



FAQs

1. What are the timescales for delivering the scheme?

The works are planned to commence in summer 2025 and will take 12 months to complete.

2. How will this scheme be funded?

The project is 100% externally funded from the Department for Transport's Bus Service Improvement Plan.

3. Can this money be spent on other projects?

No, this Government funding is for improving bus service infrastructure only.

4. What will happen to the traffic travelling along the route?

The works include converting existing no car lanes into bus lanes

(with some exceptions). Cameras will be installed for enforcement of the bus lanes and road markings will be amended to support the legal order. New traffic signs will be provided along the route to offer clarity for motorists.

5. Where can I find more detailed information?

Drawings and additional images showing the detailed design of the scheme can be found on the council's website at www.sunderland.gov.uk/BSIPDurhamRoad

Have your say

To find out more and have your say please visit our website at www.sunderland.gov.uk/BSIPDurhamRoad or scan the QR code to complete a short questionnaire.



Comments can also be submitted via email at I&C.consultation@sunderland.gov.uk

or by telephone 07387 259 468.

Please submit your comments by Wednesday 5 March 2025.

Bus Service Improvement Plan - A690 Durham Road Scheme

Sunderland City Council

Background

The Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) is a UK Government funded initiative to implement a wide range of significant proposed improvements to various aspects of bus services.



These improvements will be delivered through the North East Enhanced Partnership, a formal partnership of the North East Combined Authority, bus operators, local authorities and Nexus.

Sunderland City Council has successfully secured funding from the Department for Transport by demonstrating the continuous commitment to improving and promoting alternative modes of sustainable transport.

This includes setting out ambitious targets to:

- reduce bus journey times
- ensure services run on time
- increase passenger satisfaction
- increase sustainable transport use



- aim for all buses to be zero emission by 2030

The council is preparing proposals for a bus improvement corridor. The aim of the project is to achieve the targets set out in this leaflet.

For more information on the Government's BSIP scheme please visit www.buscentreofexcellence.org.uk/resources/bsips

The proposed route

The proposed bus improvement corridor will run from the A690/A19 interchange to the Barnes Gyratory.

Additional features will include:

- proposed amendments to road markings at North Moor Lane roundabout to help provide clarity on lane designation and traffic movements
- upgrade the existing pedestrian crossing facility to include a new staggered, traffic signal-controlled crossing for improved road safety at Bede Campus
- priority lane for buses and other authorised vehicles along the stretch of road at the Bede College junction/crossing
- remove the existing pedestrian crossing island outside the entrance to Sunderland Children's Centre/nursery and replace it with a controlled zebra crossing