

10 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for A65 Kirkstall Road - Quality Bus Initiative

Q1: How will the current bus service be affected during construction?

A1: As part of the construction process, the works will be coordinated to minimise disruption. Consultation is taking place with Bus Operators in order to keep full services operational.

Q2: Why are there no works in the central section?

A2: The central section, next to Warner Village, does not involve any carriageway widening. The bus lanes and traffic signal arrangements at either end will allow traffic to be controlled at levels where it will be free flowing through this section. Buses will share the road space with general traffic as there would be no advantage in having bus lanes in this area.

Q3: Where will the bus stops be?

A3: The location of bus stops has been reviewed as part of the design. Signal controlled crossings are sited near to bus stops and some stops have been moved slightly, but bus positions are generally staying the same.

Q4: Can cyclists use the bus lanes?

A4: Yes, the bus lanes will be wide enough to be used as shared bus and cycle lanes.

Q5: Will the bus lanes be used only in peak hours?

A5: The new bus lanes will be operational 24 hours a day.

Q6: How will car users be affected once the scheme is operational?

A6: It is expected that the final scheme proposals will have little or no effect on the private car. Cars may queue in different locations but overall journey times should be similar to original conditions.

Q7: Where are the 2 major junctions that you refer to?

A7: The two major junctions, where buses will be given priority, are on the entry to the central area where there are no proposed bus lanes. Traffic will be controlled at a level in this central section to remain free flowing and buses will be given priority entering.

Q8: Is this scheme linked with the Burley Road Scheme?

A8: The A65 Scheme is independent from the Burley Road Scheme. Studies were undertaken which looked at combining public transport on the A65 but this proved not to be feasible.

Q9: Will I be able to park on Kirkstall/ Commercial Road when the works are finished?

A9: Parking will not be allowed within the bus lanes and there will generally be no on street parking provision.

Q10: Will there be new buses like the FTR 9 ('Purple Bendy Buses') on Route 4?

A10: Consultation is ongoing with bus operators with a view to providing better quality or new buses. There are currently no plans to use FTR buses on the A65 route.