Middlesbrough Eastern Connectivity-Town Centre to South Bank, Berwick Hills and Ormesby



Current Transport Issues

For people who walk, wheel and cycle in the area, we know this can be unappealing particularly when it is busy and there is lots of traffic.

We have already looked at a potential solution to improve the walking, wheeling, and cycling routes between Middlesbrough, Ormesby and South Bank, please have a look at our plan.

We also know that buses can often be held up when travelling through South Bank, Berwick Hills and Ormesby, which causes longer and less reliable journeys.

We have identified issues around the following locations:

Cargo Fleet Lane / Homerton Road Junction

- Buses are often delayed when travelling through this junction, which causes long and unreliable journeys. This is particularly an issue for buses turning right onto Homerton Lane, as they must wait for a gap in traffic.
- During busy periods there can be lots of traffic at this junction, which affects bus journeys and delays services.

Longlands Road / Ormesby Road / Kings Road Junction

- This large junction can be difficult for buses to pass through during busy periods when there are lots of vehicles travelling east and west on Longlands Road.
- Bus journeys can be delayed waiting at the traffic lights, which can cause journeys to be unreliable.
- Walking, wheeling, and cycling improvements are needed to improve safety.

College Road / Greenway / Cranfield Avenue roundabout

- There are delays for all vehicles using the junction, during busy periods.
- Bus journeys can be particularly slow, resulting in long and unreliable journeys.
- The roundabout is narrow which can make it more difficult for buses to pass through.

Cranmore Road / Cargo Fleet Lane

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- There are delays for all vehicles using the junction, during busy periods.
- Bus journeys can be particularly slow, resulting in long and unreliable journeys.
- Walk, wheel and cycle improvements are needed east west.

Ormesby Road / Cranmore Road

Delay for buses turning right out of Cranmore Road due to limited gaps in the traffic north south.

Ormesby Crossroads

- Buses are delayed at the roundabout where Cargo Fleet Lane meets High Street and Sunnyfield. This causes long and unreliable journey times.
- There are safety concerns due to poor visibility for drivers approaching the roundabout.

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:

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- Introduce measures to give buses priority over other vehicles, such as a dedicated bus lane, traffic light systems that give buses priority at junctions and queue jump lanes.
- Improve the layout of junctions and roads.
- Implement intelligent <u>traffic management systems</u> to reduce overall congestion and improve traffic flow.

Other types of transport opportunities could include:

- Introduce cycle priority measures such as dedicated lanes and crossings.
- Improve road crossings for pedestrians, including safer and formalised crossings.
- Improve paths for walking, wheeling, and cycling.

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• 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 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.
- Safer, joined up and more attractive walking, wheeling, and cycling paths including wider paths, segregation from vehicles and new foot 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.
- All traffic may be impacted by additional pedestrian or cycle phases at traffic lights.
- May reduce available space for other road users.

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