

A59 & A1237 Highway Improvements for New Poppleton Bar Park & Ride Site

We want your views!

**Why do we need
to do anything?**

Background

City of York Council, with its priority to 'Get York Moving', is working to improve the transport options available to residents, businesses and visitors. As part of this strategy, the council is planning to deliver a new Park & Ride site on the A59 near Poppleton. The site will be located opposite the Poppleton Garden Centre and will be accessed via North Field Lane from the A59.

Detailed design of the Park & Ride site is progressing in line with the planning consent which was approved in March 2010. Views of residents are now required so that the design of highway works can be completed.

The cost of the highway improvements is £5.1 million, jointly financed by the City Council (30%) and the Department for Transport (70%) as part of York's Access York (phase 1) major scheme bid.

This leaflet shows the changes being considered to the road layout and asks for comments so that the designs can be finalised

Congestion is a major barrier to economic activity in the city and one of the main causes of poor air quality. York's existing Park & Ride service is recognised as one of the country's most successful, removing around one million car trips per year from the city centre. The A59 is the last remaining 'A' road into the city without a Park & Ride site.

The A59 to A19 section of the A1237 is the busiest section of the northern ring road with the longest delays at peak times. Queuing encourages through traffic to use the roads in Poppleton. The high level of traffic is also a barrier to walking and cycling trips.

The proposals principally involve:

- Traffic lights at the A59 junction with Station Road/North Field Lane
- A59/A1237 roundabout enlarged (similar to A19/A1237 roundabout)
- New subway under A1237 for pedestrians and cyclists
- New pedestrian/cycle route along A59
- Mini-roundabout on North Field Lane
- New left turn only exit onto A59 from Park & Ride site

When would it be built?

It is proposed to begin construction in early 2013, with completion in time for opening of the new Park & Ride site in 2014. Following this consultation, further development will be undertaken, taking into account any feedback received. Final designs will then be presented to a council decision meeting for approval - currently planned for April/May 2012.

Inevitably, there is likely to be localised disruption during construction. However, this will be kept to a minimum by careful programming of the works. If through traffic in Poppleton increases during construction or as a result of the scheme, additional measures will be considered. Options will be based upon views received from residents in the January 2010 survey. Further updates will be provided before construction commences and during project delivery.

