

Planning Application Response

Organisation:	Barnsley Council
Detail:	Demolition of existing non-motorised user (NMU) bridge and construction of replacement – over A633 Grange Lane, Stairfoot Barnsley
Planning Ref:	2025/1092
Link:	Application Details
Closing Date:	4 th July 2026
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The Trans Pennine Trail National Office (TPT) and the Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (formerly Sustrans) (NCN) welcome the opportunity to respond to this planning application.

The map below shows the development location and alignment of TPT/NCN:

Yellow – TPT NCN (62/67) – full multi use
Blue – Development Location



As the plan indicates, this bridge is a vital part of the TPT/NCN infrastructure and lies above a major transport junction at Stairfoot Barnsley.

There has to be a route for the TPT/NCN available 24/7 so the planning of temporary closures/diversions will be essential to the programme and these must be suitable for all TPT/NCN users to ensure safe passage at all times. These should be provided and agreed prior to any works.

The new bridge will also need to support use for walkers, wheelers, horse riders and cyclists, as per existing structure, and therefore also meet requirements of the British Horse Society in terms of quality standards for surfacing and parapets for horse riders. It is also requested that the noise impact is taken into consideration for those users that are sensitive to loud noises – suggest advance notices are put on site. Mounting blocks should also be provided at each side of the bridge to allow riders the option of dismounting and walking their horse over the bridge.

The access paths onto the Trail in this area should be considered and upgraded to LTN1/20 standards if possible.

The existing TPT/NCN should not be used for storage of materials or vehicles. However, if this is agreed on any temporary closed sections, any surface damage should be fully repaired following works. This should be to LTN 1/20 standards as a minimum. It is recommended a condition survey is undertaken prior to works.

There are access controls on the TPT/NCN within this location. Whilst it is noted that this area suffers from crime, the current controls should be looked at to ensure they are usable by all NMU users. Further details can be provided.