

Traffic and Road Safety 1

The Issues:

- 1) Traffic congestion and flow
- 2) Speeding traffic
- 3) Parking provision and inconsiderate parking
- 4) Safe places to walk and cross the road.

Background:

1) A majority of respondents to the PP questionnaire stated that traffic is a problem. One third advocated the provision of a pedestrian and cycle route from the Thornhill Road area to the railway station, potentially reducing the volume of traffic on Skipton Road.

2) Representations are made regularly to the Parish Council to press for enforcement of speed limits in the parish.

A range of traffic calming measures were advocated by some residents.

Over half of respondents said they perceived major road safety issues and analysis of comments show that the feeling is that these are due to speeding traffic.

3) Parking issues at the railway station need addressing and 2/3 of respondents want more parking provision at the station.

Many representations are made to the PC regarding inconsiderate parking in the residential streets surrounding the hospital and the schools.

4) There was an indication that a pedestrian crossing would be welcomed on Skipton Road close to the junction of Chapel Road. Specific pedestrian problems were included in the comments with concerns about the safety of pedestrians on Sutton Lane, Hollins Bank Lane, Barrows Lane, Whitley Head and crossing the A629.



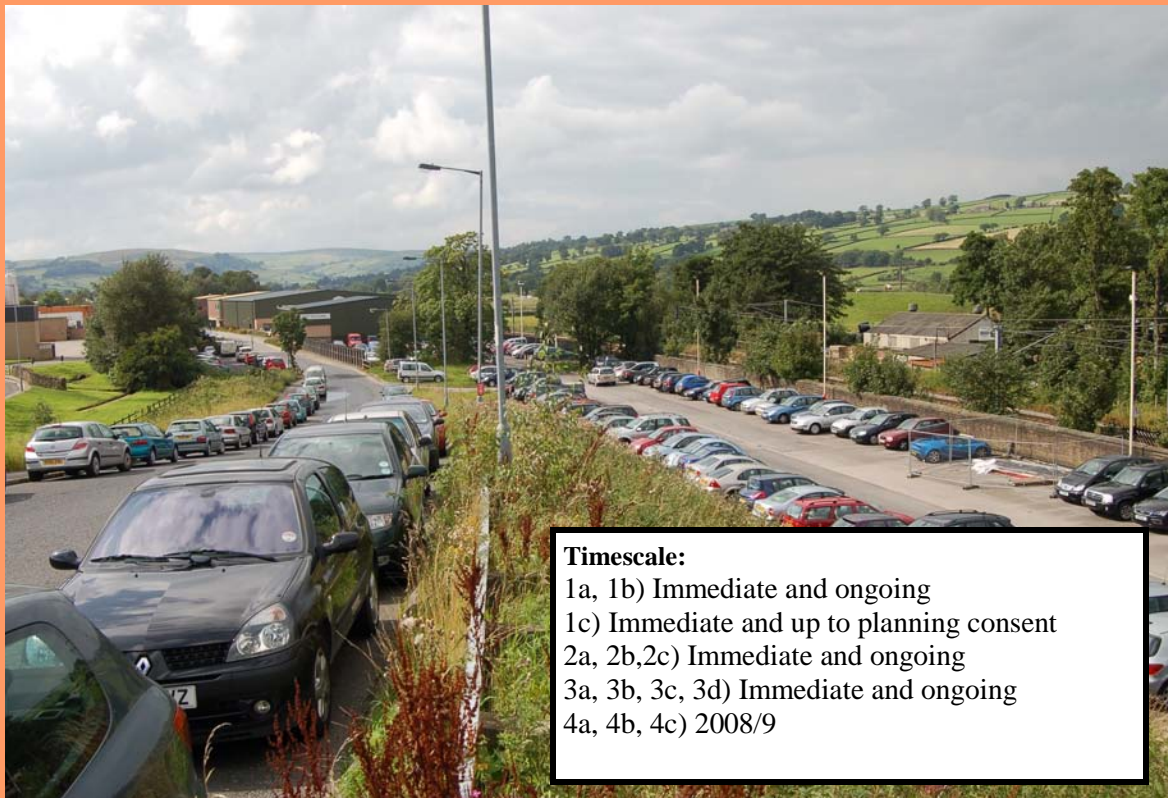
Partners:

Parish Council, Silsden Town Council.
BMDC (Highways), Urban Traffic Control, Planning Department, Rights of Way Officers
WYPTE, Train Operator,
Neighbourhood Policing Team and British Transport Police

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Action:

- 1a) Ongoing consultations with BMDC Highways Department regarding traffic issues.
- 1b) Monitoring of traffic flow and traffic light settings in partnership with BMDC, Urban Traffic Control.
- 1c) Work with the Planning Department and Rights of Way Officers to ensure that a footpath and cycleway is a condition of planning of H2 housing site K/H2.1.
- 2a) Encourage the Neighbourhood Policing Team to enforce speed limits in the parish.
- 2b) Support the 'Speedwatch' initiative and encourage the recruitment of more volunteers to the scheme.
- 2c) Consult with BDMC, Highways, to look at the extension of 30mph limits, introduction of more 20mph limits and traffic calming in the parish.
- 3a) Through the Joint Transport Group press WYPTE to include additional parking at the railway station in their capital expenditure budget.
- 3b) Through the Joint Transport Group press WYPTE to provide CCTV and additional lighting at the car park at the railway station.
- 3c) Work with Airedale NHS representatives to reduce the parking of vehicles in the residential streets around the hospital.
- 3d) Co-operate with the schools and police on addressing parking problems around the schools.
- 4a) Consult with BMDC, Highways Dept, on the provision of a pedestrian crossing on Skipton Road.
- 4b) Consult with BMDC, Highways Dept, on the provision of safe routes for pedestrians on Sutton Lane, Hollins Hall Road, Barrows Lane and at Whitley Head.
- 4c) Consult with BMDC, Rights of Way, to improve the crossing of A629 (Millennium Way).



Timescale:

- 1a, 1b) Immediate and ongoing
- 1c) Immediate and up to planning consent
- 2a, 2b, 2c) Immediate and ongoing
- 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d) Immediate and ongoing
- 4a, 4b, 4c) 2008/9