

Outer North West Committee Workshop

Yeadon Town Hall - Tuesday 8th November 2016

Workshop 1

- ONW radials congested – what are plans (for A65/A658) beyond recognising it is an issue?
- 10,000 houses in Rawdon & Guiseley since 2002 no/limited transport investment in that period.
- Horsforth roundabout worse since signalisation.
- Address the traffic on Horsforth Ring Road.

Bus

- Need to change people's mind-sets to choose bus/public transport rather than car.
- Free public transport to achieve promotion and incentivise use.
- Mixed views over reliability of buses, generally viewed as unreliable - especially when frequencies are low (i.e. missed bus = long wait for next one and long gap in service).
- No integrated transport system in ONW/Otley.
- In evening multiple buses to same destination (via different routes) leave within short period of each other (e.g. 13 mins) leaving a 47 min wait for next one.
- 750 service is poor.
- Fares structure is not good – short trips as expensive as longer ones.
- Need to take control/responsibility for bus services.
- Extend the A65 quality bus corridor to ONW.
- A65 needs a bus lane past Cardigans Fields Leisure Park.

Rail

- Trains are overcrowded.
- Reinstate railway to Otley – use of tram/train?

Airport

- Airport link road will not address issues with access to the airport
- What happens if LBIA airport was to close?



Workshop 2

Bus –

- #LeedsTransport www.leeds.gov.uk/transportconversations LeedsTransport@leeds.gov.uk
- Reliability of buses is poor.
 - 737/747 Bradford-Airport-Harrogate services mentioned.
 - Lots of missed buses and buses not in service due to driver hours.
 - Cost of buses: expensive, operators need to work together.
 - Yeadon to Horsforth and Yeadon to Leeds same cost, different distances.
 - Justification for fares? Who decides fares? How can council influence the fares?
 - Multi-operator card (MCard) useful though very limited opportunities to purchase off-bus at retail outlets in ONW – only two places in Yeadon.
 - Pay as you go oyster card system needed.
 - Skip a generation of payment technology to contactless/mobile phones.
 - Encourage children to use buses from a young age.
 - Fix dates of timetable change(s) to buses – like rail do twice a year.
 - Driver hours – terminating services at Horsforth (no good for those travelling beyond).
 - Better rostering of drivers.
 - Driver attitudes can be poor.
 - Make buses more attractive, with Wi-Fi etc.
 - More depots across city, use Bramley drivers on Hunslet depot routes to keep services running rather than not in service.
 - Real time shelter units often show timetable time.
 - Quality of information is important.
 - Instant service updates to Twitter/social media.
 - Mondays are worst for journey times (weekly passes being bought).
 - Remove on-bus payment.
 - Pre-pay off-bus offer needs to be better.

Rail –

- Rail P&R opportunity at Rodley/Calverley.
 - Easy access.
- Poor train stopping pattern at Kirkstall Forge.
 - Heard claims there is limited scope to stop trains due to volume of services along this track.
- Buses should connect to rail stations (e.g. to Apperley Bridge & Horsforth stations).
- Links from Horsforth/Apperley Bridge to Leeds Bradford Airport.
- Security at P&R car parks (e.g. thefts at Apperley Bridge).
- Scope for increased rail capacity through loops and more lines.
- Re-open Thackley tunnels to enhance rail services.
- Make Cross Gates station 4 tracks again.

