

## **Annex Two**

### **Internal Consultees:**

- Network Management
- Transport Planning
- Environment and Conservation
- Fishergate Ward Members

### **External Consultees identified were:**

- York Blind and Partially Sighted Society
- York Access Group
- York Cycle Campaign
- Cyclists Touring Club
- Age Concern
- York Older Peoples Forum
- Fishergate Primary School
- St George's RC Primary School
- York Civic Trust
- Bus Operators (First York, Coastliner, Harrogate Coach, Door to Door, Hutchinsons, Arriva, EYMS)
- Bus Users UK
- Confederation of Passenger Transport
- York Motorcycle Action Group
- Taxi Operators Group
- AA / RAC
- Freight Transport Association
- Road Haulage Association

The Fishergate Ward Members were consulted via email while External Stakeholders were consulted via email and letter. Internal Stakeholders were consulted during a workshop at Halcrow offices in order to obtain views on existing issues within the study area and to develop options to mitigate these issues.

### **Results**

Responses received from stakeholders are summarised in the following section.

#### **(a) Emergency Services**

- Maintain free access for emergency services and consult on any traffic calming measures.

#### **(b) Bus Operators**

- The Fishergate area suffers from traffic congestion and is a source of bus journey time reliability problems for services through the area.
- An inbound bus lane from Paragon Street to Tower Street (along Paragon Street associated bus gate onto Fishergate, continuing up Fishergate onto Tower Street) would be useful for buses.

- A bus lane northbound up Fishergate would be useful for buses.
- A bus gate to access the right turn into Piccadilly would be useful.

**(c) Public Transport Planning**

- Concern over the capacity of the Fishergate gyratory outbound stop.
- Is there potential for a new stop on Kent Street close to the gyratory area.
- Right turn out of Tower Street would be useful for bus planning and would assist in diversion operations.
- It is noted that traffic queues on Skeldergate Bridge block back and block the gyratory causing problems for outbound buses in the evening peak wishing to travel down Fulford Road.
- Existing problems associated with left turn traffic 'bullying' their way onto Fishergate and associated safety issues.
- Existing merge arrangements at the junction of Paragon Street and Fawcett Street do not work well.
- Opening the right turn into Piccadilly for buses would relieve Clifford Street.

**(d) Ward Councillors**

- Congestion and pollution should be reduced near Fishergate Primary School.
- A safer and more attractive environment for walking and cycling should be created near the school and the surrounding area.
- Would welcome safety improvements at the location of the fatal accident.
- Current cycle facilities on the desire line to access Fishergate Bar are not ideal.
- Existing lane widths on 'dual carriageway' section of Tower Street are insufficient for vehicles to safely pass cyclists.
- Improvements could be made to the Fishergate/Piccadilly junction to enable right turn for buses (and possibly motorists) and to include signalised pedestrian crossing facilities.
- Tower Street junction right turn could be opened up to all users.

**(e) Cycle Groups**

- Requirement for cyclists to negotiate dual carriageway and carry out frequent lane changes to traverse the gyratory.
- Absence of desired turnings.
- Existing cycle lanes that are too narrow and too short at approaches to junctions.
- The speed of motor vehicles is too great when motor traffic is flowing to travel in the general traffic lanes.
- Insufficient space for cycles when motor traffic is congested.

**(f) Walking**

- Crossing the dual carriageway is very difficult on Fishergate and on Tower Street.

- Access to the pubs, shops and restaurant in the “island” on the West side of Paragon Street.
- Getting off the island to head south is very difficult.

**(g) Fishergate Primary School – School Governors**

- The school is a critical part of the Fishergate area.
- Many people use Escrick Street to access the school.
- Road safety, pollution and noise are the key areas of concern. Any measures taken to tackle these would be welcomed by the School.
- Approximately 150 pupils walk to school, 15 cycle, 53 travel by car and 1 travels by public transport.
- The School would support measures that reduce the road space and speed of traffic on Fawcett Street and welcome any opportunity to enhance the space directly in front of the school on Fishergate.