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Cardiff to Newport travel corridors

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This document is also available in Welsh.

Overview	<p>In collaboration with Cardiff and Newport Council (MCC), Transport for Wales is seeking views on options to improve active travel and bus routes along the NCN88 and A48 respectively, with a focus on inclusive and sustainable transport choices.</p>
How to respond	<p>We need your insight to help shape these plans and to make sure the scheme meets the needs of users.</p> <p>Please review the information available for each of the potential scheme elements and provide your feedback before 11 March.</p> <p>You can respond by completing the online survey accessible through this page, downloading the form and emailing to engagement@tfw.wales or posting to:</p> <p>The Stakeholder Engagement team, Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cadwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH</p>
Further information and related documents	<p>Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.</p>
Contact details	<p>For further information:</p> <p>The Stakeholder Engagement team, Transport for Wales, 3 Llys Cadwyn, Pontypridd, CF37 4TH</p> <p>Email: engagement@tfw.wales</p>
Also available in Welsh at:	<p>https://llyw.cymru/coridorau-teithio-caerdydd-i-gasnewydd</p>

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The Foreword

The Welsh Government and Transport for Wales have an ambition to create an accessible, sustainable and efficient transport system that contributes to the wellbeing of future generations.

That means a transport system that is good for the environment, one that contributes to public health and equality, supports communities to thrive and helps to deliver on the economic ambitions of Wales whilst opening new opportunities to reach arts, sports and cultural activities.

We understand that to encourage people to change their travel behaviour to use sustainable transport, we need to make sustainable transport more attractive and easier to use. We need to make the right decisions, the easy decisions.

[The Burns Delivery Unit](#) has been established by Welsh Government and Transport for Wales (TfW) to deliver the [recommendations of the South East Wales Transport Commission](#). Together with Newport City Council (NCC), a recommendation is being progressed to deliver new walking, cycling and bus infrastructure on the A48 and National Cycle Route 88 (NCN88) corridors between Cardiff and Newport.

What are the main issues?

Travel between Cardiff and Newport is a key transport corridor in South East Wales, but options for sustainable travel are limited. Currently, the A48 has poor facilities for buses and pedestrians and no provision for cyclists, despite connecting to major employment centres. The NCN88 is much quieter, but some sections are unpaved, convoluted or subject only to the national speed limit.

How can we improve the situation?

With the right infrastructure, there is an opportunity for journeys between north-east Cardiff and west Newport to be made by bus or cycling instead of by car. This would not only improve access to major employment sites, but also contribute to a more sustainable transport system.

What are the proposals detailed in this consultation?

For each corridor, three options have been developed.

Key features of the A48 options include:

- A two-way cycleway between Cardiff and Newport
- Changes to junctions to prioritise buses, pedestrians and cyclists
- Fewer traffic lanes and changes to speed limits through Castleton

Key features of the NCN88 options include:

- New, straighter sections of cycling and walking infrastructure
- Greater separation from traffic for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians
- Road safety improvements in Marshfield

- Quiet Lane treatments and changes to speed limits in remaining mixed-traffic sections
- Environmental mitigation measures to protect and enhance wildlife habitats in the Gwent Levels, which the corridor passes through

In order for you to be able to give your views on these options, a consultation pack has been prepared to show each of proposal in more detail: <https://gov.wales/cardiff-newport-travel-corridors>

Consultation Response Form

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Email / telephone number:

