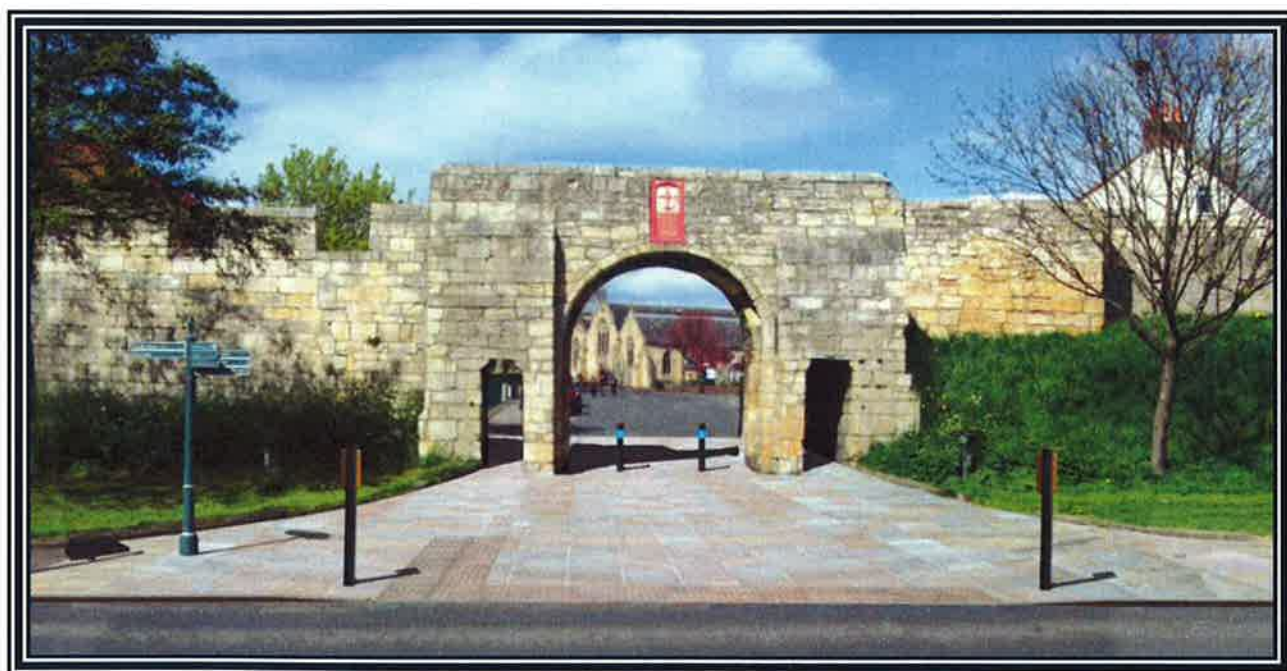


Fishergate Gyratory

Proposed pedestrian crossing and footway improvements

This leaflet provides information about proposed pedestrian crossing and footway improvements on Fishergate and Paragon Street. These will make it safer and easier to cross the road near Fishergate Bar and at the Fishergate / Paragon Street junction. Together these will help create a better walking route between the York Barbican to St. George's Field car/coach park walking route.

The scheme also includes proposals to simplify and improve the footway areas around and under Fishergate Bar, which will be carefully designed to allow shared use by pedestrians and cyclists.



The above illustration shows how the proposed improvements at Fishergate Bar might look.

More information explaining the main elements of these proposals is provided overleaf.

If you have any questions or would like to comment on the scheme, details of who to contact are given on the back of this leaflet.

FISHERGATE GYRATORY - PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS & FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS

KEY FOR PROPOSED MATERIALS

- Tarmac
- Natural Yorkstone Paving
- Concrete Flag / Block Paving
- Tactile Paving to help blind / partially sighted users.
- Cycle Lane with Green High Friction Surfacing
- Plant Bed (for Edible York Project)
- New Stone Kerbing
- New Concrete Kerbing

- The existing pedestrian routes either side of the Bar are too narrow for wheelchairs and prams, most pedestrians already use the 'cycle only' route through the Bar.
- The proposed new layout would be similar to Walmgate Bar with a 'shared' pedestrian and cycle route through the Bar. That will allow for a simplified layout and the use of Yorkstone paving would enhance the physical appearance of the Bar. Carefully placed signs and surface markings would be used to highlight the presence of cyclists and pedestrians using the same area.



Improved Crossings

- The proposed redesign of the traffic light controlled pedestrian and cycle crossings will simplify the layout and make them more attractive to use.

