INTRODUCTION
We are planning to construct a new city bound bus lane along Sturry Road between the Vauxhall Roundabout and South Street and we would welcome your views on the proposals.

WHY DO WE WANT TO DO THIS?
Future development in Sturry, Hersden, Herne Bay and beyond will increase the number of people wishing to travel into the city centre for work, shopping, leisure, education etc. from the north east. Many of these additional movements will be along the A28 Sturry Road and it is important to minimise the growth in traffic.

By making bus travel, whether it be on the park & ride or scheduled buses, as quick and reliable as possible we will encourage more people to use public transport for at least the final leg of the journey into Canterbury. This was one of the main aims of the PARC (Park & Ride Canterbury) Plan introduced in the 1980’s which lead to the construction of the city's three park & ride sites and introduction of bus lanes to aid the movement of buses.

Local bus operators have also invested a considerable amount of money to improve the quality of their buses making them more attractive to passengers.

This section of bus lane will fill in a missing link in the bus lane along Sturry Road and it is particularly important to avoid a bottleneck at this location when the Sturry Link Road is built.

WHAT WILL THE WORK INVOLVE?
The plan overleaf gives an overview of the proposals. We are proposing to widen the road where possible to provide the additional space needed for the bus lane. This will require the removal of verges on one side of the road along with the existing trees in this section (new trees will be planted in the area to replace those removed).

Where there is no scope to widen the road it will be necessary to remove the on-street parking. This will primarily affect the area in the vicinity of the petrol station.

The two existing pelican crossings will be replaced with a puffin crossing (a smarter version of the crossing that has better vehicle and pedestrian detection and is more reactive to what is going on) near South Street and a Toucan crossing (a combined pedestrian and cycle crossing) near Reed Avenue.

IS THERE ANOTHER OPTION?
Unfortunately, due to the space limitations along Sturry Road, there is no other way to fit a bus lane in, so the choice is whether we go ahead with it or not and it is appreciated that it will not suit everyone.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?
The work will cost approximately £700,000 of which part comes from developer contributions, part from grants from the Local Enterprise Partnership and the remainder from the Local Transport Plan Fund.
HOW WILL IT AFFECT ME?

- **Motorists:** By giving city bound buses and taxis their own lane, this should reduce the amount of traffic in the lane you are using which will reduce congestion and delays you are currently experiencing when heading into Canterbury.

- **Bus or taxi passengers:** Buses and taxis will no longer be held up along this length of road by other traffic which will improve journey times into the city.

- **Cyclists:** You will be able to cycle along the bus lane, just as you can with other bus lanes in the city. The short length of outbound cycle lane between the Reed Avenue crossing and Vauxhall roundabout will have to be removed to provide space for the bus lane. You can either cycle in the general traffic lane or there is currently an off-road cycle path running from Military Road to Fordwich which may be a suitable alternative. The City Council are also planning a riverside cycle route from Kingsmead through to Vauxhall Road.

- **Pedestrians:** You will be largely unaffected by the proposals except that the removal of the verge and parking will mean that traffic in the bus lane will be running closer to you while you walk. The upgrading of the two crossings from pelican to puffin and toucan will improve your safety when crossing the road.

- **Residents:** On-street parking along the length of the bus lane will be removed along with a short length opposite the bus lane on the Sturry side of the petrol station. For people living at the South Street end of the bus lane, this means that you will have to find somewhere else to park if you currently park on-street. We know that this will be an inconvenience to you but we cannot fit in the bus lane and keep the parking. In addition, the removal of the parking and verge on one side of the road means that buses and taxis will be travelling along the road closer to your property than they do now. The emissions should be reduced and they will no longer be stopped in traffic outside your home. If you have off-street parking, you will still be able to cross the bus lane to get to your driveway. Loading will also be prohibited in the bus lane so if you have a delivery and the delivery vehicle cannot park on your driveway, it will have to stop on the opposite side of the road or in a side street.

- **Businesses:** Loading and unloading operations that cannot be done using off-street facilities will not be allowed in the bus lane, however it will still be available on the opposite side of the road. On-street parking for workers and customers will be restricted at the South Street end as there is insufficient space to provide a bus lane while retaining the on-street parking.

HOW DO I COMMENT?

You can visit: [kent.gov.uk/sturryroadbuslane](http://kent.gov.uk/sturryroadbuslane) and complete the questionnaire.

Plans will be on display at the Canterbury City Council offices in Military Road and we will have people in attendance to discuss any queries you have on Tuesday 19 September from 2 pm to 4 pm, Thursday 28 September from 10 am to 12 noon and Wednesday 4 October from 12 noon to 3 pm.

If you have any questions, you can email us at: [traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk)

The closing date for comments is Sunday 22 October 2017.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The results of this consultation will be reported to the Canterbury Joint Transportation Board (made up of City and County Councillors) in November who will consider whether the project should go ahead. If it is approved, we will progress the detailed design, addressing as many of the concerns raised as possible, and construct the bus lane early in 2018. We will advise local residents and businesses when and how we will carry out the works nearer the time if the scheme is approved.

To request a hard copy of the consultation leaflet or questionnaire, or for any alternative formats, please email [alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk](mailto:alternativeformats@kent.gov.uk) or call 03000 412553 (text relay number 18001 03000 412553). This number goes to an answering machine, which is monitored during office hours.
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