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Dear Resident/Occupier,

OTLEY ROAD AND BEECH GROVE, HARROGATE – ACTIVE TRAVEL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES

North Yorkshire County Council are currently in the process of reviewing a series of proposed Active Travel Schemes across Harrogate in order to ensure the overarching strategic vision for sustainable travel infrastructure in the Town links together holistically to encourage the take up of walking and cycling. An interactive map showing all the current and proposed schemes across Harrogate is available for viewing on our website using the following link https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/major-transport-schemes-and-plans/harrogate-active-travel-projects

As you may already be aware, North Yorkshire County Council have recently delivered the first phase of the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) on Otley Road to create the first phase of a new cycleway, alongside a number of signalised junction improvements across the route to improve safety and address congestions along this key route corridor. The next phase of this scheme is on Otley Road between the junctions of Cold Bath Road/Arthurs Avenue and Beech Grove.

A consultation event took place on the design for these proposals in May 2022. Following from the delivery of Phase 1, Officers have taken the opportunity to reflect on the feedback received from that event, throughout construction and subsequent use to review the designs already prepared for this next phase. This was to ensure the links for this scheme are thoroughly considered as part of the wider strategic vision for Harrogate. This led to the identification of a short section of shared footway and cycleway between Victoria Road and Beech Grove, which could be too narrow to encourage use of the cycleway.

In addition to this, the lapsing of the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order on Beech Grove for the modal filter in August 2022 has led to a review of how proposals here link to the wider strategic vision across Harrogate for sustainable transport infrastructure and link to the next phase of the Otley Road Cycleway.

We are therefore writing to you as you are in the area affected by the next phase of the scheme to seek your views on the options we have for the cycleway alongside the linked proposals for Beech Grove. Please note that either option for Beech Grove can work with each option for NPIF phase 2.

Enclosed are the following options for you to consider for both NPIF and the development of Beech Grove:

NPIF Options

- 1. The existing proposal on Otley Road for phase 2
- 2. An alternative route for phase 2 using Victoria Road
- 3. An alternative route for phase 3 using Queens Road

Beech Grove Options

- 4. Modal filters on Beech Grove with one-way on Victoria Road
- 5. One-way arrangements on Beech Grove and Victoria Road

We would like to hear your comments on which option for both NPIF and Beech Grove would encourage you to take up more walking and cycling in the area.

Please send your comments through to <u>Area6.Boroughbridge@northyorks.gov.uk</u> using 'NPIF Phase 2 Consultation' in the title of your email or letter. Postal comments are to be sent to :

NYCC Highways & Transportation Area 6 Boroughbridge Office Stump Cross Boroughbridge YO51 9HU

This consultation will run from 24th October 2022 – 28th November 2022.

There will also be 'Meet the Designer' events on Friday 11th November 4.30pm- 7.30pm at Harrogate Civic Centre should you wish to attend and ask any questions or share your thoughts on the proposals.

Please note that there is also a consultation taking place at the same time, related to the Active Travel Fund for Oatland Drive / The Saints are of Harrogate. This is separate to this engagement, as it is a wider consultation of potential active travel options for the area. If you wish to participate in this, you can do so by visiting the website link https://oatlands.commonplace.is/ or find us via the NYCC website

Yours faithfully

Customer Service Centre

Otley Road and Beech Grove - Active Travel Improvement Scheme Feedback Form		
Please tick your preferred NPIF option		
NPIF Options		
Option 1	The existing proposal on Otley Road for Phase 2	
Option 2	An alternative route for Phase 2 using Victoria Road	
Option 3	An alternative route for Phase 3 using Queen's Road	
Please tick your preferred Beech Grove option Beech Grove Options		
	Modal Filters on Beech Grove with one-	
Option 4	way on Victoria Road	
Option 5	One-way arrangements on Beech Grove and Victoria Road	
Comments		

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