

# **Nuneaton Town Centre Access and Movement Proposals: Public Information Document**

## **Engagement Overview**

Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has developed proposals to improve access to transport and improve traffic movements in Nuneaton town centre. The proposals complement the work brought forward through the Transforming Nuneaton Programme to improve the town centre through redevelopment and supporting highway infrastructure.

## **The objectives of the Nuneaton Town Centre Access and Movement Proposals are to:**

- Make it more convenient to travel to the town centre by bus.
- Improve connectivity and enhance the experience for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Improve accessibility for Blue Badge holders and people using taxis.
- Manage deliveries made to and by businesses.
- Improve information on parking provision in the town.
- Create a more attractive and pleasant space for people to enjoy.

## **We would like your feedback on our proposals which include measures that:**

### **Bus Improvements**

- Open Abbey Street and Harefield Road to buses going to the bus station.
- Implement restrictions on parts of Abbey Street and Harefield Road to support buses.
- Upgrade the junction of Abbey Street and the Ringway to allow bus access into the town centre.
- Provide new bus stops to serve Grayson Place and the town centre.
- Upgrade existing bus stops on the Ringway with new shelters, lighting, benches, and real-time information displays.

### **Cars, Taxis and Delivery Vehicles**

- Bring taxis closer to the town centre by providing a formal taxi bay on Newdegate Street (evening only).
- Provide Blue Badge holder parking located on the edge of the pedestrian zone for convenient access.
- Provide dedicated parking for delivery drivers to enable convenient access to businesses.
- Implement no stopping restrictions along Dugdale Street to prevent on-street parking and enable lorries to manoeuvre more easily.
- Provide Variable Message Signs (VMS) located around the ringway to display available parking spaces in town centre car parks.

## **Pedestrians and Cyclists**

- Prevent unpermitted vehicles within the pedestrianised zone.
- Create potential cycle routes as per the Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan.
- Provide secure cycle parking at key central locations.
- New crossing points are provided across the Ringway for pedestrians and cyclists.

## **Paving, Landscaping and Street Furniture**

- Provide new trees, shrubs, and plants to make the town centre fresh and inviting.
- Install new paving within the pedestrian zone to improve the appeal of the town centre.
- Provide bright, modern lighting to ensure the town city remains well-lit during dark evenings.
- Provide attractive street furniture, in keeping with the plants and landscaping design.

## **Why are we engaging?**

We would like feedback from the wider community, specifically town centre users and businesses, to help us make decisions on our proposals for Nuneaton town centre. We would like you to tell us what you think about the proposals, what you feel works and does not and how the proposals could be improved. We are still at an early stage in developing these proposals and your input will help shape our plans and designs.

## **How you can feedback**

- The engagement exercise will open on Monday 18th November and close on Sunday 22nd December at 23:59.
- Where possible, please submit feedback online via the survey available at [ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nuneaton-access-and-movement-survey](https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/bi/nuneaton-access-and-movement-survey)
- If you would like a paper copy of the survey or need an alternative format or language or require help to complete the survey, please contact us by phone on **(01926 410410)** or email [nuneatontc@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:nuneatontc@warwickshire.gov.uk)
- You can send your feedback directly to Warwickshire County Council by email [nuneatontc@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:nuneatontc@warwickshire.gov.uk) or in writing to Warwickshire County Council, Nuneaton Town Centre Access and Movement Engagement Event, Customer Service Centre, Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick CV34 4RL.
- You can also feedback at our information event. We will capture any feedback given at these events, but we strongly encourage you to also submit a written response using the survey.

## Information events

We will be holding drop-in session events and an online event where you can find out more about the proposals and ask any questions you may have.

Date	Time	Event	Location
23/11/24	10:00 – 13:00	Public drop-in session	Nuneaton United Reformed Church
27/11/24	12:00 – 15:00	Public drop-in session	Nuneaton United Reformed Church
30/11/24	10:00 – 13:00	Public drop-in session	Nuneaton United Reformed Church
03/12/24	17:00 – 18:30	Online event	Microsoft Teams joinable on the following link: <a href="#">Online Public Engagement Video Call</a>

## How will our proposals improve the current situation?

### Bus proposals:

- Helping the local economy by improving access to retailers and businesses.
- More convenient access to Grayson Place and the town's central shopping area for bus passengers.
- Enhanced safety and security, with buses providing passive surveillance along Abbey Street and Harefield Road. This creates a sense of safety at quieter times.
- Improved passenger experience, by stopping on Abbey Street, and thus, avoiding delays on the ringway.
- Improved quality, with upgraded bus infrastructure around the ringway.

### Cars, taxis, and delivery vehicles:

- More convenient access to taxis in the town centre through the formalisation of parking around Newdegate Street.
- Improved access for people with mobility and access needs, with designated Blue Badge holder parking on the edge of the pedestrian zone.
- Improved roadside information, with Variable Message Signs (VMS) showing available car parking spaces and traffic information.
- Better access for lorry drivers, with no stopping restrictions for cars on Dugdale Street.
- Better delivery driver parking, with delivery drivers and riders benefiting from designated space to wait in.

### Pedestrian and cyclist proposals:

- Provide an attractive and pleasant space in the town centre through new paving, lighting, street furniture and planting.
- Improved access to the town centre with new signalised crossing points on ringway.

- Improved traffic control at pedestrian zone access points with new measures to restrict traffic.
- Designated cycle infrastructure to encourage people to travel to the town centre in a sustainable way – providing health and environmental benefits.

## **Next Steps**

Once the engagement period closes, the feedback provided by the community will be reviewed and used by the County Council to refine the proposals.

Subsequently, the County Council will take the lead in seeking funding to secure further development and implementation of the proposals.

## **Additional Information**

You may also find it useful to refer to the following supporting documents which set out the policy basis for the town centre proposals:

[Transforming Nuneaton](#)

[Warwickshire Local Transport Plan](#)

[Warwickshire Bus Service Improvement Plan](#)

[Warwickshire's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan \(LCWIP\)](#)