

Design Review Report

About this report

Active Travel England (ATE) Inspectors have carried out a design review using our tools to check the quality of the active travel scheme below.

For information regarding how we assess a scheme please see the [How we do design assurance with local authorities](#) guidance.

If our inspectors have identified any policy conflicts or critical issues, guidance on 'next steps' is provided in section 3 and 4.

Section 1: Summary of scheme and review details

Review date	13/04/2026
Scheme reference(s)	INS24093-02
Scheme name	Otley Road, Harrogate (Phase 3)
Scheme summary	Shared use facility on the northern side of Otley Road. Improvements to crossings at signal controlled junctions. This scheme has previously been reviewed by ATE on two occasions. References INS24093-01 and XXX_NYO_02. Since the review in April 2025, the Design Review Report format has been updated. If this raises any continuity issues or other complications, please do not hesitate to contact us.
Plans and supporting information provided for this review by the authority	70112349-WSP-GEN-XXX-DR-CH-0001 and 0002, Rev P01
Authority	North Yorkshire Council
Transport / Combined Authority	n/a
Region	Yorkshire and The Humber
Funding programme	Other – S106
Design stage	Outline design

Section 2: Summary of findings from design review

Policy check: see section 3

Existing Route	Resolved by Design	Introduced by Design	Unresolved total
1	1	4	4

Critical issues: see section 4

Existing Route	Resolved by Design	Introduced by Design	Unresolved total
9	7	1	3

Categories	Existing Layout	Proposed Layout	Net Difference
Safety	18%	32%	14%
Accessibility	30%	50%	20%
Comfort	100%	83%	-17%
Directness	58%	50%	-8%
Attractiveness	25%	25%	0%
Cohesion	38%	38%	0%

Overall Street or Path Level of Service	27%	37%	10%
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Placemaking check	Existing score: 44%	Design score: 44%
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Inspector feedback	Updates to junctions along the scheme resolves critical issues for uncontrolled crossings within signalised junctions. The overall Route Check level of service score has decreased slightly compared to the previous review (from 39% to 37%) as a result of the introduction of a critical issue by the proposals. However, the benefits of the updates can be seen clearly in Junction Assessment Tool Scores which have increased from 7% to 41%. This results in a better connected facility, and is likely to improve permeability for all local active journeys. The introduced critical issue relates to the transitions proposed at Beckwith Knowle, where a traffic island creates a narrowing at the point where cyclists are invited to join the carriageway. The removal of this traffic island, along with minor adjustments to the design of the transition, would resolve this issue. Comments in response to the remaining unresolved policy conflicts and critical issues can be found in the updated Design Review Report. Other considerations and opportunities are highlighted on annotated drawings.
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Design review outcome	Critical issues or policy conflicts issues have been identified. Please complete and return this report to ATEInspectorate@activetravelengland.gov.uk within 20 working days of receipt.
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