removable to allow access for emergency vehicles.	Reducing through traffic along Half Mile Road will reduce vehicle movements at this busy crossroads, making the junction safer for all users and improving the safety of the proposed Zebra crossings adjacent to the junction. Whilst also improving the east/west cycle route.
D	Segregated on-carriageway mandatory cycle lanes on both sides of Mile Cross Road from just north of Havers Road to link with existing facilities at the Drayton Road roundabout (See proposal A for further explanation on cycle lane design). This section may be delivered as part of the Mile Cross Depot redevelopment (subject to planning).	To provide a safer environment for those cycling along this busy route, which links with key off road access in and out of the city via the Marriot's Way. (See proposal A for further explanation)
E	Explore implementing a 20mph speed restriction across the Mile Cross estate (see plan 4 for all streets proposed).	Further reduce through traffic and create a safer neighbourhood for walking and cycling.

How to comment

There are two ways to comment on the consultation:

- Visit www.norfolk.gov.uk/milecross where you can view plans, read further information (including FAQs) and complete our online survey to share your thoughts on the proposals.
- Large scale plans are also displayed at the Phoenix Centre on Mile Cross Road and The Common Lot shop at the Drayton Road roundabout, with copies available to take away (during standard opening hours). Hard copies and other formats for all materials are also available on request via the email and telephone details above.
- You can also contact us directly with any specific queries.

Next Steps

The deadline for comments is **Sunday 20 October**. 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.

Background

Improving cycling links between Mile Cross, Hellesdon and the city centre were identified as a priority in Norfolk County Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Greater Norwich (consulted on in July 2021) and this scheme is supported by Norwich City Council. The work is estimated to cost £850,000 and would be funded by the Government's Active Travel Fund. This money cannot be used to fund other council services or initiatives and must be spent on cycle infrastructure.

Yours faithfully,

Transport for Norwich



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