

Report for the Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum

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Derby City Council Rights of Way Improvement Plan Update

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Rights of Way Service Update

The Rights of Way Service sits within the Planning Division, which in turn sits within the City Growth and Vibrancy department.

The Highways Maintenance service continues to carry out the rights of way maintenance and enforcement function. The Highways Maintenance Service sits within the Sustainability department.

All the functions sit within the Communities and Place strategic department.

Finances

All rights of way functions, except for maintenance, are funded using the Spatial Planning group budget. There is no specific fixed sum allocated for rights of way work.

Definitive map and path orders

As stated in previous reports, work continues to be carried out towards the production of the legal event modification orders that are required to bring the definitive map areas covering Derby up to date.

Status of definitive map modification order applications and public path order applications for 2024

Applications for definitive map modification orders received.

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Applications for definitive map modification orders determined.

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Applications for definitive map modification orders undetermined

6 (2 received in Sinfin Moor Lane area in 2022, 4 received in Allestree Hall/Park area in 2023)

Applications for public path orders received.

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Applications for public path orders to be determined.

2 (Friar Gate Goods Yard and Sinfin Moor Lane area)

ROWIP subgroup

RB/GM met with the RoWIP subgroup on 5th July to discuss network and stakeholder assessments for the next City and County improvement plans. RB/GM are meeting with a small advisory team from the subgroup after today's main meeting.

Major Path Schemes

Derby Riverside Path (National Cycle Network (NCN 6) repairs

The last section of the surface repair scheme for the Riverside Path, running between Raynesway and Borrowash, has been completed.

Derwent Valley Bridleway

The Derwent Valley Bridleway scheme is dependent on the government's approval of the A38 Derby Junctions scheme. The Stop the A38 Expansion Group has challenged the road scheme's Development Consent Order. The case was heard in the High Court on 15 May 2024. The court dismissed the legal challenge in a decision published on 27th August 2024, nevertheless, the campaign group has reportedly promised to appeal the decision and challenge the scheme on other grounds.

Other updates

Lime e-Bike scheme closes

The Lime e-bike scheme, the second to launch in the city, has closed after only a year. The company reportedly stated that vandalism and anti-social behaviour, leading to higher costs, was the reason. The first e-bike scheme in the city was launched by Hourbike in 2018 but closed the next year following systematic vandalism and rising operational and maintenance costs.

Allestree Hall

There are no further updates on the sale or re-use Allestree Hall. The rewilding scheme for the park continues as planned.

Defra

There has been no news at the time of writing about the proposed Defra/Natural England support officer for Local Access Forums.

From the Council's Newsroom (with updates from Ray Brown)

Council launches consultations on bus service improvements

Derby City Council has launched two twelve-week consultations on proposals to introduce bus lanes on two major routes, alongside other improvements.

The proposed changes would see bus lanes created along the A6/Duffield Road between the A38 and Broadway Roundabout, and outbound on Osmaston Road between Nightingale Road and Spider Island.

Citizens are now invited to review the proposals and have their say on the [Let's Talk Derby website](#) before both consultations close on Sunday 27 October 2024.

The Council is working to create a better-connected Derby and is taking steps to improve public transport and deliver better bus services, as outlined in the National Bus Strategy.

The changes proposed in these consultations will make bus travel a more attractive option for citizens and visitors by allowing for faster, more reliable journeys without impacting other road users.

While buses are the focus of these proposals, they will also bring improvements for those choosing active travel, such as walking and cycling, as well as enhancing the overall appearance of both areas. This includes the creation of a shared use cycle lane on Duffield Road and improvements to junctions on both routes.

City centre travel improvements making an impact 10 months on



The improvements were completed in September 2023.

A major city centre street upgrade scheme has gone down well in a recent survey.

Last year Derby City Council [completed a raft of public realm and active travel improvements around The Spot](#) with the intention of enhancing the area's appearance, allowing more sustainable transport options and reducing city centre congestion.

To see how the improvements have been received, a consultation was launched in April to find out what residents, visitors and businesses made of the changes.

Much of the works focused on making it easier for people to choose active travel options, such as walking and cycling, in the city centre. Almost a year on and the wider pavements, removal of unnecessary street furniture and improved crossing points were all rated highly by respondents.

Active travel wasn't the only mode of transport to be boosted with these works, and there were positive responses to the relocation of bus stops, improved space around them, and the creation of new ULEV taxi parking bays.

On top of the travel improvements, this scheme was also intended to improve the appearance of the area, which most respondents believe it has done. An

overwhelming majority of responses agreed that the area looks better, is more welcoming and is safer for pedestrians.