Existing Crossings

Remove Give-Way

New Crossing

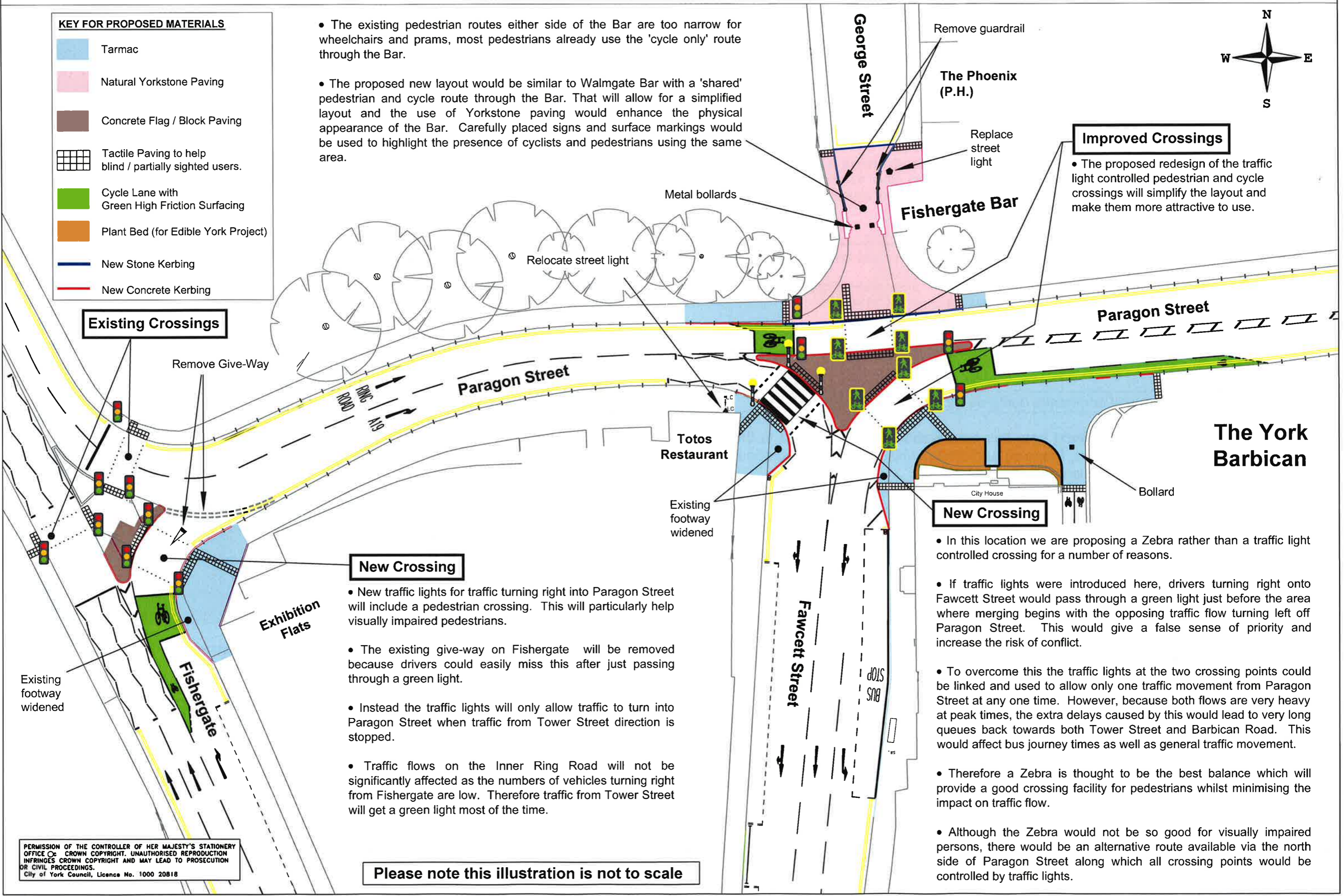
- New traffic lights for traffic turning right into Paragon Street will include a pedestrian crossing. This will particularly help visually impaired pedestrians.
- The existing give-way on Fishergate will be removed because drivers could easily miss this after just passing through a green light.
- Instead the traffic lights will only allow traffic to turn into Paragon Street when traffic from Tower Street direction is stopped.
- Traffic flows on the Inner Ring Road will not be significantly affected as the numbers of vehicles turning right from Fishergate are low. Therefore traffic from Tower Street will get a green light most of the time.

New Crossing

- In this location we are proposing a Zebra rather than a traffic light controlled crossing for a number of reasons.
- If traffic lights were introduced here, drivers turning right onto Fawcett Street would pass through a green light just before the area where merging begins with the opposing traffic flow turning left off Paragon Street. This would give a false sense of priority and increase the risk of conflict.
- To overcome this the traffic lights at the two crossing points could be linked and used to allow only one traffic movement from Paragon Street at any one time. However, because both flows are very heavy at peak times, the extra delays caused by this would lead to very long queues back towards both Tower Street and Barbican Road. This would affect bus journey times as well as general traffic movement.
- Therefore a Zebra is thought to be the best balance which will provide a good crossing facility for pedestrians whilst minimising the impact on traffic flow.
- Although the Zebra would not be so good for visually impaired persons, there would be an alternative route available via the north side of Paragon Street along which all crossing points would be controlled by traffic lights.

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Additional information:-

Several pedestrian crossing options for the Fishergate/Paragon Street and the Paragon Street/Fawcett Street junctions have been considered taking into account the needs of pedestrians whilst keeping disruption to buses and other vehicular traffic to a minimum.

This proposed scheme is thought to give the best balance between improving the pedestrian crossing points, maintaining road safety and minimising the impact on traffic flow.

Fishergate Bar is a 'Grade 1 listed building' and the walls have 'Scheduled Ancient Monument Status'. In recognition of the historic significance of the location York Stone paving would be laid where it is proposed to enlarge the pedestrian areas next to or below Fishergate Bar.

The scheme also seeks to reduce the amount of signs and other street furniture to further enhance the visual appearance of the bar.

If you have any questions or comments about these proposals you can contact me as follows:-

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It would be helpful if comments could be received by 24th August 2012

Feedback and comments arising from this consultation will be reported to the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Sustainability for a decision about whether the scheme should be implemented.

It is currently envisaged that, if approval is given to proceed with the work, construction could begin late 2012. Anyone likely to be directly affected would be sent more information about the planned timescale and extent of the work nearer the time.

If you would like this information in a more accessible format, for example in large print, on CD, by email, or in another language, please contact 01904 551550.

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