

# Submission on EIS - Newcastle Inner City Bypass – Rankin Park to Jesmond

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## Comment on Jesmond Park Off Road Shared Path

The proposed arrangement of multiple traffic light intersections to connect the section of Jesmond off road shared path that will be cut by the new road isn't good enough.

Interaction between the proposed new road and the Jesmond Park off road shared path is discussed in Section 4.5.4 of the EIS. The EIS indicates that two off road options have been investigated to replace the section of off road shared path that will be cut when the new road is constructed. The two options that have been investigated are:

1. Bridge over
2. Underpass under

As could be expected neither of these options is realistic because the shared path would effectively add a third layer to the intersection. A bridge over would be very high, and an underpass under would be very low. The more sensible option of a bridge over the low road, followed by an underpass under the high road, has not been presented.

Given the significance of the Jesmond Park off road shared path as a key component of the main east west cycle route between Glendale and Newcastle, and the connectivity that it provides between the Wallsend Brickworks Park and Jesmond Park recreation areas, it is important that a better solution be developed. It is clear from looking at the plans of the proposed interchange that better options do exist, but the only way to implement them is during construction of the new road so that they can be fully integrated into the design of the works.

A sketch of one such option is provided below:

