

### 3.6 Strategic Areas

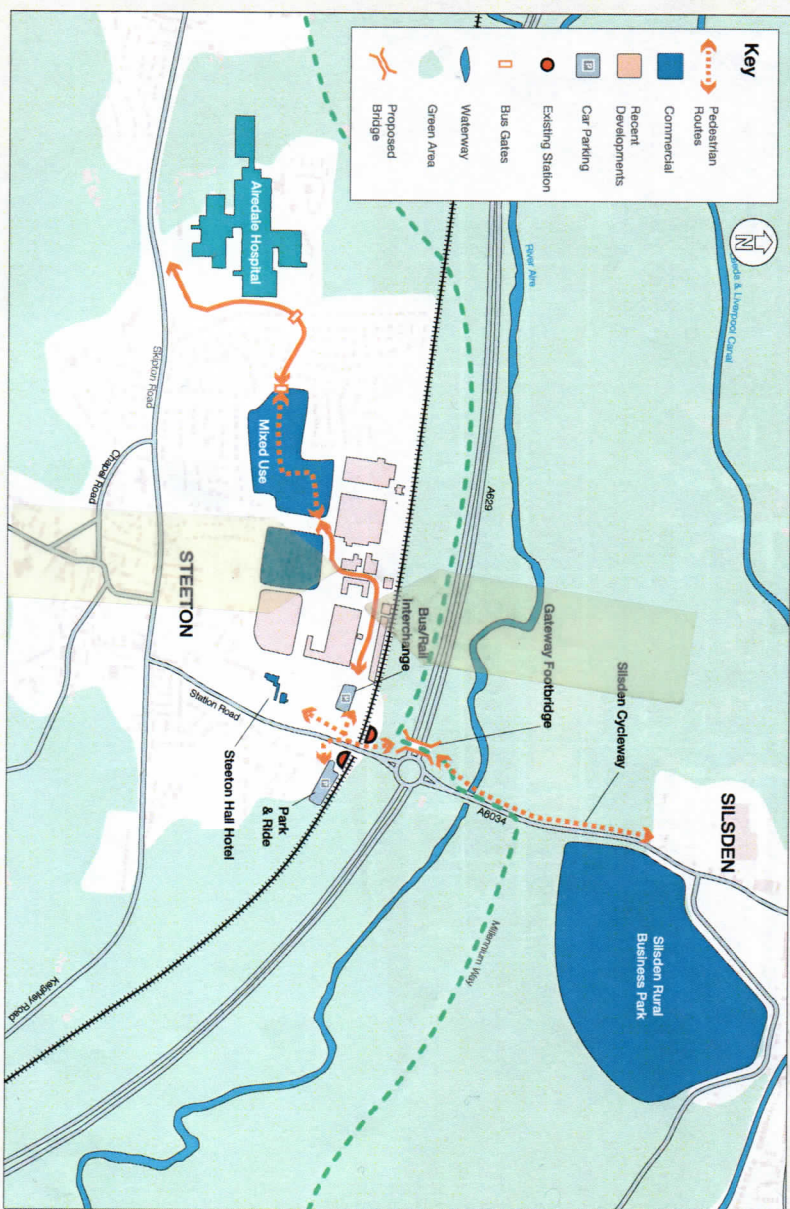
#### Steeton & Silsden Diverse Business Zone

##### Integrated Public Transport Access

There is the potential for large areas of employment land at Silsden and large areas of existing employment at Airedale Hospital and Millennium Business Park. These areas are poorly connected but could be linked by a bus, pedestrian and cycle route direct to Steeton and Silsden railway station and a bus/railway station interchange off the main road. This would allow for a safe pedestrian cycle route from the railway station to the hospital for employees and visitors alike. It would also allow bus access to the core of the Millennium Business Park and a more commercially viable bus route.

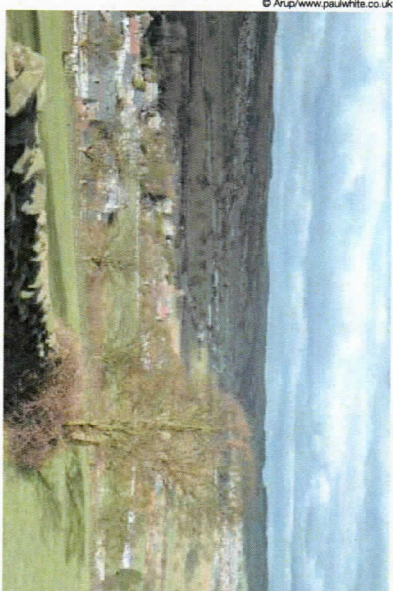
##### Gateway Footbridge

The A650 is a considerable barrier to pedestrian and cycle movement and a new iconic gateway bridge over the road would improve connections between Silsden and the railway station, schools and other services. It would also allow the completion of the Sustrans cycleway and Millennium Walk. A new cycleway bridge would be a very visible icon for the valley and its regeneration, and for the confidence and identity of Airedale.



#### Silsden Rural Business Park

There is significant demand for high-quality industrial and office premises from businesses wanting to relocate throughout Keighley and Craven. There is also a need for state-of-the-art business space for inward investors into the new economy of Airedale. A new rural business park at Silsden defined by high-quality sustainable buildings would provide a way of meeting this demand. This development should not proceed without the completion of the new pedestrian/cycleway bridge over the A650 and the integrated bus rail interchange at Steeton. It should not be developed until the key regeneration zones at Dalton Lane, Crossflatts and Dockfield Road are established.



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