

**Leighton Linlade
Community Forum event,
additional analysis of
responses**

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Outline

The Community Forum event asked residents to complete a questionnaire identifying the key highways-related issues in a number of areas:

- Congestion
- Roads
- Access
- Vehicles and safety
- Education and enforcement
- Other comments

This report looks at the key themes emerging from residents' comments in each of these areas. Residents marked relevant locations on a map, which was analysed outside this report.

In addition, a number of comments were left on post it notes at the event. These were relatively small in number, but the comments have been included under each area, as relevant.

It should be noted that there was some overlap in the description of each of the areas. Wherever possible the post it notes have only been counted under one area, but there were a small number (three) that have been included in more than one area.

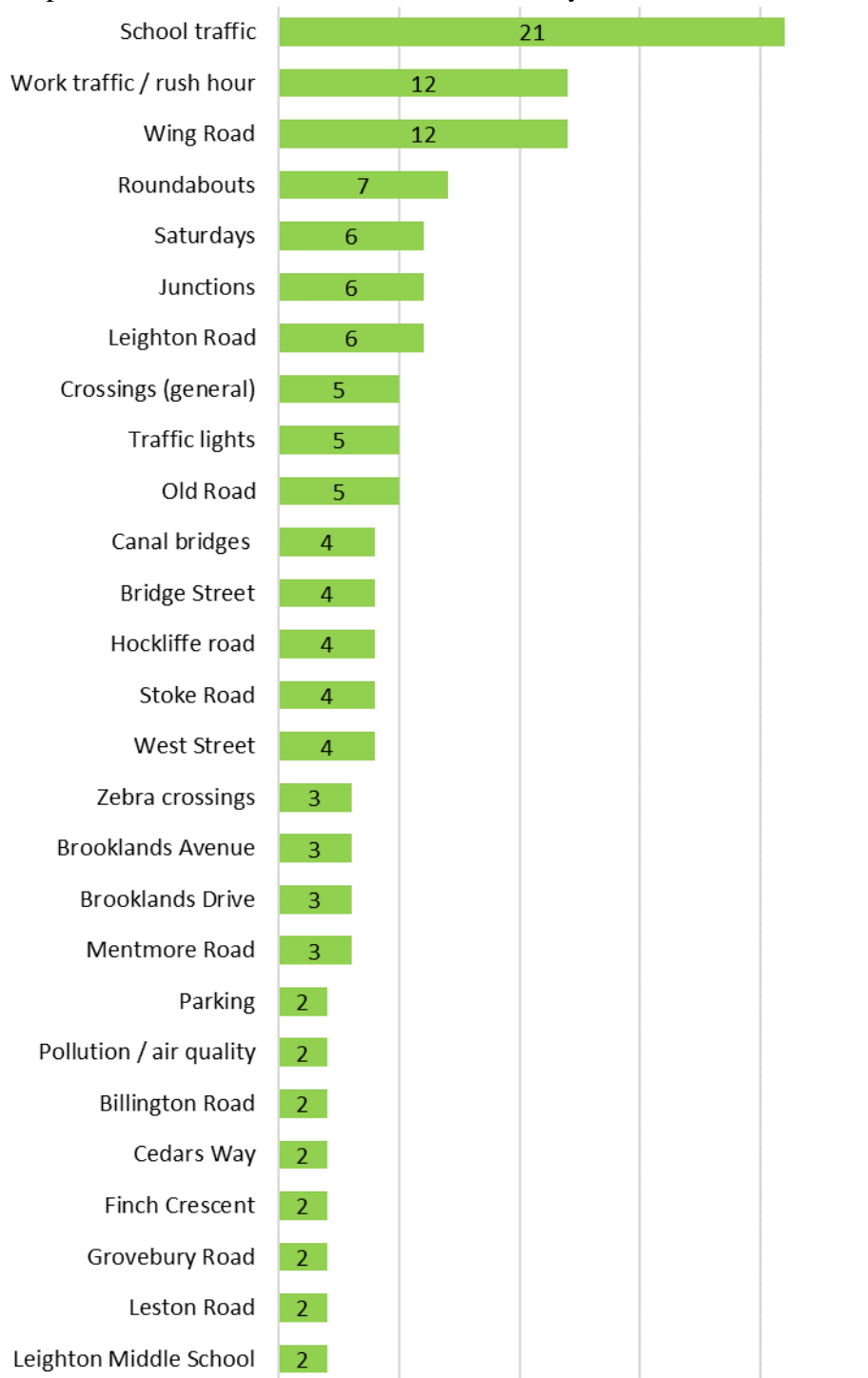
The verbatim questionnaire responses and the post it notes are included at the end of this report.

