

Introduction

Facts

- There are over a million bus passenger journeys on Kedleston Road every year.
- According to a recent survey, 29% of bus passengers said that they could use a car for all their journeys. By ensuring buses are reliable and suffer little or no delay we can reduce the number of journeys that people take using their cars.
- Passengers on the Allestree route have told us that it is important that buses keep to the timetable and have a quick journey time.
- Buses on the Allestree route can frequently suffer delays of up to 12 minutes. This affects the journey times and reliability of these services.

We are now looking to install measures that will reduce these delays for bus passenger whilst having little or no impact on other road users. We estimate that we can reduce delays on Kedleston Road for bus passengers by 3½ minutes. We are also planning to improve conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and taxis.

Background

In 2006 we consulted over 10,000 households and businesses in Allestree and Darley Abbey. We provided a range of options that were designed to improve journey times and reliability for bus passengers. Following the consultation, we produced a final scheme design which the Council's Cabinet approved. We now plan to introduce these measure in 2009/10.

The new improvements include:

- putting in two sections of bus, cycle and taxi lane
- giving buses priority at the Five Lamps junction
- replacing the zebra crossing outside the Polish Club with a new traffic light controlled crossing near St Alkmund's church
- extending the layby near Kingsmead House to provide more car parking spaces.