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Dear Sir/Madam

**TEES VALLEY BUS NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS (TVBNI) – A135 YARM ROAD/ A67 URLAY NOOK ROAD ('CLEVELAND BAY')**

I am writing to inform you of highway improvements associated with the TVBNI scheme, which commenced last year. The improvements will upgrade bus facilities to improve journey times, bus punctuality and passenger waiting facilities across the Tees Valley.

A core network of bus routes has been developed for a package of improvements known as the Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements. The Government is providing substantial grants to contribute to the costs of the proposals; the grants are going to the five local authorities across the Tees Valley Region which comprise; Stockton, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland.

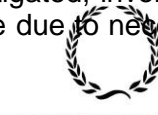
Work to improve the bus network are to be phased over a four year period; schemes in the first year started on site early in 2010. Year 2 schemes are programmed to be implemented in 2011/12; A135 Yarm Road/ A67 Urray Nook Road ('Cleveland Bay') is one of these schemes.

The scheme's aim is to address public transport delays on the corridor, by extending the south bound bus lane on A135 Yarm Road approaching the 'Cleveland Bay' traffic signals.

The scheme briefly consists of;

- An extension of the southbound bus lane closer to the 'Cleveland Bay' stop line and provision of bus 'hurry call' facilities to facilitate progression through the junction.
- Provision of a camera to enforce abuse of the bus lane, and perhaps enforcement of the yellow box marking in the junction when appropriate powers are obtained by the Council at some point in the future.
- Lengths of 24 hour waiting and peak time (7:30-9:30am and 4:00-6:00pm) loading restrictions on the west side of Yarm Road to the north of the 'Cleveland Bay'.

Note that options to retain on-street parking opportunity here were investigated, involving widening on the east side of Yarm Road. However, this proved to be too expensive due to necessary utilities service diversions and the requirement for a retaining wall.



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It should be noted that there is no right to park on a public highway. Loading opportunity is maintained during off peak times.

The landlord of the 'Cleveland Bay' public house has indicated that he is happy for your customers to park in the pub car park, and is also happy for you to advertise this fact. Please note that this would be an informal arrangement with the current tenant. Options to maximise car parking capacity within the car park are being investigated. It is also proposed to carry out footway maintenance works in the vicinity of the junction.

As part of the statutory legal procedure Notices on site and in the local press will be placed in due course and a formal objection period will be observed. I will send you a copy of the public notice directly at the appropriate time.

A drawing indicating the proposals is attached for your information. This information can also be found on the Council's website [www.stockton.gov.uk](http://www.stockton.gov.uk) where there is an opportunity to comment if you so wish.

You may e-mail any comments to [technicalservices@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:technicalservices@stockton.gov.uk) alternatively; write to Stockton on Tees Borough Council, FREEPOST NEA1389, PO Box 229, Billingham, TS23 2YL.

If you are the tenant of these premises, you will no doubt need to inform the owner.

Yours faithfully

**Mark Gillson**  
**Senior Engineer - Network Safety**

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