Analysis of responses by question

Congestion

(school run/crossings/emissions/travel to work)
Please identify ONE key pinch point (use a blue sticker on map board) and indicate below where and when are the worst times

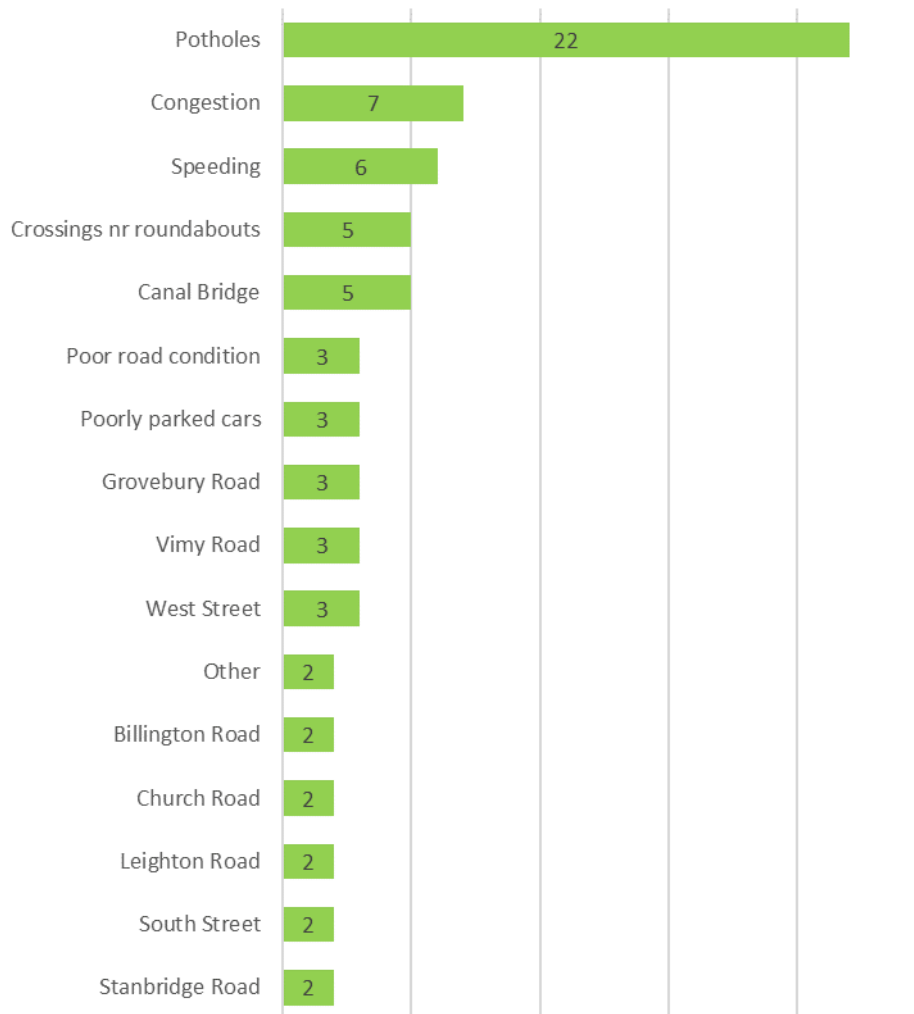
There were 52 responses on congestion (96% of all completed questionnaires). This question generated a wide range of comments, covering times of day, specific roads, and particular issues. This is reflected in the key themes.