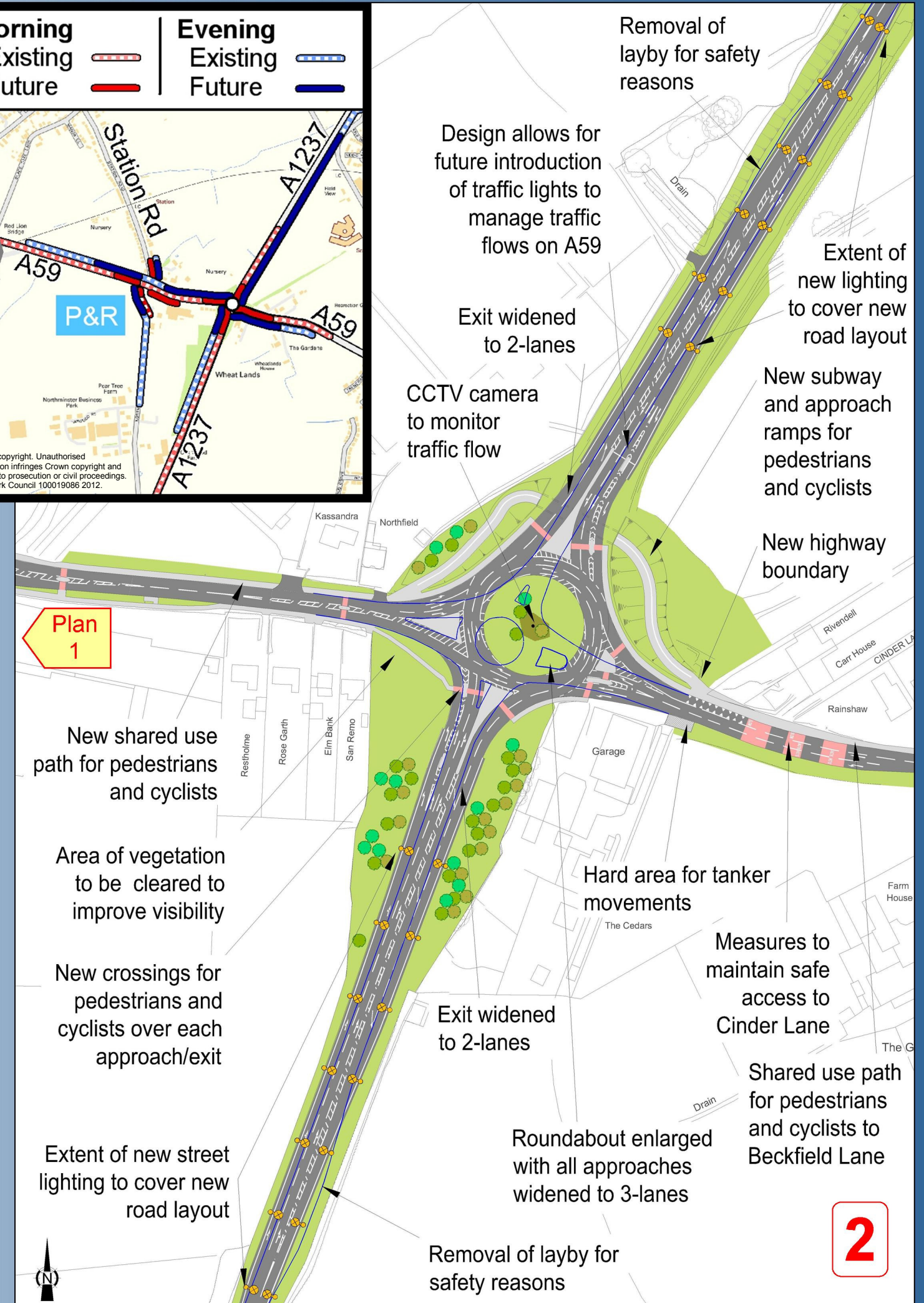
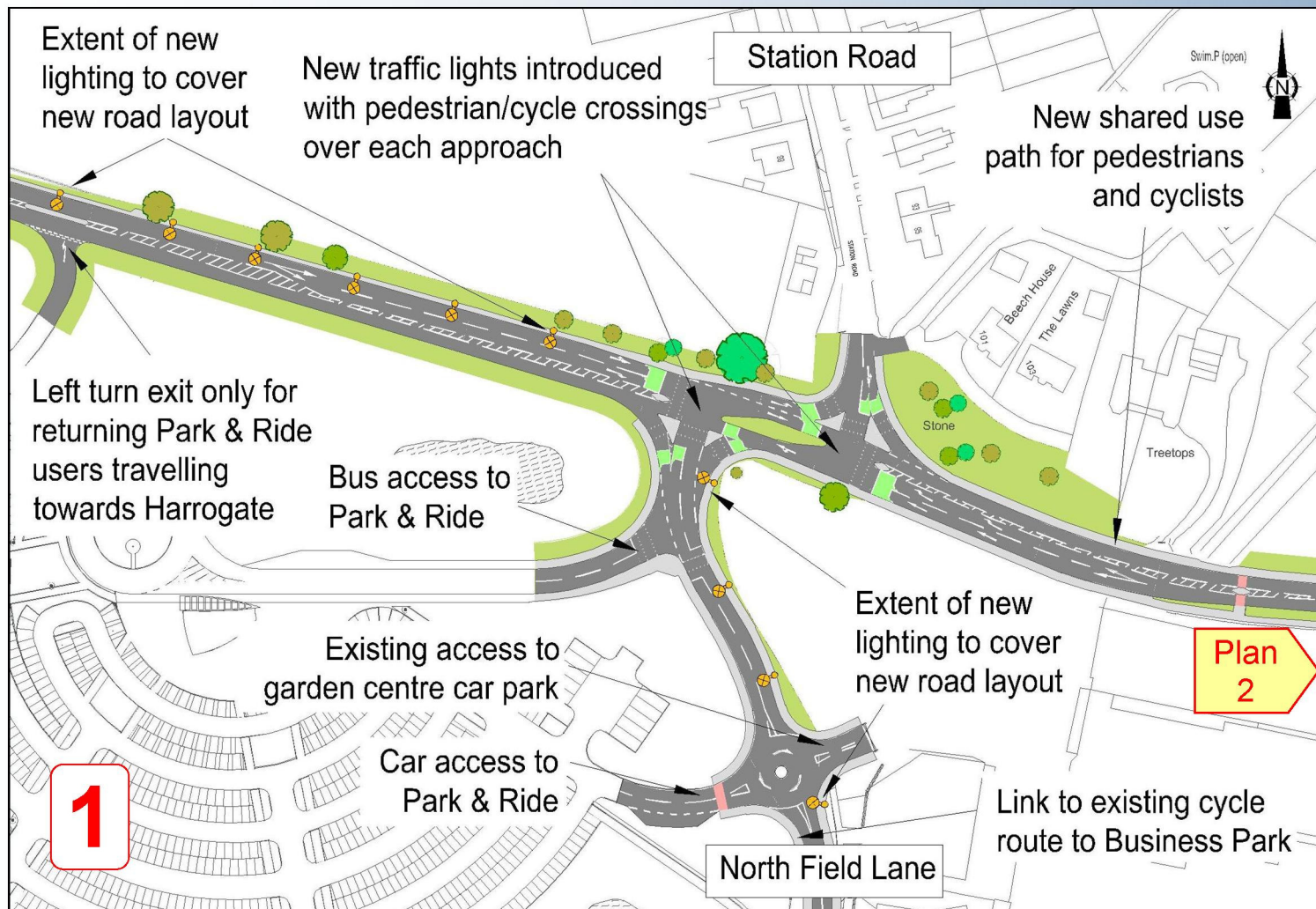
How will queuing be affected at the junctions?

