



Media Release

A public consultation on proposals to revolutionise travel by foot and bike in neighbourhoods south of Stirling city centre is now live.

Residents are being asked for their views on the City Centre South project, which is looking at ways to make it easier and more attractive for people of all abilities to move sustainably around, benefitting all local communities.

The area initially sought to be covered by the scheme takes in all of Kings Park, part of Braehead and Torbrex, and a small area of Mercat Cross leading from Craigs roundabout to the bus station. Residents across the city are being asked for their views to help shape the project for people who travel through the area, as well as those who live there.

Convenor of Stirling Council's Environment and Housing Committee, Councillor Jim Thomson, said: "From previous conversations with communities over the past few years, we know of improvements that they want to see realised, such as better access to Kings Park, especially at the double mini roundabouts; a stop to rat running on Linden Avenue, and a new crossing further down St Ninian's Road.

"Through City Centre South we will work with residents to make positive changes for everyday travel in these neighbourhoods."

A survey posted on Engage Stirling, <https://engage.stirling.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/city-centre-south>, will allow residents to give their views on which of the project outcomes matter most to them.

The initial phases of the consultation will run until the end of September and will also offer residents the chance to pinpoint locations where they believe there are currently issues for people of all abilities to access the area without a car.

The public's feedback will be used to create options for improvements, developed in conjunction with local communities, with a final City Centre South masterplan to be developed next year.

Vice Convenor, Councillor Danny Gibson, said: "The City Centre South project will make a difference to how people get around in their neighbourhoods. It's also an important link in a wider programme of making walking and cycling more attractive across the city."

The City Centre South project will link into:

- New Walk, Cycle, Live Stirling routes to the University and Forth Valley College to the north;
- Future ideas for routes to Cambusbarron, and the Carse villages to the west;
- Kerse Road and Forthside redevelopments to the east; and
- Bannockburn, the new developments at Durieshill and South Stirling Gateway, and on to Falkirk in the south.

The project is supported by £150,000 funding from Sustrans' Places for Everyone programme, which aims to create safe, attractive, healthier places by increasing the number of trips made by walking, cycling and wheeling for everyday journeys.

The scheme is funded by the Scottish Government through Transport Scotland and is administered by Sustrans.

Places for Everyone contributes to the Scottish Government's aim for a healthier, environmentally sustainable nation with a strong economy and communities, as laid out in the National Performance Framework.