Roads

(potholes/congestion/speeding/proximity of crossings to roundabouts)
Please identify ONE issue that you would most like to see resolved (use a yellow sticker on map board) and describe the issue below

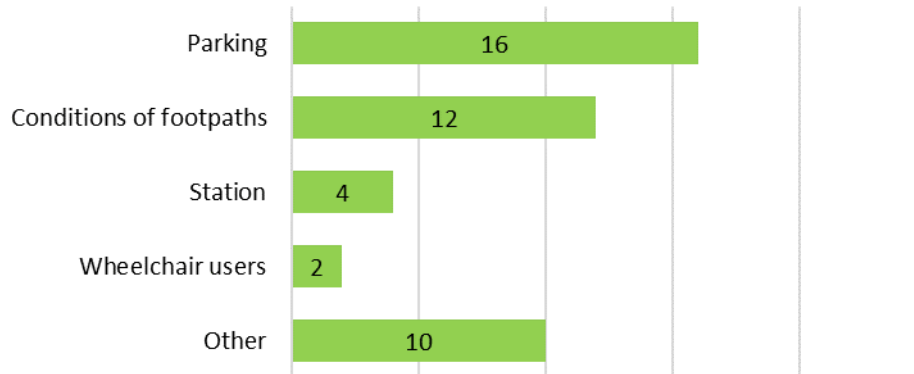
There were 47 comments on roads (87% of all completed questionnaires). Potholes were mentioned most frequently, followed by congestion, speeding, pedestrian crossings near roundabouts and Canal Bridge.



Access

(Wheelchair users/mobility scooters/pushchairs/parking/conditions of footpaths.)
Please identify ONE area where mobility is difficult (use an orange sticker) and explain the problem below

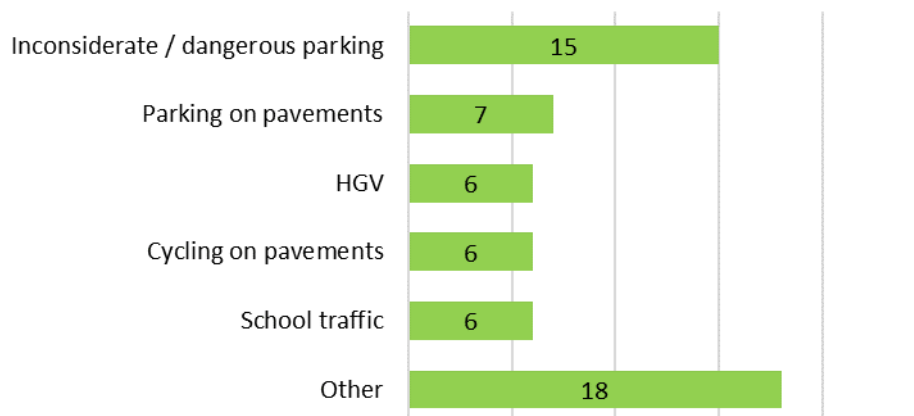
There were 39 comments on access (72% of all completed questionnaires). Parking was mentioned most frequently, followed by the condition of footpaths.



Vehicles and safety

(HGV/emissions/inconsiderate parking/cycling on pavements)
Please identify ONE issue / area where your safety is impaired (use a pink/red sticker) and explain the issue below

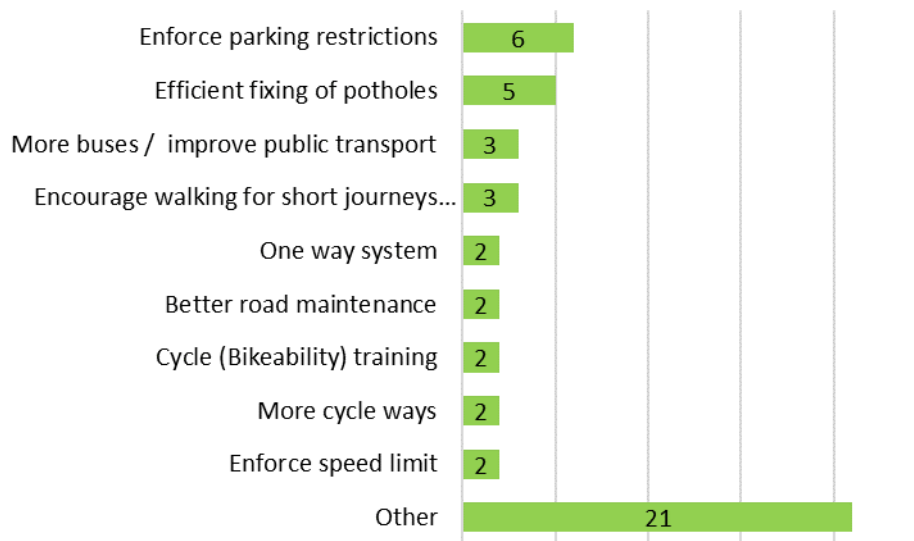
There were 44 comments on vehicles and safety. Inconsiderate or dangerous parking was mentioned most frequently, followed by parking on pavements.



