

Bath city centre consultation

St James's Parade and Ambury Gyratory



Buses are an integral part of the solution to the transport challenges we face – but they need to be quick and reliable.

One of the biggest causes of delays to buses in Bath is right at the beginning and end of their journeys in the roads closest to Bath Bus Station. Congestion along Dorchester Street, the Ambury Gyratory*, St James's Parade and Westgate Buildings adds considerable time to bus journeys at busy times.

This has a knock-on effect – making buses late the whole way along their journey, so making them unpredictable and unreliable. We've identified key changes at this pinch point which could help to tackle the delays. These ideas are at an early stage, but we'd like your initial feedback about these concepts so that we can incorporate these into our next stages of design. Nothing is set in stone yet – we will be asking for your comments again when the proposals have been developed further.

*The current one way system which runs from Churchill Bridge along Broad Quay, The Ambury, Corn Street and Southgate Street.



The proposals

Create a bus right-hand turn from Churchill Bridge (into Bath Bus Station)

- This would give buses direct access to the Bus Station, avoiding any traffic on the Ambury Gyratory
- The layout of Churchill Bridge would need to change with a new bus lane being created, and the number of lanes available to general traffic reduced to one in each direction

Make the Ambury Gyratory largely two-way

- The current one-way system along the Ambury, Corn Street, Southgate Street and Broad Quay would change (except for the section between Dorchester Street and Churchill Bridge)
- A bus and cycle-only route would be created between Dorchester Street and Churchill Bridge
- There would be a new right-hand turn only exit from Dorchester Street for general traffic. The exit from SouthGate Car Park would change and also be right-hand turn only
- Buses would be able to travel directly in both directions between Bath Bus Station and St James's Parade

Introduce a new bus-only lane in part of St James's Parade (exact location to be confirmed) between Amery Lane and Westgate Buildings

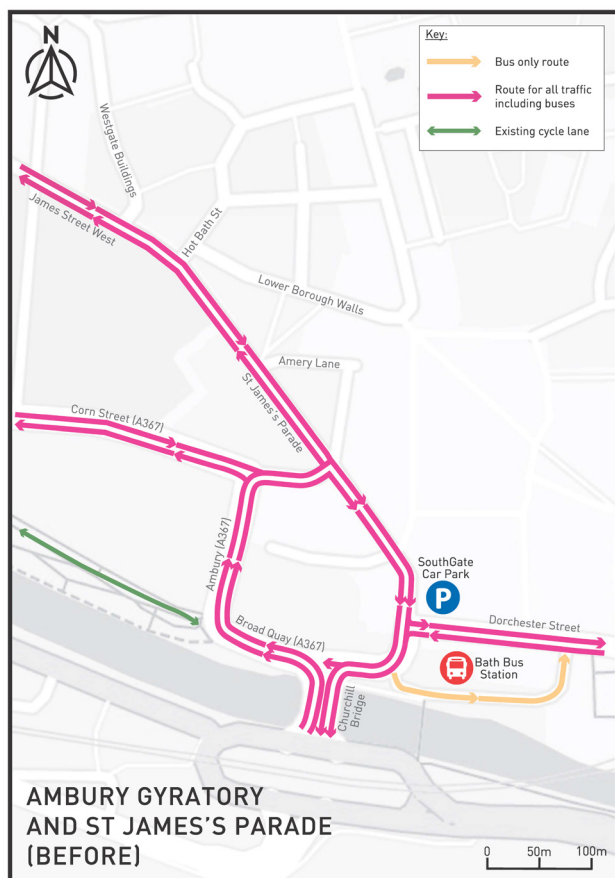
- Parking and loading spaces at the southern end of St James's Parade would be extended towards Corn Street with no or very minimal overall impact on parking. This would affect 2 or 3 spaces at most (if any)
- Access would be maintained for loading (details are yet to be confirmed)

New cycle lane

- A new two-way segregated cycle lane would be created along Churchill Bridge, Broad Quay and towards Dorchester Street. Cyclists would be able to turn right from Churchill Bridge towards the bus and rail stations. These will connect to existing cycle routes and others being developed and make cycling far safer along these busy stretches of road.
- Taxis would be able to use the new bus lanes and bus-only route along St James's Parade.
- General traffic would need to follow alternative less direct routes to city centre locations via Green Park Road. The new bus-only route would have a knock-on effect across Bath city centre - some streets would be quieter and some busier.

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What could this mean?

- Reduced delays for buses and faster journey times, making them more reliable
- Better connections with other proposed public transport improvements
- Easier and safer for cyclists
- Improved air quality and a nicer environment overall for pedestrians
- Could reduce traffic in some areas
- Improve the historic setting of Kingsmead Square area

BUT

- Less direct routes for general traffic to city centre locations
- May be some very small impact on parking



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