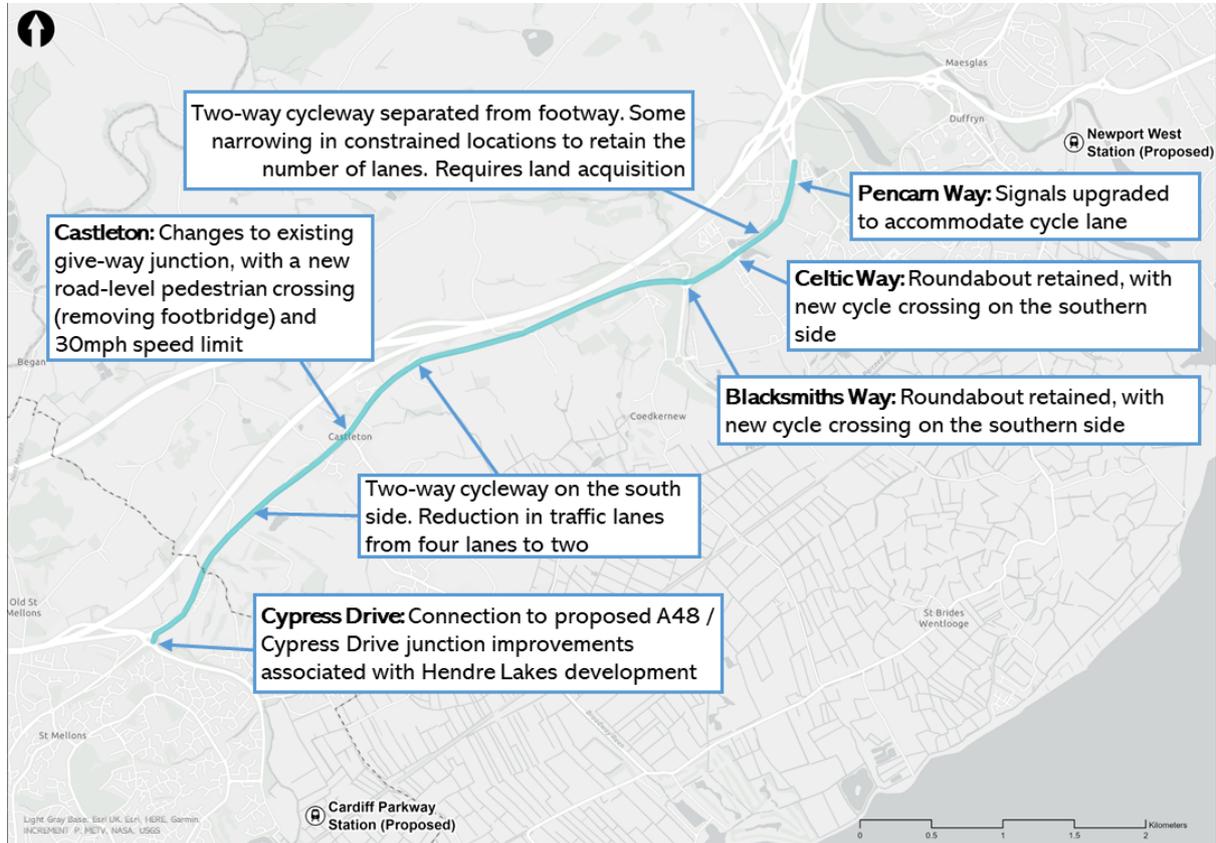
Your address:

Are you completing the survey as a member of the public or on behalf of an organisation?

- Member of the public
- On behalf of an organisation

A48 Option 1

Option 1 provides new, dedicated walking and cycling (active travel) and bus infrastructure on the A48 between Cardiff and Newport, where it is feasible to do so, whilst retaining current road capacity for general traffic as much as possible.