Education and Enforcement (1)

What more do you think Central Bedfordshire Council could be doing to make our roads more efficient and safer

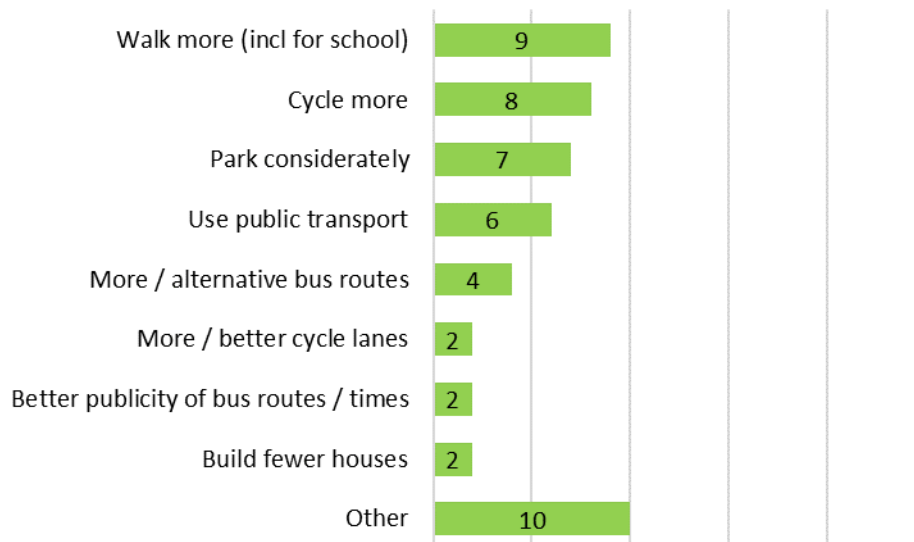
There were 38 comments on making roads safer and more efficient. A wide range of topics were covered by respondents, covering road design and maintenance, encouraging alternatives to the car and enforcing the rules.



Education and Enforcement (2)

Please identify anything residents can do to relieve pressure on our highway network

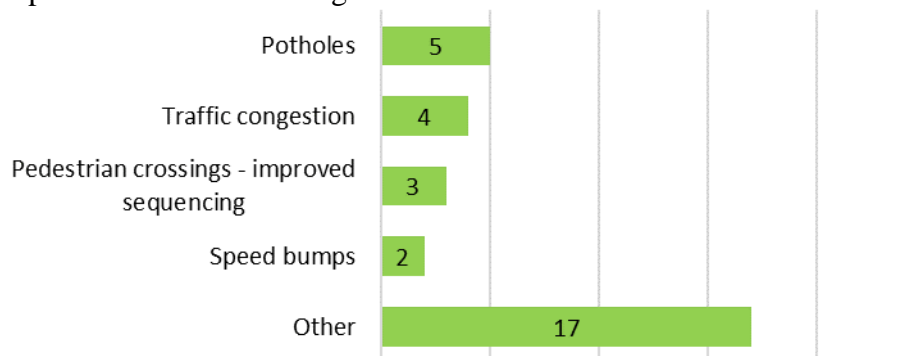
There were 35 comments on how residents can relieve pressure on the highways network. The most frequently mentioned options were for individuals walk or cycle more, park considerately and use public transport. Other comments did also mention providing more bus routes / cycle lanes and publicising existing bus routes.



Other comments

Please use this space to tell us about other highway related issues that you experience

There were 27 comments made in this section of the questionnaire. These covered a wide range of issue, many of them already raised elsewhere in the questionnaire, such as potholes and traffic congestion.

