

## Catcote Road Area

### Current Transport Issues

For people who walk, wheel and cycle in the area, we know that links between Catcote Road and the town centre can be challenging as cyclists need to share the roads with other traffic. We have already looked at a potential solution to improve the walking, wheeling, and cycling route along Burn Valley Garden footpath, please look at our plan.

We know that buses can often be held up when travelling along Catcote Road and Owton Manor Lane, which causes longer and less reliable journeys.

We have identified **issues** around the following locations:

#### Catcote Road / Oxford Road Junction

- Slow bus journey times through this junction at busy times.
- The building of more homes in the area could add further congestion to this key junction.

#### Catcote Road / Brierton Lane Junction

- Slow bus journey times through this junction at busy times.
- The building of more homes in the area could add further congestion at this junction.

#### Owton Manor Lane

- Owton Manor Lane is a busy route linking residential areas with the A689 Stockton Road. Congestion along the road causes challenges for buses.
- On-street car parking along Owton Manor Lane causes slower bus journeys, as they navigate past parked cars.
- Buses joining the A689 roundabout from Owton Lane can have problems moving into the roundabout.
- The junction of Catcote Road and Owton Manor Lane can be busy and lead to delay for buses.

**If you think there are other issues in this area, please let us know on the feedback form.**

## Opportunities

We want to help improve bus, walking, wheeling, and cycling journeys and make these more attractive travel options. We have identified some initial ideas to help solve them. Here are some **opportunities** that may help address the issues in this area:

- Introduce measures to give buses priority over other vehicles, such as traffic light systems that give buses priority at junctions.
- Improve the layout of junctions and roads to allow buses to get ahead of vehicles at junctions.
- Implement intelligent traffic management systems to reduce overall congestion and improve traffic flow.
- Improve car parking management.

Other types of transport **opportunities** could include:

- Introduce new dedicated cycle lanes and crossings.
- Improve road crossings for pedestrians, including safer and formalised crossings.
- Improve paths for walking, wheeling, and cycling.
- Reduce general traffic speeds with traffic calming or reducing speed limits to improve road safety.

## Benefits

These may offer the following **benefits**:

- Faster journey times for buses using priority measures.
- Buses could move through junctions more efficiently and red-light waiting times could reduce.
- Reduced congestion and queuing could result in more reliable journeys for all vehicles.
- Safer, joined up and more attractive walking, wheeling, and cycling paths including wider paths, segregation from vehicles and new paths.
- Safer walking, wheeling, and cycling crossings.

## Impacts

We recognise that there may be some **impacts**, these could include:

- Vehicles may need to give-way to buses.
- Existing grass verges may need to be reduced.
- We may need to review the existing on-street parking.
- Cars and other vehicles may have to wait slightly longer at the traffic lights or junctions.
- May reduce available space for other road users.

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