**JUNCTION 4 OF THE M57 MOTORWAY, MOORGATE ROAD AND THE EAST**

**LANCASHIRE ROAD (A580) LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE PROGRAMME**

# Questionnaire

We want to hear your opinions about this project. Our aim is to build something that works for the community, local businesses and all road users, including the most vulnerable. All types of feedback (the things you like, and the things that you think could be improved) will be very useful to us while we finalise our design for this project.

Answering the questions below will help us gauge support for, and fine-tune, the scheme to better support the local community and all road users.

**It would be useful to know what your primary mode of transport is when passing through these junctions. Please specify below, for example, pedestrian, driver...**

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We have broken down the key headings from the booklet provided and would like to ask you to score on scale of 1 – 5, with **(1)** being minimum benefit, **(3)** having some benefit and **(5)** being the most beneficial.

**Phase 1**

**When looking at the proposal for Phase 1, how much do you think these changes will benefit you? (Please put an X in the box you choose).**

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| *Adding an additional lane on Moorgate Road South to improve capacity:* |

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| *Creating separate cycle crossings on Moorgate Road South and East Lancs western arm so cyclists can cross the road in one safe movement:*  |

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| *Implementing pedestrian and cyclist improvements on Ribblers Lane North to link into the national cycle network:*  |

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| *Widening of the footway over Knowsley Brook to remove the pinch point and link into Liverpool’s cycle network:*  |

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| *Introducing Speed on Green/Red light traffic cameras at the junction of East Lancs Road/Moorgate Road and the junction of East Lancs Road/Coopers Lane, to help reduce speed and improve safety for all users at the junction:* |

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| *Reducing the speed limit between Alchemy Way and the Liverpool boundary, from 50mph to 40mph, to improve safety for all users at the junction and on the approach:* |

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*Please provide brief details, on any additional benefits and improvements that you think will help you, the community, and local businesses. (Please keep it specific to this consultation).*

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**Phase 2**

**When looking at the proposal for Phase 2, how much do you think these changes will benefit you? (Please put an X in the box you choose).**

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| *Adding an additional lane on Moorgate Road South approach to the M57 Junction 4 to improve capacity:* |

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| *Full signalisation of the roundabout, to improve traffic flows at peak times and throughout the day* |

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| *Adding an additional lane on the roundabout (Junction 4) to improve capacity:* |

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| *Adding an additional lane on School Lane at the roundabout to improve capacity:*  |

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| *Installing a signalised crossing on School Lane to allow for a safer crossing and widening the footway into Gellings Road to improve the cycle link onto the national cycle network:* |

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Please return this form to **Stretton Way Depot – Highways Capital Projects** in the pre-paid envelope by 16th August 2024**.** Alternatively e-mail your comments to:

Highway.Consultations@knowsley.gov.uk or respond online at [www.knowsley.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/consultations)  by the same date. All the information provided will be treated confidentially and will only be utilised by the Council to evaluate the proposals.

**You can also receive this information in other formats.**

**Please telephone Customer Services on 0151 443 4031.**

# FAQs

**I am a driver, what are the benefits for me?**

The improvements to the traffic signals will ease long term congestion as well as providing immediate benefits for non-motorised users. However, the other improvements will not just benefit cyclists and pedestrians, but all road users including children, less-able individuals and people making short trips around their community. These high-quality facilities will encourage non-motorised transport where possible and reduce congestion for those that need to use their vehicles.

**Why is this happening?**

We want to provide better links around Kirkby that reduce congestion for motor vehicles and encourage healthier and more varied modes of travel. Making non-motorised forms of transportation safer, more efficient, and more attractive makes local amenities, businesses, and places of work more accessible while reducing congestion on the highway for journeys that are made by car. This scheme supports the central government objective to provide better, sustainable transport links.