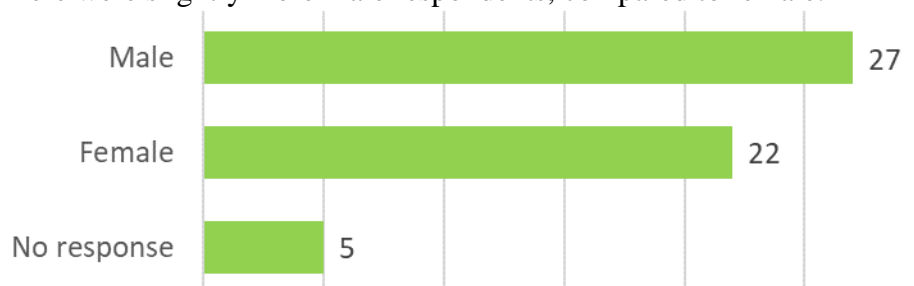


Respondents demographics (questionnaire only)

People who completed the questionnaires were also asked to leave some demographic information.

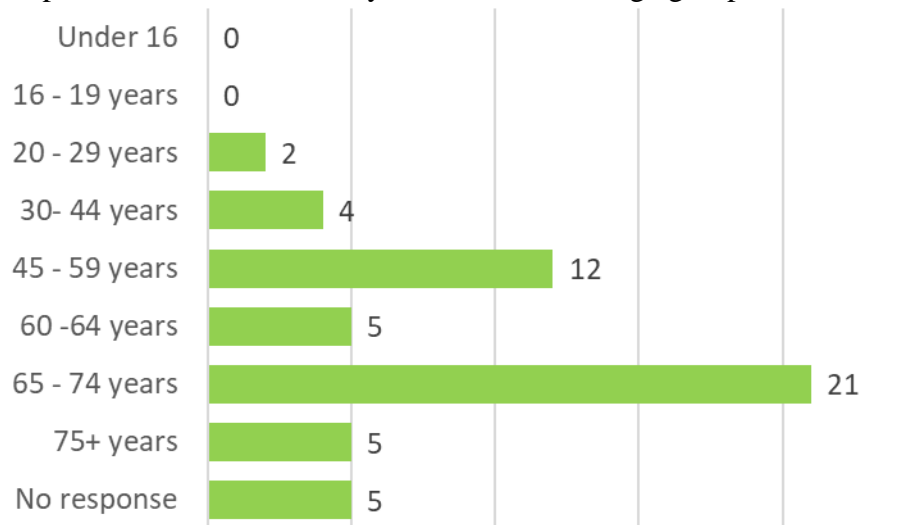
Gender

There were slightly more male respondents, compared to female.



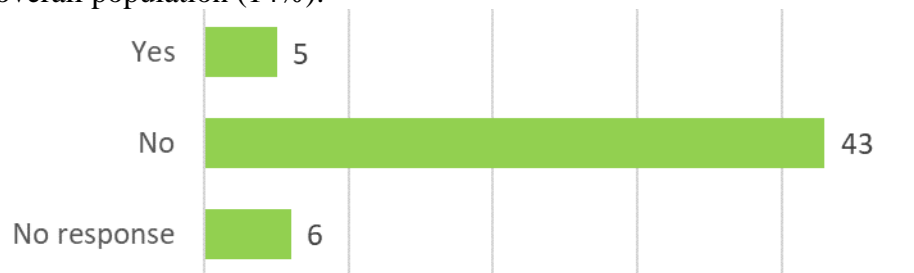
Age

Respondents were more likely to be in the older age groups



Disability

9% of respondents were disabled (answered “yes”), similar to the proportion in the overall population (14%).



Appendix 1: Responses to the questionnaire

Congestion

School traffic congestion at Rock Lane

Rush hour - cause of accidents must be bad for cyclists and pedestrians crossing!

School run - Brooklands Drive/Avenue is heavily congested due to 3 schools and parents parking

Wing Road Railway Bridge - dangerous for cyclists. Old Road and surrounds at rush hour - encourage more people to cycle to the station

I have lived in Sandhills for 10 years and having developed respiratory problems I'm sure it's the traffic in Leighton Buzzard - walking along Billington Road is not pleasant!

Air quality poor due to diesel fumes and conjection; affects health. Need more electric cars; please erect more charging points for electric cars

There are hardly any zebra crossings on Hockliffe Road

In rush hour, the 200 meters east and west of the Vimy roundabout are terribly congested

Billington Road 8 - 9 a.m. 4 - 6 p.m.

