

Appendix A

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Dear Sir/Madam

North Sheffield Better Buses – Barnsley Road (Kinnaird Ave to Lane Top)

The North Sheffield Better Buses project comprises 14 individual schemes between Ecclesfield and the City Centre. It aims to address traffic problems along the route, reducing journey times and improving reliability. Further details of all the proposals, including those already completed, can be found at the following website:

www.sheffield.gov.uk/northsheffield

One of these schemes is on Barnsley Road, on the inbound approach to Lane Top. At busy times, queueing traffic and parked cars mean buses are often taking more than 4 minutes to travel the 600 metres between Hartley Brook Road and Lane Top. The journey time should be about 2 minutes yet sometimes can take 5 to 10 minutes. A scheme has therefore been developed to address this and help buses to run on time. It will also have benefits for other traffic.

What's proposed?

Please see the attached plan. The main changes are:

- Barnsley Road will be altered to allow for 3 traffic lanes – 2 inbound, 1 outbound – between Kinnaird Avenue and Homestead Road. This will allow buses to get to the bus stop at Lane Top more quickly. All vehicles turning left at Lane Top will also benefit from this new lane as they will no longer have to wait in the main queue
- Parking will not be allowed on the road itself, except for in marked bays outside the school, and in two new lay-bys near the café at Lane Top. Instead, parking will be provided on the verges, which will be hardened to make them more suitable. Loading will still be permitted on the road except at certain times – see plan for more details
- Better co-ordination of the traffic lights at Lane Top, ensuring that the pedestrian crossing does not turn to red when the main traffic lights are on green. There will not be any disadvantages for pedestrians
- New road markings in the Lane Top junction to position right turning vehicles better
- 9 trees will be removed to accommodate the new layout. 15 new trees will be planted in the area as shown on the plan. The new trees will be especially chosen and located to enhance the area

The main benefit is that the journey time for buses between Hartley Brook Road and Lane Top will consistently be about 2 minutes or less, at all times of day. This significantly improves the reliability of bus services, helping them to turn up on time. The scheme will also be of benefit to other traffic as stated above.

The minor changes to waiting restrictions can only be introduced following the making of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). This is a legal process which requires the Council to advertise the proposals, allowing the public to comment on the details. The TRO is planned to be advertised on 2 September 2016.

How can I comment?

It is recognised that you may have questions or suggestions about the proposals. If so, please email scheme.design@sheffield.gov.uk. If you wish to speak to someone, call James Burdett on 0114 273 6170. Alternatively, write to the address overleaf.

All comments must be submitted in writing by Friday 23 September 2016.

What happens next?

Should objections be received, we will first of all consider these and see if any changes can be made to address any concerns. Should this not be possible and objections remain outstanding, the matter will be reported to the Council's Cabinet Member for Transport, who will make a decision on how to proceed. Everyone who responds to this consultation will be kept informed of all meetings and decisions.

Yours faithfully



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