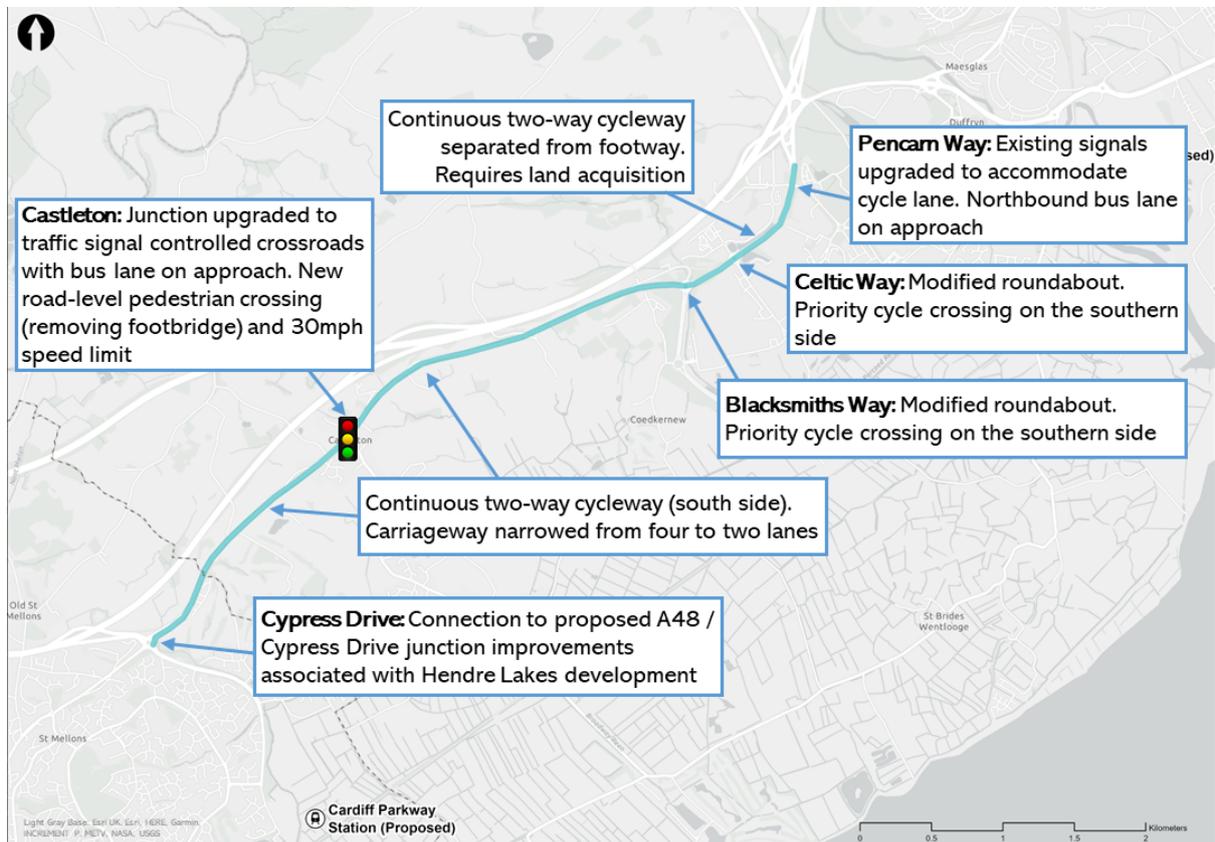
Q1: To what extent do you support the measures set out within Option 1?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Please provide your reasons for the selected answer below (optional):

A48 Option 2

Option 2 prioritises new, dedicated walking and cycling (active travel) and bus infrastructure along the A48 route. Compared to Option 1, more existing road space is re-allocated to walking and cycling and buses. This options also includes more significant changes to existing junctions.