Put lights (traffic) on ALL crossings with short timings on Old Road

School times, work times, 8- 9:30; 2:30 - 3:45. Brooklands Avenue is a cut through for cars, vans, lorries and buses

Brooklands Avenue 8:30 - 9 a.m.; 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

Finch Crescent / Wing Road morning and afternoon school runs

Congestion outside Clipstone Brook and Brooklands school

Wing Road / Old Road roundabout. School peak and Saturday a.m.

Turning into Waitrose & Argos shopping centre etc., car park etc.

Rush hours

A lot of congestion on roads around town centre; speed bumps keep them slow

a) Leighton Road Bridge! The Pub/Baz named "The Bottleneck". B) By pass 3 roundabouts on A505 from Grovebury Road to Wing Road. "Root cause" = only 2 ways across river and canal

School run

Cedars Way - people driving on path towards Mentmore Road

Grovebury Road

School run times congestion is bad at Zebra Crossing outside Leighton Middle School

Canal Bridge, Linslade; roundabout with Wing Road

Bridge Street/Leighton Road by the crossing - 3 p.m. weekdays; 12-2 p.m. weekends

Bridge St. junction with West Street

The crossing outside Leighton Middle School (as well as every other school!!) at the beginning and end of the school day

South Street particularly bad in rush hour/school times and dangerous with people parking

Crossings - major issues caused at Bridge Street. Is it not possible to have "lollipop" people plus some barriers to restrict/manage crossings at key times?

Travel to work - 8 - 9 am. And 4 - 6 p.m. but speeding traffic at any time

Congestion

Zebra crossing by Bridge Street on ring road needs splitting with an island/refuge so crossing does not stop traffic in both directions as can be treated as two separate crossings

Old Road/Stoke Road a.m. rush hour; p.m. schools; Saturday late morning but more as well

Peak times traffic lights at Wing Road Rail Bridge and junction Mentmore Road

Finch Crescent running into Cedars Way at p.m. school traffic

Bottom of Soulbury Road/Stoke Road - Wing roundabout; Saturday all day, a.m. rush hour. P.m. schools

Junction Wing Road/Stoke Road/Old Road: Many times of day - traffic flow gets blocked along Leighton Road causing tailbacks

The roundabout at the junction of North Street, Leston Road and West Street

Mentmore Road - school run times and Saturday mornings (extending to Wing Road too)

Leighton Road into Tesco crossing stops flow along Leighton Road as cars turning in have to stop at the crossing.

Traffic lights under bridge on Wing Road have been changed. Never used to cause congestion before

Traffic lights at junction of Wing Road/The Wharf/Mentmore Avenue have been changed causing congestion along Wing Road

Hillside - inconsiderate parking 24/7 close to junction with Plantation Road; very dangerous for vehicles entering/leaving this junction. Exacerbated at morning and evening school times

West Street/Hockliffe Street roundabout 8:30 - 9:30 and 4:30 - 5:00

Junction with Wing/Leighton/Stoke Roads

Brookland

Canal Bridge, Leighton Road

West St., Leston Rd., Hockliffe St. junction - school run a.m. and p.m. and Saturdays

Canal Bridge - what's happened when repaired? Major problems

Traffic lights by funeral business/vaping business in Linslade generates lots of traffic

Every school at 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. and 3 - 4 p.m. Encourage children to walk or cycle to school

Between the crossing just past the bridge at Tesco and the roundabout at Hockliffe St outside of the Connells building; the traffic stops and that whole section becomes grid locked (sticker placed on roundabout)

Brooklands Drive outside school(s) always a problem during peak time and occasionally mid morning

Roads

Grove Road potholes must be nightmare for deliveries to the businesses there

Potholes are extremely dangerous for me as a cyclist on the junction between Billington Road / Johnson Drive

Heath & Reach (and Heath Road) speeding issues. Potholes on North St / Church St between Mill Road and Baker Street dangerous for cyclists

Bad pothole over the canal - Leighton Road. It just gets filled in - not fixed - and the hole is back after one rainfall

Roads

Potholes in many places on pavements; dangerous to cyclists

The potholes on and to the immediate west of the Vimy Road roundabout are very bad, and repairs never last long

Congestion on Billington Road 8 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 6 p.m.

Traffic light timings on all crossings

There are more holes than road - accident waiting to happen

Potholes - congestion Hockliffe Street - West Street to pedestrian crossings

Canal Bridge / West St

Potholes on Grovebury Road

Congestion round town; air quality

Coming from town roundabout near Dragon Inn crossing too near to corner

Potholes and bad crossing

South St - speeding and potholes. Stanbridge Road

I think the roads seem to be in pretty good condition

Potholes and proximity of zebra crossings and mini roundabouts impedes traffic flow everywhere! But classic example is Leighton Road bridge and surround towards Waitrose

Potholes - too many

Tiddenfood / Cedars entrance - large pothole appearing

Speeding - Stanbridge Road

The road from the Canal Bridge at Tesco all the way up to roundabout at Taylors Estate Agents in poor condition

Grovebury Road

The 'slug' (Canal Bridge)

Canal Bridge and Tesco Vimy Road roundabout

Congestion caused by inappropriately parked cars

Traffic exceeding speed limit of 20 mph - signage does not warn traffic of 20 mph limit

No enforcement of 20 mph on Lake St; some cars race up to cross and across

Congestion on bypass at Cheddington roundabout

Canal Bridge! Pothole. Bridge St / West St controlled; zebra crossing not required

Vimy Road

Church Road potholes on way to station - among many other places

The road by the Canal Bridge, Linslade

Bridge St / West St - the siting of the crossing gives too much priority to pedestrians causing long 'stops' for traffic which quickly tailbacks in all directions

The potholes in the turning circle and along Digby Road

Sticker on Church Road but the condition of all the roads and footpaths around the station are very poor. A bad welcome from the town

Potholes - damage to my car! As a pensioner, cost of repairs/replacements is expensive

Plantation Road - over this last winter a large number of potholes have appeared in a virtually continuous stretch starting from Junction with Adams to L Buzzard golf club. Also speeding in both 40 and 30 mph limit areas continues

South St., Grovebury Road, Stanbridge Road

Roads

Tesco heavy traffic congestion/crossings close to roundabout/damage to road surface. Need for controlled crossings

Lynwood Road

Everywhere - Bridge & Tesco roundabout

Hockliffe St. roundabout congestion

Potholes by lorry services on Leighton Road towards Stanbridge

More 20 mph speed limits on all roads on estates

Potholes and cars parked on the side making it dangerous to pass

Apart from increasing number of potholes, siting crossings near to roundabouts always seems a dangerous practice coupled with increase of local and through traffic

Access

It would be good if people could access Linslade via the lift at the station

Main line station

Crossing railway by bike very difficult. Barriers on cycle lane @ Morrisons - can't get a bike and trailer through or disability trike

The crossing on Leighton Road next to the Ouzel is too close to the junction and people coming from the roundabout are paying attention to the roundabout, not the crossing

Footpaths crumbling and holes. Access gate from Southcourt Road to station is locked! My disabled friends cannot access Southcourt Road

Access, e.g. to Banks, for disabled people who have not yet got, or are not eligible for, a blue badge is particularly difficult in the High Street. Mostly because of parking problems. Perhaps making parking for disabled only throughout the High St.

Footpaths parking

Church Road pavements all broken. Alley between Church Road / New Road loose brick paving

Inconsiderate parking on estate roads, especially roads that take all traffic

Market - lack of gaps between stalls means disabled people have access problems

I think the footpaths are in quite good condition but I would like to see trees in North Street

Junction of Wing Road/Mentmore Road and surrounds a nightmare for blind, wheelchair users and others

Parking

Bideford Green

Parking

Difficult to walk/Scoot with my young children into town from Linslade side as too many roads to give way to on Esso garage side

Grasmere Way Pavements

State of paths/driveways making walking difficult for elderly residents. Pavements in Church Road are a similar problem

Parking on pavements makes it difficult / impossible for wheelchairs/prams/pushchairs

Parking causing problems for both car and pedestrian access on South Street

Access

Parking on pavements is a major issue - especially outside schools

condition of footpaths - too narrow - one person wide - no footpath on otherside - narrow road