**What is the evidence base for this work?**

There is wide public support for schemes of this type, 76% of Liverpool City Region residents think space should be increased for socialising, cycling, and walking on high streets and 61% believe that more should be invested in cycling and walking facilities. There are 300 million journeys under three miles long undertaken by car each year in the Liverpool City Region, most of these journeys could be undertaken without the use of a motor vehicle. However, around 75% of residents believe that cycling safety needs to be improved, and 63% believe that fewer motor vehicles on the roads would encourage them to cycle more.

This scheme seeks to attract non-motorised users (such as cyclists) by providing safer, more efficient facilities and because 76% of residents believe that cycle routes that are physically protected from traffic and pedestrians would encourage them to cycle more. We believe this scheme will have broad positive effects, in both attracting new users and making Kirkby more accessible using any form of transport.

**How do you know that the junction upgrades will reduce congestion in the future?**

We have undertaken extensive transportation modelling of the area; our models look at the existing infrastructure and traffic data and the effects of the expected developments and growth up to 2035. By comparing different scenarios, we have found that the proposal to upgrade the Moorgate Road Junction of East Lancashire Road provides the most robust solution and ensures that the junctions remain below capacity into the future.

**Why is Road Tax / Council Tax funding new infrastructure for bikes and pedestrians?**

Vehicle Excise Duty (the official name for road tax) does not fund infrastructure upgrades, and these works are not being funded by Council Tax.

**Who is paying for these works?**

The main contributor for these works is central government via the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS).

**There are other projects we should be spending the money on…**

The road network is used by a broad cross-section of society, and everyone has their own priorities. The funding obtained from central government for this scheme focuses on; relieving congestion, improving sustainable travel facilities and promoting economic growth.

If you have ideas or proposals for new projects, we are always happy to hear from you via our Highway.Consultations@knowsley.gov.uk inbox.

**How will the construction works affect my day-to-day life?**

Both phases will remain open at most times. There may be times when a road needs to be closed, but this will be done at a time that minimises disruption, such as at night. Full closures will be limited, and residents will be informed in advance of any closures. The road will remain open although at times we may need to install temporary traffic signals to facilitate the works safely.

Access to and from businesses and domestic properties will always be provided for all road users.

**Why can’t cyclists ride on the road or footpath?**

Cyclists move at different speeds to pedestrians and motor vehicles; on the road they are vulnerable to motorists and can cause issues for pedestrians on the footpath. Walking, wheeling and driving are three different forms of travel, each with their own requirements. Providing dedicated facilities along high-capacity routes improves efficiency and safety for all users.

**How long will the construction take?**

The works will be phased to minimise disruption, Phase 1 (Moorgate Road junction of East Lancashire Road) will take around twelve months. Initially the works will be focused on the Northwest side of the junction and work downwards towards the Southwest side of the scheme.

Phase 2 (M57 Junction 4 roundabout) will start in 2026.You will be notified of the scheme along with start date and duration before construction starts, duration to be confirmed.

**How can I contact the project team?**

Please contact us via email at Highway.Consultations@knowsley.gov.uk or in writing at the address below:

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Stretton Way Depot,

Stretton Way,

Huyton,

Knowsley

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**Where can I find additional information?**

There is a page on our website with drawings of the scheme and additional information. The website is [www.knowsley.gov.uk/council-and-elections/consultations](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk/council-and-elections/consultations).

**Who will benefit from this project?**

There will be benefits for all road and non-motorised users. The upgraded junction will provide additional crossing facilities for non-motorists and additional capacity on the road. Providing quality cycle facilities can further reduce vehicles on the road, improving local air quality and easing congestion. For the residents of Kirkby, there will be better quality, access in and around the community which does not require a motor vehicle.

**Will electrically assisted pedal cycles (EAPCs) or e-scooters be able to use the new cycle facilities?**

Knowsley is not presently host to any e-scooter trials therefore e-scooters are not permitted for use on any roads in Knowsley.

Electric bikes can be used anywhere that a normal pedal bike can be used. They may be used in the cycleway providing the rider and the electric bike meets the legal requirements which can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules>

If you would like to learn more about the active travel routes, cycling or walking groups available in Knowsley please visit our ‘Getting Around Knowsley’ page Getting around in Knowsley | Knowsley Council.