

# **Project Overview**

Project Title	TCF Harrogate Rail Station Gateway
Main Funding Programme	Transforming Cities Fund
Current Forecast Project cost	£12,056,970
Funding Applied for from the Combined Authority	£11,006,970
Other public sector funding amounts and sources	£1,050,000 NYC Capital Match contribution

## **Scheme Description**

The scheme will deliver walking, cycling, and bus improvements in Harrogate town centre, principally along Station Parade up to the Station Bridge junction, adjacent to the Harrogate bus and rail stations.

The scheme will encourage more people to make local trips by walking, cycling, or the bus, instead of the car, easing congestion on the local highway network in Harrogate and contribute to reducing carbon emissions and improving local air quality.

Delivery of public realm improvements such as new paving at Station Square will improve the sense of place and arrival into Harrogate.

# **Business Case Summary**

#### **Strategic Case**

The scheme will address transport challenges, such as high car dependency causing congestion on the local network in Harrogate. This will be achieved by delivering walking, cycling, and bus improvements to encourage local trips to be made by foot, bike, or bus instead of the car. This will include widened footways and new pedestrian crossing points, a new cycle lane and bus lane, a new cycle storage hub at the rail station, and improving the entrance and lighting at One Arch underpass. The scheme will also improve the paving at Station Square, making it a more attractive sense of arrival into Harrogate.

The scheme will support the Transforming Cities Fund programme objective of increasing walking, cycling and bus trips. This will help contribute to reducing carbon emissions and improving local air quality, as well as supporting delivery of the West Yorkshire Mayoral pledge of Tackling the Climate Emergency, and priorities of the Strategic Economic Framework such as Enabling Inclusive Growth.



#### **Economic Case**

The value for money assessment calculates a benefit cost ratio of 0.8. This classes the scheme as poor Value for Money.

The poor BCR is largely because of increase in scheme costs combined with a reduced scope, with the scheme to mainly disbenefit highway users and retain modest walking, cycling, and bus benefits, in line with the funding objectives.

## **Commercial Case**

The contractor was appointed on an Early Contractor Involvement basis in November 2021, with a consultant appointed as the lead designer. The scheme awaits completion of the final design stage and development of the final cost before formally awarding the construction contract.

## **Financial Case**

North Yorkshire County Council will release  $\pounds$ 1,050,000 of Match funding to part fund the scheme. The remaining  $\pounds$ 11,006,970 will be funded from the Combined Authority's Transforming Cities Fund.

# **Management Case**

North Yorkshire Council is the lead promoter. Project delivery resources and project governance arrangements are in place. A scheme risk register has been developed to manage and monitor risks, with a Monitoring & Evaluation Plan in the process of being finalised to inform post scheme evaluation.

The scheme forecasts construction to commence in September 2024 and complete by September 2025. The delivery programme includes allowance for carrying out statutory consultation on Traffic Regulation Orders.



# **Location Map**

The following map shows the location of the TCF Harrogate Rail Station Gateway scheme



Please note, depending on the level of scheme development, the location and scope of the schemes indicated here are indicative only.