Funding approval gives green light for Derby's Eastern Gateway



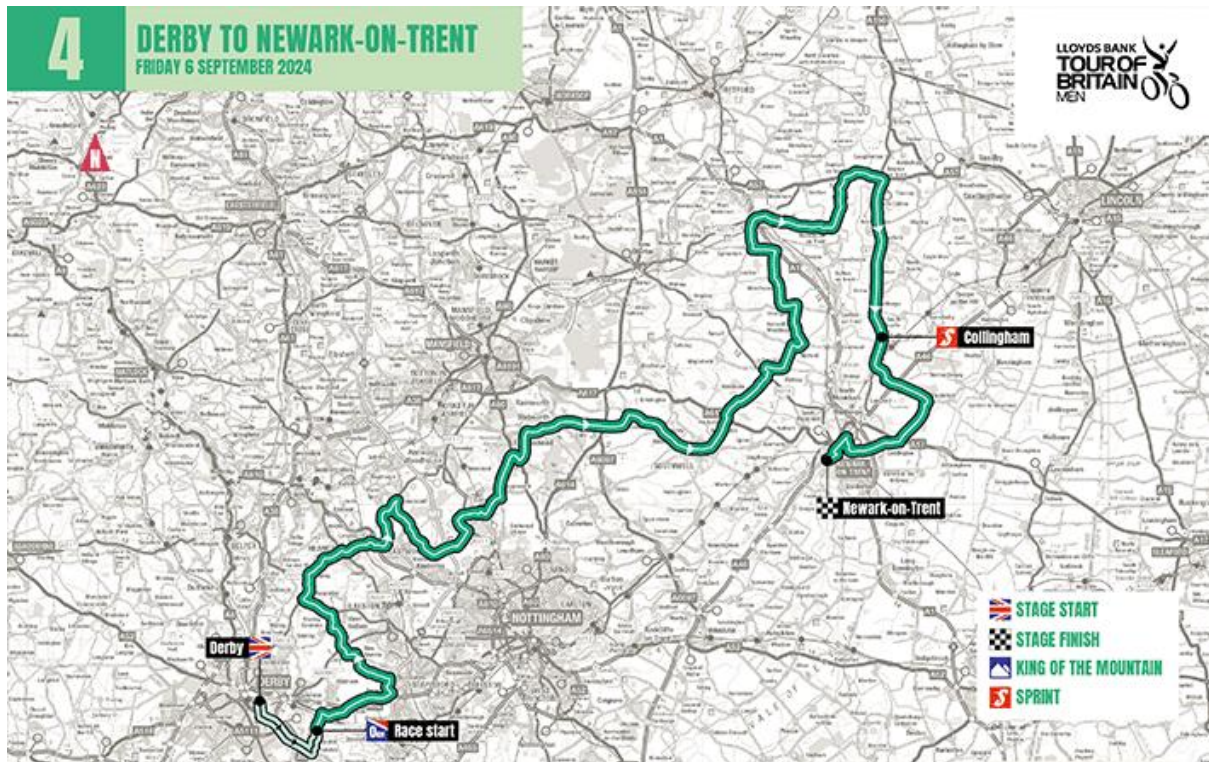
The Eastern Gateway will create a welcoming new entrance to the city centre

Shopping and leisure destination, Derbion, has confirmed that work to transform a new gateway to Derby city centre will begin this month, after final funding arrangements for the project were approved by Derby City Council.

The Eastern Gateway, delivered by Derbion and part-funded by the Government's Future High Streets Fund, will create a new façade and urban garden, transforming the area opposite the bus station and the eastern entrance to Derbion.

Work will begin this month and is due for completion during the first half of 2025.

Derby route announced for East Midlands leg of Lloyds Bank Tour of Britain Men



Cycle route for stage four of men's Tour of Britain 2024.

The East Midlands route for stage four of Britain's biggest professional cycle race, the Lloyds Bank Tour of Britain Men, has today been announced. It will take the race from Derby to Newark-on-Trent, through Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, on Friday 6 September.

For the first time in the 20-year history of the modern race, the city of Derby will welcome the competitors, with the stage getting underway at 11am outside Derby Arena.

Elvaston, Borrowash, West Hallam and Heanor all feature as the Tour heads through the roads of Derbyshire for the first time since 2015, crossing into Nottinghamshire at Eastwood and continuing through Hucknall, Ravenshead, Blidworth, Southwell and Tuxford, before crossing the River Trent to race south to the finish alongside Sconce and Devon Park in Newark-on-Trent.

Recommendation

To note this report.