

In short, ***I object*** to the proposed cycleway crossing over the feeder roads to the Newcastle inner city bypass. The reasons for my objection are:

1. Three traffic signal crossings over the feeder roads that lead onto the bypass will be dangerous for cyclists and frustrating for motorists. On a daily basis, I cross Newcastle road using the pedestrian/cycleway crossing near Jesmond Park. On several occasions, I have witnessed motorists failing to stop on the red signal and putting the lives of pedestrians/cyclists in danger. During peak traffic times, the long wait time for the signals to turn allowing pedestrians/cyclist to cross the road, prompts the impatient pedestrians/cyclist to cross when they see a break in the traffic flow, potentially putting their lives at risk. An overpass over the three feeder roads connected to the bypass underpass will negate all these safety issues.
2. Good cycleway infrastructure offers cyclists minimal interrupts and impediments in their movement to their destination. Crossing at three sets of closely spaced traffic lights will impede cycles flow and as such degrade a necessary piece of city transport infrastructure. Remember for each additional person who cycles to work is potentially another vehicle off the road, delaying the need to expand the road network and saving governments (and tax payers) money.