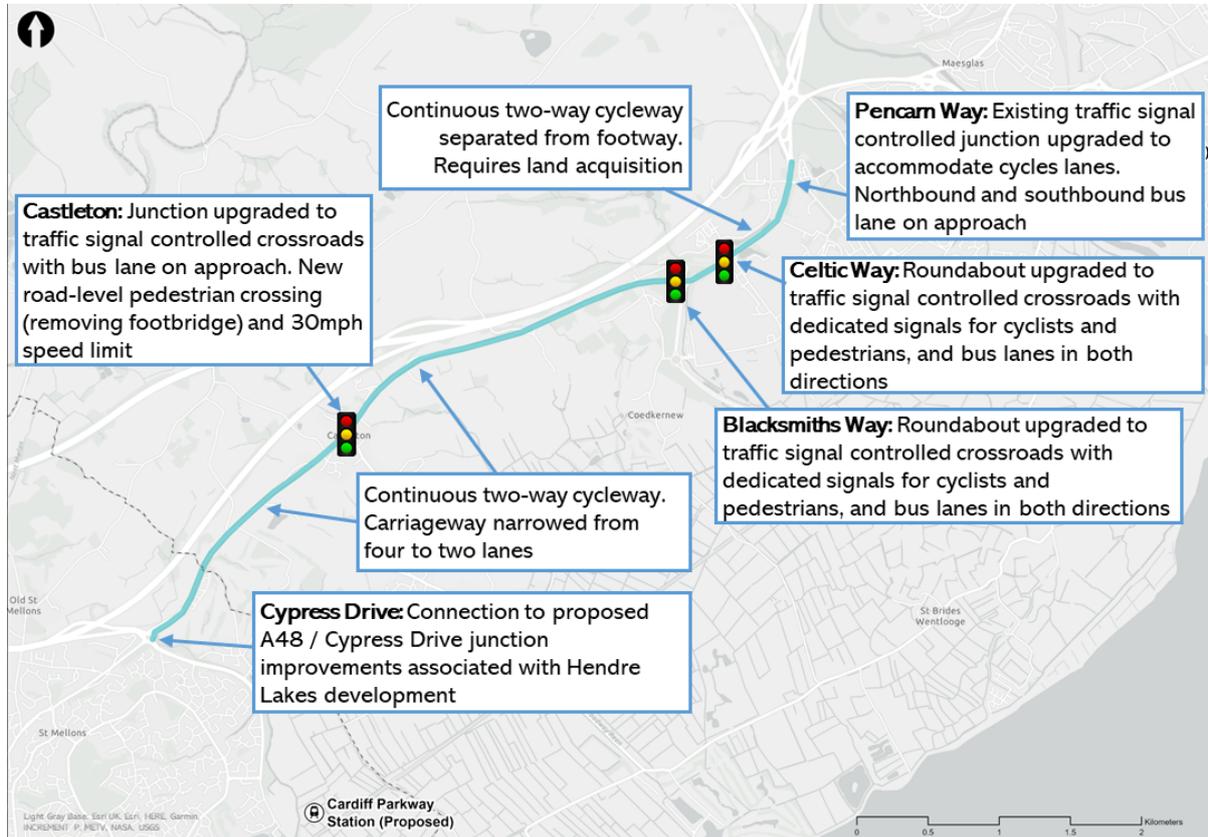
Q2: To what extent do you support the measures set out within Option 2?

- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Please provide your reasons for the selected answer below (optional):

A48 Option 3

Option 3 delivers wide-ranging modifications to the A48 corridor on links and at junctions, including the complete replacement of some existing junctions, to deliver maximum priority to bus and walking and cycling (active travel).



Q3: To what extent do you support the measures set out within Option 3?

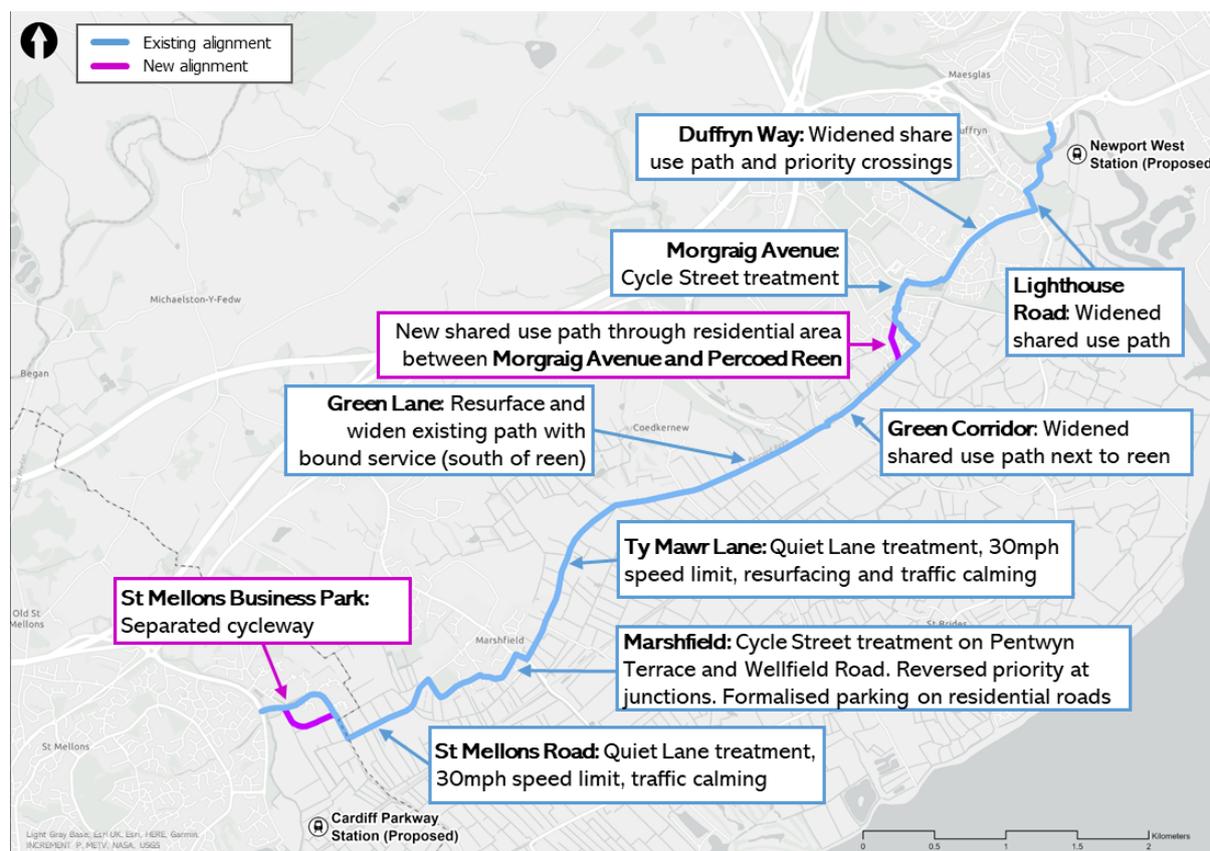
- Strongly support
- Support
- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Please provide your reasons for the selected answer below (optional):

Q4: Please provide any additional relevant comments / feedback you may have on any of the proposals in Options 1, 2 or 3. This could relate to your current experience of using the A48 between Cardiff and Newport, or about the kind of improvements you would like to see delivered along the route (optional):

NCN88 Option 1

Option 1 provides an upgrade of the existing NCN88 route between Cardiff and Newport, as far as it is practicable to do so given physical and environmental constraints.



Q5: To what extent do you support the measures set out within Option 1?

