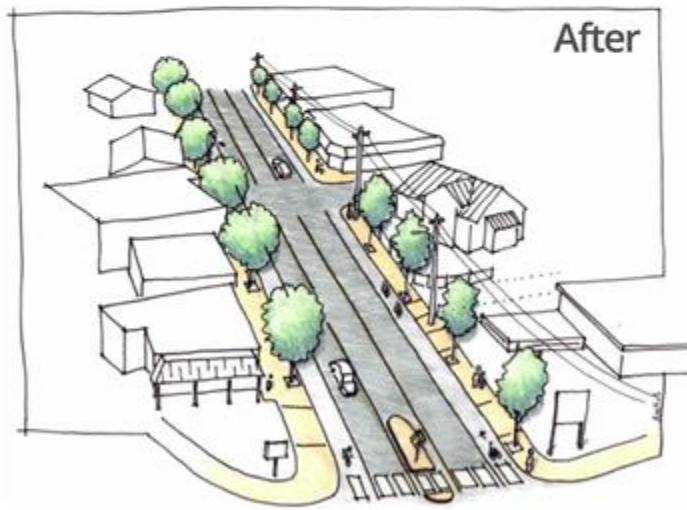
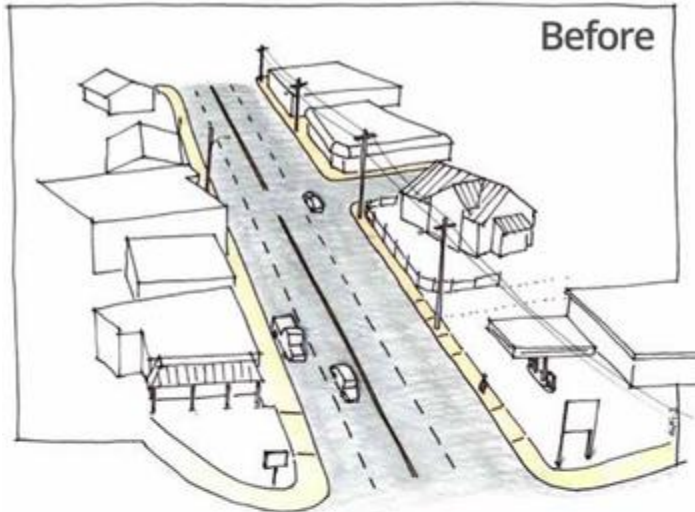


## Task 1

The diagram shows proposed changes to Foster Road. Write a 150-word report on these changes for a local committee.



Foster Road between SE 84th and 85th Avenue, before and after installation of wider sidewalks, a new crossing, bicycle lanes and street trees.

The diagram depicts Foster Road in its current state and after the suggested transformations have been implemented.

Overall, the street will be transformed into a safer and more pedestrian-friendly environment. To increase the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, the pedestrian area will be enlarged on both sides of the road and a new crossing will be installed at the upper end of the street. An island will be installed in the middle of the crossing for additional safety. In addition, a bicycle lane will be introduced, which will run ~~along beside~~ alongside the driving lane in ~~the respective~~ both directions.

Meanwhile, in order to make the street more agreeable and appealing, ~~street~~ trees will be embedded in the pavement ~~of on~~ either side of the road, providing vital shade.

While these changes will certainly benefit the interaction of all residents of this area, the improvements will cut a ~~whole hole~~ in the city 's budget.

### **OVERALL SCORE: 6.0**

TASK ACHIEVEMENT: 5

COHERENCE & COHESION: 6

LEXICAL RESOURCE: 7

GRAMMATICAL RANGE & ACCURACY: 6

### **ADVICE FOR IMPROVEMENT**

TASK ACHIEVEMENT: You need to write 150 words. When there's a lack of things to write about, try describing the same thing twice, once in general terms and once very specifically.

COHERENCE & COHESION: Before you start writing, think about how you will separate the changes into two distinct paragraphs.

LEXICAL RESOURCE: Some good vocabulary used here. Remember that 'respective' refers to something already mentioned, so if you'd already said 'north and south' or 'upper and lower end' then you could use 'respective directions'.

GRAMMATICAL RANGE & ACCURACY: Good use of future tense, passive voice. No major problems.

## Task 2

The United Nations recently celebrated its 70th anniversary. What benefits have been brought by international cooperation during this time? Do you think the UN will last another 70 years?

You should write at least 250 words.

Prompted by the United Nation's 70th anniversary, ~~criticisms~~ have been raised; that the United Nations ~~have~~ ~~has~~ failed to provide resolutions to the most urgent and important global issues ~~they~~ ~~it~~ ~~has~~ encountered since it ~~has been~~ ~~was~~ founded, ~~although~~ ~~However~~, international cooperation ~~would be~~ ~~remains~~ the most efficient means to tackle global problems such as man-made climate change and ~~the~~ ever-growing gap in ~~life~~ ~~quality of life~~ ~~in~~ ~~between~~ developed and developing countries.

One of the main achievements of the United Nations has certainly been to encourage peace-making efforts by providing a communication-platform for countries. As a result, many conflicts have been settled peacefully and the outbreak of a third world war has so far been prevented.

Although the United Nations may not have been as successful as to stop ~~the~~ climate change ~~all~~ together, it motivated its members to establish self-binding quotas of carbon emissions. ~~It is difficult to imagine how much worse the problem of climate change might be if there were no effective channels for international dialogue such as the UN.~~

Overall, it has to be noted that the positive impact that the United Nations ~~has~~ had on the global community may not seem enormous at first glance, but ~~it has~~ definitely ~~had its share~~ ~~played its part~~ in ~~assuring~~ ~~ensuring~~ the peaceful living of millions of ~~citizens~~ ~~citizens~~. Therefore I am convinced that this institution will survive at least another 70, if not 100 years.

### OVERALL SCORE: 6.5

TASK RESPONSE: 6

COHERENCE & COHESION: 7

LEXICAL RESOURCE: 7

GRAMMATICAL RANGE & ACCURACY: 6

### ADVICE FOR IMPROVEMENT

TASK RESPONSE: Again your answer is a little short, and the third paragraph was not developed enough. However, your position is very clear in the end.

COHERENCE & COHESION: The organisation of your answer is fine and you make good use of signalling phrases.

LEXICAL RESOURCE: Make sure you are clear on the difference between 'its/it's' and 'assure/ensure'.

GRAMMATICAL RANGE & ACCURACY: Some problems in the introduction. Tenses are confused and the sentence is too long (see the break I introduced with 'However').

## **OVERALL SCORE FOR THIS IELTS WRITING TEST: 6.5**

### **ACTION LIST TO GET BAND 7**

- Write 150 and 250 words (up to 10 words short is forgivable).
- Have a clear paragraph plan for Task 1.
- Give an overall description first in Task 1.
- Review past simple and present perfect tenses in Task 2 introduction.
- Develop each topic sentence in the body of Task 2 with at least one supporting sentence. Two is better.