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## Heslington Lane Cycle Route Proposals

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Council is seeking to create better conditions for cycling between the Fulford and Heslington areas. The aim is to create a quieter, safer route for cyclists, which will also form links with St Oswald's Primary School, Fulford Secondary School, and York University. Please see **Plan A** on the loose page within this leaflet, which shows the overall layout of the proposed route, and how it breaks down into four distinct sections:

- Section 1 was implemented across Walmgate Stray in 2008.
- Section 2 is a proposed off-road section that would continue from Section 1 across York University grounds, linking with the existing Zebra crossing near Holmefield Lane. Planning permission has now been granted and we plan to commence construction within the next few weeks.
- Section 3 will simply be a signed route continuing along the traffic calmed length of Heslington Lane from the Zebra crossing to Heslington Village (as far as University Road).
- Section 4 would provide a link from the western end of the Walmgate Stray path (near the Broadway junction) along Heslington Lane towards Fulford.

The specific proposals for Section 4 include a pedestrian and cycle crossing facility on Heslington Lane, adjacent to Mitchell's Lane, as shown in **Plan B**. In association with this measure is a proposal to extend the existing 30mph speed limit, so that the new crossing would be within the lower 30mph speed limit.

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We also propose to extend the existing 20mph School Safety Zone to maintain lower traffic speeds on Heslington Lane, as shown in **Plan C**. At Heath Moor Drive cyclists would be directed off the main road and onto quieter residential roads. In addition, a new area of residential 20mph speed limit is proposed for Heath Moor Drive, its associated cul-de-sacs and the residential service road directly adjacent to Heslington Lane. In order to assist right-turn crossing movements for eastbound cyclists into Heath Moor Drive, a 'jug-handle' cycle path is proposed within the existing grassed verge area.

Please note that in order to extend the existing 20mph School Safety Zone, additional speed cushion arrangements will be necessary in four locations along Heslington Lane. No physical traffic calming measures will be needed in the adjacent streets covered by the proposed 20mph speed limit areas, although some additional signs and road markings will be required. Please also be aware that this consultation is being conducted in parallel with an associated Traffic Regulation Order advertisement that is legally required to amend the speed limits. This will involve Notices being placed on-street and in the York Press.

I would be grateful to receive any comments you might like to make in relation to the proposals for Section 4 by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, so that they can be considered by the Director of City Strategy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for City Strategy at a meeting scheduled for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

I will of course write to you again following the meeting to let you know the outcome.

Yours faithfully,

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