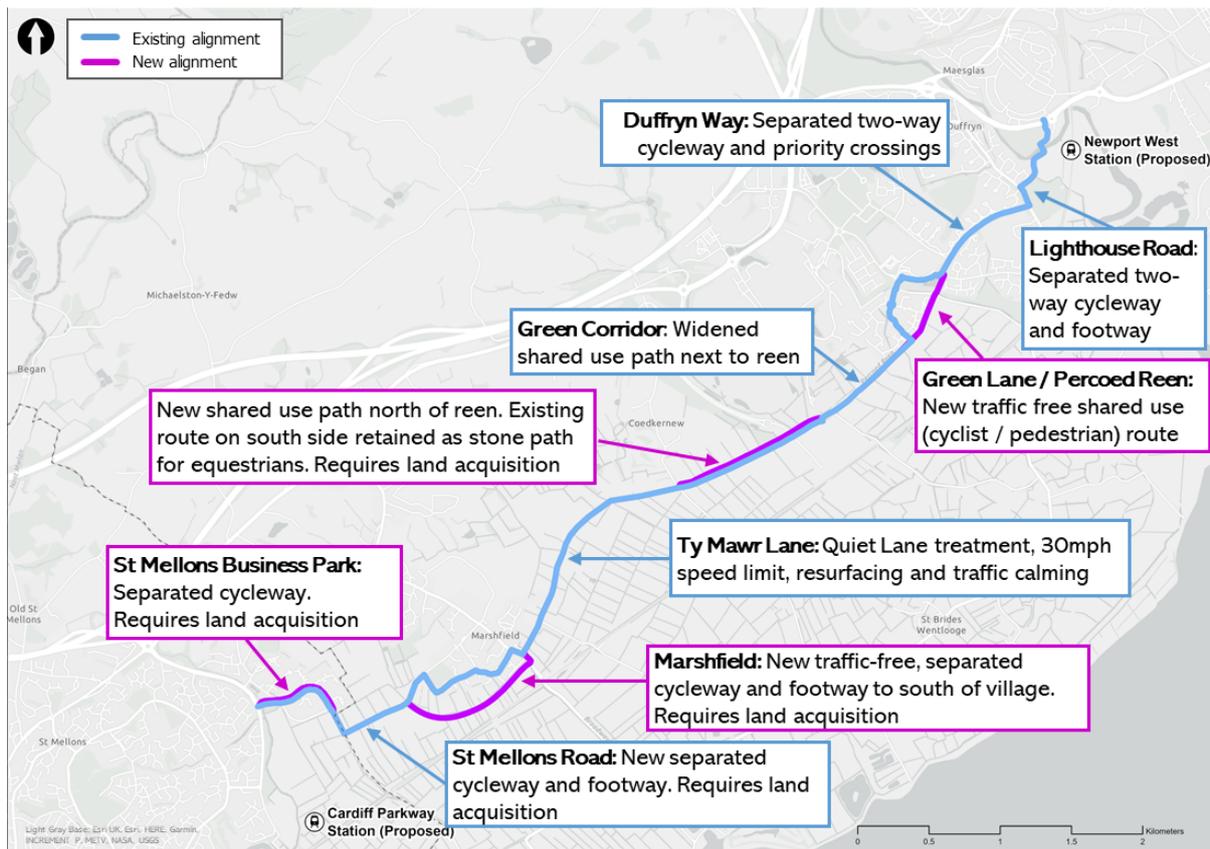
- Strongly support
- Support

- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Please provide your reasons for the selected answer below (optional):

NCN88 Option 2

Option 2 delivers a high-quality upgrade of the NCN88 route, which ‘filters out’ cars by restricting vehicle access and sections of new alignment to avoid long-winded routes through housing estates.



Q6: To what extent do you support the measures set out within Option 2?

