

A19/A1237

Rawcliffe Roundabout Improvements

We want your views!

Why do we need to do anything?

Background

City of York Council has a strategy to improve capacity on the A1237 outer ring road by upgrading the existing junctions. The route performs an essential function for both longer distance and local journeys in the area. Delays and congestion on the route reduce the economic attractiveness of the city and cause inconvenience and safety concerns for local residents.

This leaflet outlines the proposals being considered to improve the A19/A1237 roundabout, to reduce delays in the area and improve safety for all road users.

Travellers on the section of the ring road between the A19 and A59 experience some of the longest delays on the entire route, with extensive queuing on all approaches to both roundabouts. The A19 roundabout is one of the biggest constraints for eastbound traffic and the A59 roundabout restricts westbound movements. Both roundabouts need to be upgraded for the journey times in all directions and time periods to be significantly improved.

Traffic levels on the ring road are substantially higher than in 2001 when the A19 roundabout was previously improved. The number of vehicles passing through the roundabout each day has risen from approximately 43,000 to 50,000, with longer journey times again being experienced.

There have been 40 recorded accidents which have resulted in personal injuries on or near the roundabout over the last five years. The extensive queuing on the approaches to the roundabout is a contributory factor for many of these incidents.

When would the scheme be built?

The council proposes to upgrade the A19 roundabout in the autumn of 2010.

Following this consultation, further design development will be undertaken to complete the details of the proposals, taking into account any feedback received. The proposed final design will be presented to a council decision meeting in early 2010.

Inevitably, there is likely to be some localised disruption during construction. However, this will be kept to a minimum by careful programming of the works. All entries and exits at the roundabout and all pedestrian and cycle routes will remain open during the day, with some of the most disruptive work, such as resurfacing, being undertaken at night.

What is being proposed?

A draft layout showing the extent of the proposed works is shown opposite. The main elements of the scheme are shown in the box below:

- **Widened entry lanes**
A19 north, A1237 east and west approaches widened to three lanes at the roundabout.
- **Widened exit lanes**
A1237 east and west exits widened to two lanes merging down to one lane after approximately 250m.
- **Lane markings**
Alterations to existing road markings on the roundabout and approaches to accommodate the entry and exit changes.
- **Pedestrian and cycle crossing points**
Provision of additional islands on the A1237 west approach and A19 north approach to ensure pedestrians and cyclists do not have to cross more than two lanes of traffic at a time.
- **Landscaping**
Amendments to the existing embankment and landscaping on the A1237 east of the roundabout to enable the road to be widened, retaining as much of the existing vegetation as possible.
- **Removal of A1237 westbound layby**
Closure of the layby on the westbound A1237 to the west of the roundabout for safety reasons. Alternative parking is available in Rawcliffe Bar Park & Ride site during opening hours.
- **Additional lighting**
Existing lighting to be extended along the A1237 to cover the full extent of the new road layout to improve safety.

The estimated cost of the proposed scheme is £1.4 million, financed from the City of York's grant from central government for local transport schemes.

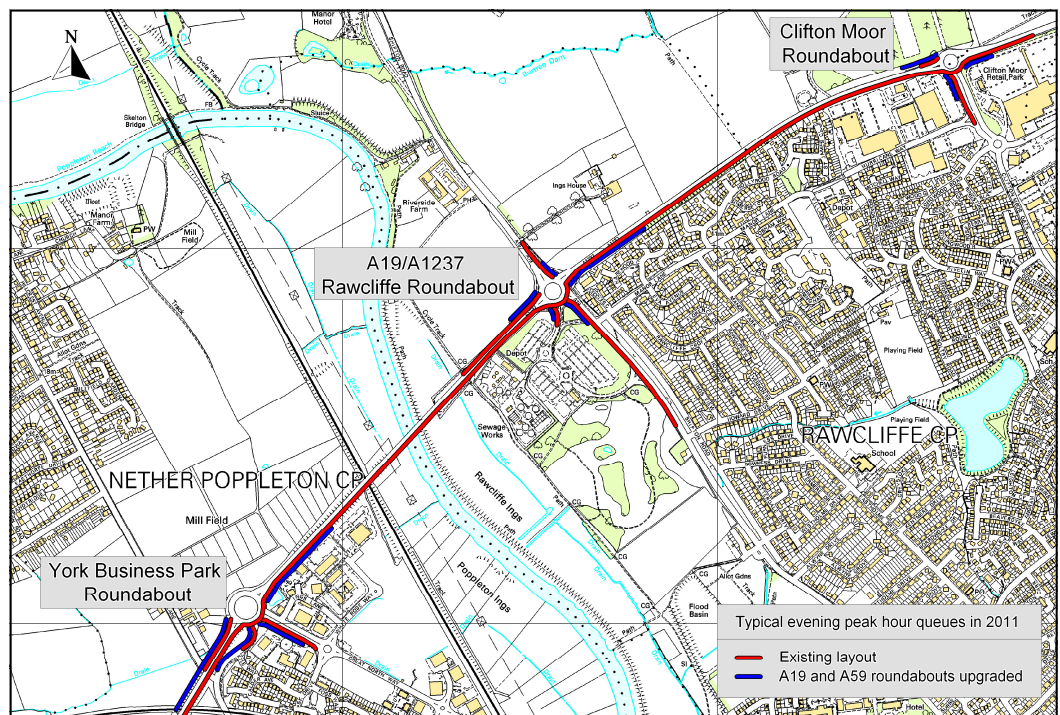
The proposed A19 improvements in isolation will deliver reduced queue lengths and shorter journey times on the approaches to the roundabout. However, significant reductions to the evening queues out of the city on the A19 and on the A1237 westbound from Clifton Moor are dependent on the completion of the proposed A59/A1237 improvements as well. The more extensive and costly A59 improvements are planned for 2011/12 as part of the council's Access York (Phase 1) Park & Ride project, subject to funding approval from the Department for Transport.

