



Rougier Route proposals: Information sheet for Bishophill residents and businesses

November 2025

An important part of the consultation on our Rougier Route proposals is to speak to you as immediate neighbours, to understand how the bus priority measures could affect you, and for you to help us shape the project.

This document is part of the consultation and should be read alongside the full proposals. You can read the proposals in several ways:

- via our website - ourbigconversation.york.gov.uk
- or by picking up a copy of our leaflet at your local library or Explore
- or by contacting us via email on ourbigconversation@york.gov.uk
- or by calling Customer Services on 01904 551550

We welcome all comments from you and are holding drop-in events with the project team so that you can speak to us in person. Details of those events are at the bottom of this document and online.

We have produced a map as well as this document to explain the potential changes that may also be needed in Bishophill. Please note, these are proposals, there is still flexibility in the plans and we will listen to local residents and businesses and make adaptations if needed. The online map has a zoom function, and we will have print outs at our events too.

The deadline for comments in this first phase of consultation is Monday 12 January 2026.

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How do the Rougier Route proposals affect Bishophill?

We want to ensure that all residents and businesses have access to properties, and to prevent non-residents using the streets as ‘rat-runs’ to get around the bus priority measures.

We are also keen to understand the type of improvements residents and businesses would like to see in the area. This project offers potential to upgrade pavements, bus stops, junctions and streetscape; we welcome ideas on how to use road space made available through the changes.

How could the streets in Bishophill change?

Please note these are our proposals and we welcome your feedback.

Micklegate: The length of Micklegate from Blossom Street junction through Micklegate Bar into town could become one way in an eastbound direction. As well as giving access to properties on these streets, this also gives any driver who has come down Rougier Street a way out of the bus priority route.

Bishophill Senior: The existing bollards on Bishophill Senior could be removed, opening up the full length of Bishophill Senior to traffic from the junction with Fetter Lane to the junction with Buckingham St. Bishophill Senior would be made one way, open to traffic in a southbound direction only.

Trinity Lane: Trinity Lane could be made one way for its full length between Micklegate and Bishophill Junior. At the junction of Trinity Lane/Bishophill Junior and Bishophill Senior/Fetter Lane, we propose to prioritise cyclists and pedestrians by placing bollards or planters to create two separate one-way loops for vehicular traffic, in the southbound directions only. One is accessed from Micklegate via Trinity Lane, the other accessed via Skeldergate and Fetter Lane.

St Martin’s Lane: St Martins Lane is currently one way for access only, with resident and business properties able to turn out onto Micklegate. Under our proposals this would remain in place, however vehicles would have to make a right turn out of St Martins Lane onto Micklegate, then follow the new one-way route east bound. The proposal includes additional bollards at the Fetter Lane junction to prevent rat running via St Martins Lane. This could be a bollard with a key provided to local businesses for deliveries.

Victoria Bar: Access from Nunnery Lane onto Victor Street will see additional measures to prevent rat running through Victoria Bar. Access would remain open to cycles / pedestrians and mobility aid users, but vehicles would no longer be able to use Victoria Bar to get in to or out of the Bishophill area.

Bishopgate Street/Terry Avenue: We propose to alter the access at this junction, giving priority to pedestrians, mobility aid users, and cyclists.

What happens next?

This consultation is the first step of listening to you. **The deadline for comments in this first phase of consultation is Monday 12 January 2026.** Your feedback will be taken to a public decision session in early 2026 to decide the next steps.

The Rougier Route is fully funded via our Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and we aim to start a trial in summer 2026 for an 18 month period using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO), during which we will also gather your feedback and can make changes to the project if needed.

How can you get involved?

We welcome all comments to help shape the trial project. As well as the contact details listed above, we are also holding a series of drop-in events where members of the project team can talk through the proposals, and hear your thoughts and suggestions. These events are all fully accessible with accessible toilets. They are being held on:

Thursday 27 November at Middletons Hotel, Skeldergate, York, YO1 6DU

- Come along at any time from 2pm to 7pm
- Blue Badge parking available on Cromwell Road

Saturday 29 November at Middletons Hotel, Skeldergate, York, YO1 6DU

- Come along at any time from 11.30am to 2.15pm
- Blue Badge parking available on Cromwell Road

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Wednesday 3 December at York Explore Library, Library Square, Museum St, York YO1 7DS

- Come along at any time from 5.45pm to 7.15pm
- Multiple buses serve York Explore. See itravel.york.info for more details
- There are Blue Badge parking spaces at the library

This document is a download from the full consultation materials online at **ourbigconversation.york.gov.uk**