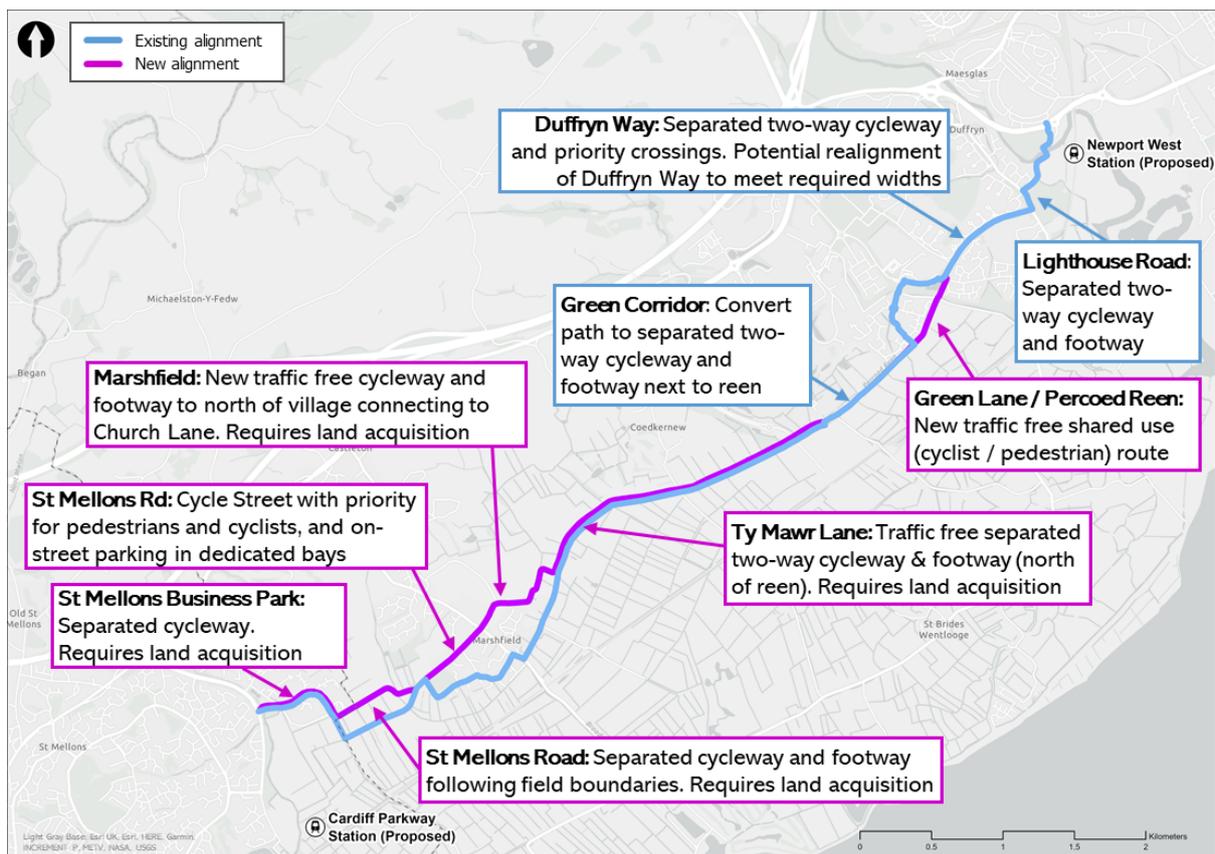
- Strongly support
- Support

- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Please provide your reasons for the selected answer below (optional):

NCN88 Option 3

Option 3 provides full separation between cyclists, pedestrians and traffic along the entire length of the NCN88 route, with sections of new alignment.



Q7: To what extent do you support the measures set out within Option 3?

- Strongly support
- Support

- Neither support nor oppose
- Oppose
- Strongly oppose

Please provide your reasons for the selected answer below (optional):

Q8: Please provide any additional relevant comments / feedback you may have on any of the proposals in Options 1, 2 or 3. This could relate to your current experience of using the NCN88 between Cardiff and Newport, or about the kind of improvements you would like to see delivered along the route (optional):

Q9: How often do you travel between Cardiff and Newport?

- Daily
- 3 to 4 times per week
- 1 to 2 times per week
- 1 to 3 times per month
- Less than once per month
- Never

Q10: Which is the main mode you usually use to travel between Cardiff and Newport?

- Train

- Bus
- Taxi
- Motorcycle, scooter or moped
- Car - driver
- Car - passenger
- Bicycle
- e-bike
- On foot

Q11: If you use more than one mode (or a combination of modes) to travel between Cardiff and Newport, please tick them here:

- Train
- Bus
- Taxi
- Motorcycle, scooter or moped
- Car - driver
- Car - passenger
- Bicycle
- e-bike
- On foot

Q12: Where do you live? (postcode, street or area):

Q13: Do you have access to a car?

- Yes, I own a car or someone in my household owns a car
- No, I don't have access to a car

Q14: Which age category do you fall into?

- Under 18
- 18 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 and over
- Prefer not to say

Q15: Which of the following describes how you identify yourself?

- Female
- Male
- Transgender Female
- Transgender Male
- Nonbinary
- Other
- Prefer not to say

If Other, please specify (optional):

Q16: What is your ethnic group?

White

- Welsh, English, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- Irish
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- Any other White background

Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups

- White and Black Caribbean
- White and Black African
- White and Asian
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background

Asian or Asian British

- Indian
- Pakistani
- Bangladeshi
- Chinese

- Any other Asian background

Black, African, Caribbean or Black British

- African
- Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background

Other ethnic group

- Arab
- Any other ethnic group
- Prefer not to say

If Other, please specify (optional):

Q17: Would you describe yourself as disabled? (Disability is defined as a long term physical or mental health condition that significantly impacts on your life including many non-visible issues for example: autism, hearing loss, sight loss, or dyslexia)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

Question A:

We are under a duty to consider the effects of our policy decisions on the Welsh language, under the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

We would like to know your views on the effects the proposals would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Question B:

Please also explain how you believe the proposals could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Question C:

We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them.

Responses to consultations may be made public. To keep your response anonymous (including email addresses) tick the box: