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Dear Sir/Madam,

A1237 YORK OUTER RING ROAD (YORR) - DUALLING UPGRADE

City of York Council is proposing to construct a dual carriageway along the A1237 York Outer Ring Road, between the A19 Shipton Road Roundabout and Little Hopgrove junctions. The primary objectives are to improve journey times and increase capacity to encourage economic growth on this heavily congested route. We want to get your views on this proposal and a questionnaire is included in the pack for this purpose.

Funding has been secured for the project, which includes £38m from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA), £25m from the Department of Transport (DfT), along with additional contributions of £8.6m (including City of York Council £3.6m) to enable this to happen.

The dualling scheme itself involves the upgrade of 5 major junctions between the A19 and Little Hopgrove, along with the construction of 2 bridges. These will be located across the York to Scarborough railway line and the River Foss. The scheme also includes the provision of a new orbital pedestrian and cycleway facility from A19 Shipton Road roundabout at Rawcliffe to Strensall Road. New areas of woodland planting will also characterise the scheme proposals.

The creation of this new dual carriageway will remove 'bottlenecks' and the existing unpopular 'merge in turn' arrangements, helping to increase capacity and reducing journey times along the route.

Increasing the capacity of the York Outer Ring Road will also complement the City's transport policies to provide more sustainable travel options and improve air quality. The scheme will improve connectivity by enhancing pedestrian and cycling links between villages outside the ring road and the city centre. The improvements are also

necessary to drive economic growth to provide new housing and employment which is projected in the draft New Local Plan.

The aim is to start on site in summer 2023, with construction expected to be completed in 2025. It is proposed that the majority of the widening will be constructed on land to the north of the existing A1237 and will be off-highway, which will allow the existing 2-way traffic flow to be maintained for the majority of the duration of the works, minimising any disruption to the existing network. However some disruption to traffic will be unavoidable at certain times but we will advertise any such works well in advance.

We are keen to hear people's views on these proposals with formal consultation taking place from the 12th October to the 16th November 2020. I would be grateful if you would take the time to look at the enclosed leaflet and visit our webpage www.york.gov.uk/yorr which detail these proposals further.

If you wish to comment, raise an issue or have any concerns over the proposed improvements please complete the attached questionnaire and return this via the reply paid envelope, or alternatively, complete and return on-line via : www.york.gov.uk/consultations

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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