

Hartlepool to Wolviston Current Transport Issues

Some people already walk, wheel and cycle in Hartlepool but in certain areas this can feel unsafe, particularly where there is lots of traffic. As part of the [Tees Valley Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan \(LCWIP\)](#) there is an ambition to provide a connected walking, wheeling, and cycling route between Hartlepool and Wolviston in future.

Issues

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

A689 (Stockton Street, Stranton, Belle Vue Way, Stockton Road)

- This is a fast dual carriageway with lots of traffic and can feel unsafe for walkers, wheelers, and pedestrians.
- Footways can be narrow in places and are not continuous.
- Crossings are not always provided at junctions for walkers, wheelers, and cyclists.
- There are limited dedicated cycle lanes meaning cyclists have to share the road with vehicles along sections of the route.
- Some of the existing cycling facilities do not meet the latest standards and improvements could be made.
- There have been accidents involving cyclists along the route.
- The building of more homes and creation of jobs in the area could make the route busier.

[If you think there are other issues in this area, please let us know on the feedback form.](#)

Opportunities

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

- Introduce cycle priority measures such as dedicated lanes and crossings along the A689.
- Improve road crossings for pedestrians, including safer and formalised crossings.

Hartlepool South West Connectivity Town Centre to Queens Meadow



- Improve paths for walking, wheeling, and cycling.
- Improve the layout of junctions and roads.

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

- Introduce measures to give buses priority over other vehicles, such as traffic light systems that give buses priority at junctions.
- Implement intelligent [traffic management systems](#) to reduce overall congestion and improve traffic flow.

Benefits

These may offer the following **benefits**:

- 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.
- Connected walking, wheeling, and cycling route between Hartlepool and Wolviston.
- Faster journey times for buses using priority measures.
- Buses can bypass waiting traffic, so they can move ahead more quickly resulting in more reliable journey times.
- 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.

Impacts

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

- Existing grass verges may need to be reduced.
- May reduce available road space for other road users.
- Vehicles may need to give-way to buses. Cars and other vehicles may have to wait slightly longer at junctions.

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