Landscape and environmental benefits

The project includes a comprehensive landscape scheme, retaining existing trees and hedgerows where we can, and employing a policy of ‘net gain’ to provide substantial additional tree planting and landscaping along the route.

We are aiming to introduce:

- tree and woodland planting
- species rich hedgerow planting
- specimen trees and feature planting at key locations
- species rich grassland including wildflowers
- a system of sustainable drainage ditches

The landscaping scheme will incorporate a range of biodiversity measures including planting to benefit pollinators. It will complement the local environment, integrating the new road corridor into the fabric of the existing landscape.

We are also committed to the efficient use of natural resources for carbon absorption and will use energy saving measures wherever we can to reduce the carbon footprint of the scheme. For example, we are seeking to reuse and recycle construction materials on site where possible.

Local Employment and Skills Opportunities

We aim to support local businesses by using local labour, training and apprenticeship opportunities wherever possible.

Please let us know your views

If you wish to comment on the proposals there a number of ways to do this:

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See our website for further details and to complete our online questionnaire:
www.york.gov.uk/yorr

To enable your views to be taken into account, please send your comments relating to the YORR proposed improvements by:
Monday 16 November 2020

Following the consultation we will carefully consider the responses as we progress the project further and any issues raised will be addressed, where possible, in the final scheme design.
**YORR improvement scheme**

The A1237 York Outer Ring Road (YORR) is a key part of Yorkshire’s road network. It is currently a single carriageway road which is often heavily congested, leading to significant delays and unreliable journey times, all of which limit the efficient movement of people and vehicles around the city.

Duellng of the A1237 is crucial to the City’s sustained growth and economic prosperity, and recent consultations have shown overwhelming support from the public and businesses for improvements to this road. The funding commitment of £38m by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, £25m from the Department for Transport, along with additional contributions of £8.6m (including our own contribution of £3.6m) has enabled us to progress the improvement scheme.

The scheme involves the upgrade of 5 major roundabouts from the A19 Shipton Road Roundabout up to (but not including) the Hopgrove Roundabout and will convert this stretch to dual carriageway. The scheme also includes the provision of new facilities for pedestrians and cyclists as well as extensive landscaping and tree planting.

**Construction stages and duration**

Construction work on the YORR is anticipated to commence in mid-2023 for 2 years with completion in 2025. The scheme involves the construction of a bridge over the York to Scarborough railway line and another over the River Foss.

The majority of the widening will be constructed to the north of the existing A1237 Ring Road and will be off-highway which will allow the existing 2-way traffic flow to be maintained for the majority of the construction stage, minimising any disruption to the existing network.

Further updates relating to construction activities will be provided as the scheme develops.

**Improvements for pedestrians and cyclists**

As an important part of the scheme we are looking to upgrade pedestrian and cycle facilities, creating an orbital cycle and pedestrian route to help encourage the uptake of active travel. The scheme proposes:

- Significant additional pedestrian and cycleway network, creating safe and attractive routes helping to link residential areas with key employment, retail and educational facilities
- Public footpaths and bridleways to be retained and where necessary diverted to safe crossing points
- A new underpass at Clifton Moor
- 2 new underpasses at Haxby in addition to the 2 that exist at present
- A new underpass at Strensall Road Roundabout