Changes to typical queues in the morning and evening rush hours on delivery of the highway improvements and opening of the Park & Ride are shown opposite.

Less delay for drivers will reduce 'rat-running' through Poppleton.

Coupled with parallel bus priority measures, journey times to the city centre are expected to reduce in the morning rush hour by around 10 minutes for buses and 3 minutes for cars.

Alterations proposed to the existing road layout provide access to the new Park & Ride site, increase traffic capacity and improve facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.



How to find out more?

There will be a public exhibition with council officers on hand to answer any questions at:

All Saints Church Hall, Upper Poppleton
Friday 10 February 2012
8.00am to 7.00pm

The proposals will be presented at the following ward committee meetings:

Rural West Ward Committee (special meeting)
The Poppleton Centre
Main Street, Upper Poppleton
Thursday 16 February 2012
Exhibition 6.30pm, Meeting 7.00pm

Acomb Ward Committee
Holy Redeemer Church Hall
Boroughbridge Road
Wednesday 15 February 2012
Exhibition 6.30pm, Meeting 7.00pm

Unstaffed displays showing larger scale plans of the proposals will be available at the following locations from **6 February to 2 March**, during normal opening hours:

Poppleton Community Library, Upper Poppleton
Council Offices, 9 St Leonard's Place, York

Further details and plans of the proposals are also available on the council's website
www.york.gov.uk/poppletonbar

We want your views

If you wish to raise any issues or concerns over the proposed improvements there are a number of ways to contact the council:

By phone

01904 551641 (ask for Tony Clarke)

By email

accessyork@york.gov.uk

Online

see council website for further details
www.york.gov.uk/poppletonbar

By post

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City of York Council
FREEPOST (YO 239)
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To enable your views to be taken into account, please send us your responses by
Friday 2 March 2012.

Any issues raised will be addressed in the final scheme design, where possible.

If you would like this leaflet in an accessible format (for example in large print, on CD, or by email) or in another language, please contact 01904 551641, or email accessyork@york.gov.uk

This information can be provided in your own language.

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