On completion of both schemes, it is anticipated that the roundabouts will be capable of handling forecast traffic levels for 10-15 years.

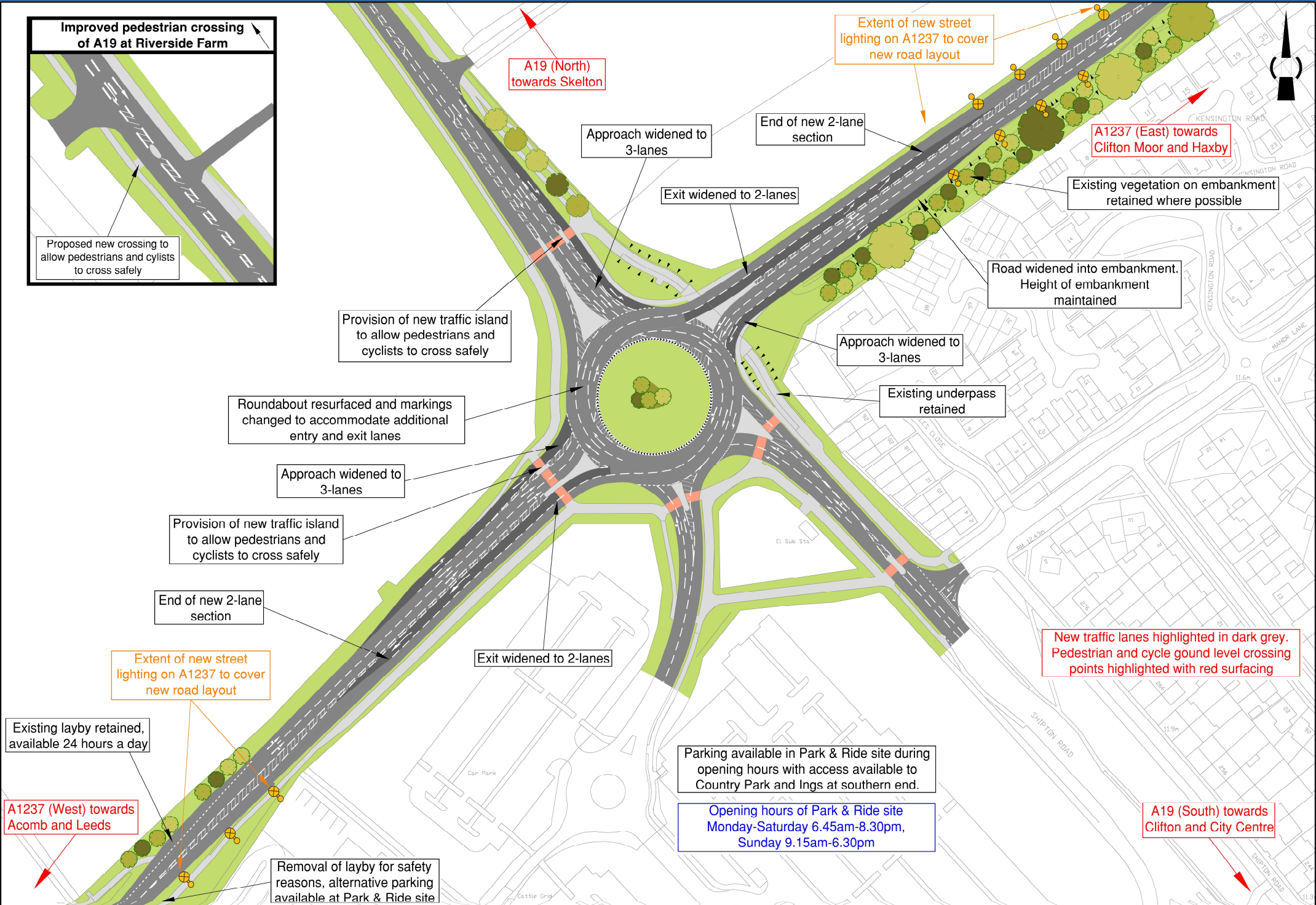
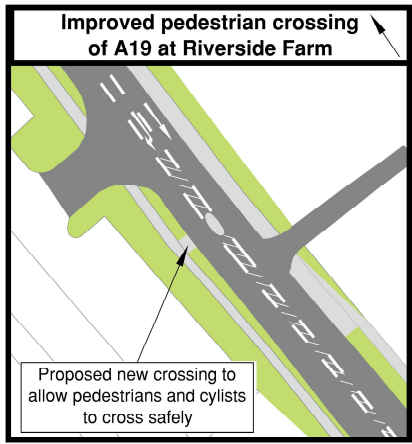
How would queuing be affected?

Typical evening peak hour queues in 2011 are forecast to change as shown, on completion of both the A19 and A59 upgrade schemes.

The resulting journey time from Clifton Moor to the A59 roundabout is predicted to reduce in the evening peak hour by over 10 minutes.



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How to find out more?

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

Rawcliffe Bar Park & Ride Site
Thursday 10 December 2009
9.00am to 8.00pm

Unstaffed displays showing larger scale plans of the proposals will be available at the following locations from **Friday 4 December to Friday 18 December**, during normal opening hours.

Clifton Library, Rawcliffe Lane, Rawcliffe, York
Council Offices, 9 St. Leonards Place, York
Rawcliffe Bar Park & Ride Site

Further details and more plans of the proposals are also available on the council's website
www.york.gov.uk/A19/A1237Roundabout/

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:

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To enable your views to be taken into account, please send us your responses by
Friday 18 December 2009.
Any issues raised will be addressed in the final design of the scheme, where possible.

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