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Stainton Way – Connecting better to The King’s Academy and the Parkway Centre

Stainton Way Transport Improvements: The scheme aims to ease congestion on Stainton Way and make travel safer for the 1,300 students at The King’s Academy, as well as for people accessing the Parkway Shopping Centre. Proposals include installing traffic signals at the Stainton Way roundabout to improve bus reliability and widening pavements to create safer routes for students. A new separated, two-way walking, wheeling and cycling path will link The King’s Academy with Dalby Way and connect into the National Cycle Network (Route 65). These changes will provide safer crossings, more reliable buses, and better active travel options, helping to reduce traffic and pollution.

The scheme is funded through the **City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)**, with money **allocated specifically for transport improvements and not able to be spent on other services or projects.**

The link to the consultation can be found here: [Stainton Way - Connecting better to The King's Academy and the Parkway Centre - Tees Valley](#)

Summary of changes: Proposed improvements on this section of the route include:

1. **Installing traffic signals at the Stainton Way roundabout** by the entrance of the Parkway Shopping Centre.
2. **Creating a separated two-way walking, wheeling, and cycling path providing a safer space for all road users.** This will provide a safer route from The King’s Academy to the Parkway Shopping Centre by separating people walking, cycling, and using the road.
3. **Widening pavements** to give students a safer route to school at The King’s Academy from Stainton Way and separated from cyclists
4. **Connecting onward to the National Cycle Network** (Route 65) to connect into Middlesbrough and Coulby Newham.



Level of support:

- 47% of respondents supported the proposed plans.
- 48% of respondents did not support the proposed plans.
- 5% of respondents were neutral in their support of the plans.
- 25% of responses stated that many of the traffic related issues were caused by the McDonalds drive through and believe that installing traffic lights will not alleviate the issue.
- 75% of respondents who discussed traffic lights stated that they would increase congestion, while 25% viewed them as a positive change that would improve flow.

Key Comments from Residents:

1. Mixed views on installing traffic signals in place of the existing roundabout. Some residents state the signalisation would help as the congestion and safety is poor as is, however the **majority** believe that roundabouts are safer and would prefer it to be retained.
2. Residents commonly identified McDonalds as a source for congestion and the biggest factor contributing to poor traffic flow in the area and on the roundabouts.
3. Common suggestion that a pedestrian footbridge would be useful if placed nearer to the school to funnel children away from roads and crossing en masse.

Proposed Change	Overall feedback	Potential Solution for Consideration	Supporting Evidence
1. Installing traffic signals at the Stainton Way roundabout (by entrance of Parkway Centre)	Consensus that the current roundabout can cause congestion, primarily from McDonalds but signalisation would exacerbate issues with traffic flow.	Carry out traffic modelling scenarios	15% Support installing traffic signals at Stainton Way
2. Creating a separated two-way walking, wheeling and cycling path providing a safer space for all road users.	Support for promoting safer active travel to and from The King's Academy.	N/A	Strong support for the principles of providing safer space for all road users.
3. Widening pavements	Support for widening both pedestrian/cycle pavement and widening road pavement, especially at approaches to and on roundabouts.	N/A	75% of those discussed pavement widening were in support.
4. Connecting onward to the National Cycle Network	Support for cycle improvements but noted that routes must join up and be continuous to work with the wider network	Ensure continuous connectivity – Cycle Route 65	High level of support for continued connection



Pre-communications:

Scheme	Stakeholder	Date/Message
Stainton Way	Cllr David Branson Cllr Jo Nicholson Cllr Luke Mason	• Mon 30 June – Webpage live • Wed June 18 Embargoed Briefing Email – officers are available to attend Ward Community Council Meetings

Further Stakeholder Communications:

Stakeholder	Date/Message
Tees Valley Bus Operators (for schemes)	Invitation to review and comment on schemes
Sustrans Briefing	Requested to bring plans & materials to Dr Bike Sessions + other events to promote schemes and survey completion.
RNIB	Invitation to review and comment on schemes
Difference NE – NE Charity for Disabled People	Invitation to review and comment on schemes – feedback received.
Justine Sharman, Access Officer MBC	Promote schemes to MBC contacts and stakeholders
Emergency Services, Taxi Operators, OTG groups	Via MBC internal communications

Press Release:

Press release was issued on Wed 9 July and picked up by:

- Teesside Live <https://www.gazettelive.co.uk/news/teesside-news/transport-upgrades-proposed-three-locations-32027890>
- Yahoo News [Transport upgrades proposed at three locations as views sought on developments](#)

Social Media:

<https://teesvalley-ca.gov.uk/travel/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2025/07/Transport-Consultations-30MB.mp4>



Collected Feedback:

Scheme	Completed Surveys	In Person Consultation
Stainton Way	66	2

Public Event Location	Date	Public Event Venue	Time	Key Stakeholders in attendance	Residents attending
Councillor Briefings MBC	Tues 1 July	Middlesbrough Council	10-11am	Cllr Tom Livingstone (Acklam Ward) Cllr Janet Thompson (Ayresome Ward) Cllr David Branson (Coulby Newham Ward)	N/A
Councillor Briefings MBC	Thu 3 July	Middlesbrough Council	10-11am	Cllr Jackie Young (Ayresome Ward) Cllr Naweed Hussain (Linthorpe Ward) Cllr Jackie Young (Ayresome Ward) Cllr Philippa Storey (Linthorpe Ward) Cllr Peter Gavigan (Longlands & Beechwood Ward)	N/A
MBC Stainton Way Public Event	Tue 15 July	The Parkway Shopping Centre; Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough TS8 0TJ	12pm-6pm	Cllr Ian Moorish (Marton West Ward) Cllr David Branson (Coulby Newham Ward)	162 (mixed letters and Parkway customers est 50/50)