Condition of footpaths on Bideford Green

School parking - Southcott School

Footpath King Road - Ashburnham Crescent - LU7 2PB for ref

New Road footpaths - narrow and poor surface, obscured by parked cars - difficult to even walk

Church Road - pavements and parking by Southcott School. Bideford Green

Railway Station - insufficient pick up / drop off spaces

Poor pavement maintenance making it difficult and dangerous for wheelchair users and pedestrians

Church Road (parking as pavement)

Hillside - between Heath & Plantation Roads - the south side footway is a shambles - difficult to walk over even if you are not disabled. Needs a comprehensive uniform resurface

Hockliffe Street parking - opposite shops (takeaways)

Wheelchairs generally ok - on pavement parking an issue

Parking - main car park multi-storey - charging system - not working - discouraging people from coming into town

Parking on footpaths East St; Summer St - you have to walk in the road, the people of St George's Court have mobility scooters

Footpaths repairing

Morrisons barriers prevent trailers and larger human-powered vehicles (e.g. trikes)

The barriers at Morrisons are virtually impossible for a bike with carriers to get through

Not enough stickers! Parking is a problem everywhere, often down to inconsiderate drivers and no suitable enforcement

Vehicles and safety

High vehicles parked on Billington Road (in parking bay) means drivers can't see to get out of the Maltings junction

Inconsiderate parking near Brooklands Middle School - several times on the way to and from school my daughter has experienced near misses with parents stopping sharply on the road in front of her

Parking on cycles lanes, e.g. Hockliffe St and North St and generally dangerous car parking. Vandyke Road now so narrowed by car parking is very intimidating to cycle along

Cycling on pavements - pavements have been turned into cycle paths and riders are inconsiderate to pedestrians. They are now safer as they are off the road but pedestrians are not. Too many times I have had to get out of their way - cyclists coming around a bend without looking who's coming, children passing you doing wheelies etc., cyclists using their phones

Durng school run multiple cars are parked on verges which restricts emergency vehicles being able to access Rock Lane and Rock Close (entrance to Rock Lane) (Linslade Lower School)

Vehicles and safety

At weekends cars park along South Court Avenue to avoid paying station car park charges. This is a safety issue as the road is then not wide enough for 2 cars to pass each other. Solution: restrict South Court parking at weekends

Vehicle emissions! Poor air quality. Cyclist safety impaired. More cycle lanes

Negotiating the junction between St Andrews St (where I live) and North St/Baker St is tricky for cyclists (of which I am one), especially when there is a large delivery lorry outside Bargain Booze as it impairs visibility

Ban HGV's and parking on pavements

Adults cycling on pavement taking their children to school

Parking everywhere- cycle on all footpaths

Wing Road - lorry access/speeding/schools kids on bikes/wheelies on pavements

Inconsiderate parking opposite Brooklands School

Sandhills by school, so dangerous

Hockliffe Road near Santander - awful parking forcing pedestrians into road. Also mums with pushchairs forced to negotiate around illegally parked cars

These are not particular problems for me. I haven't seen too many people cycling on footpaths but I think the roads are too busy for cyclists

Mini roundabout at junction of Cedars Way/Mentmore Road 'blind spot' and priority not obvious leading to collisions and difficulty for pedestrians crossing

Cycling on pavements

Cedars Way

As a cyclist and pedestrian all through the main road from Tesco's right along to Morrison's is dangerous with poor attitudes from a lot of motorists

Bridge Street parking on double yellow lines at school time

Vehicles parked on pavement in Hockliffe St. South St vehicles driving up the pavement

Taxis outside Pizza Express weekends and evenings

Parking in roads within walking distance of the railway station adds to the congestion problem

Inconsiderate parking on South Street on all corners of streets running off South Street

HGV vehicles using weight limited roads in/around town and manage, warn, fine

Large vehicles on narrow road with narrow pavement. Bassett Road next to West Street LU7 1AR

Hockliffe St. Parking on double yellow/pavement. Deliveries to electrical store

Need a footpath on opposite side of Bideford Green by Southcott but up hill so can cross away from blind spot

Southcott School area on yellow lines, zig zags etc. Impaired access for emergency vehicles

Ashburnham Crescent verges all length, both sides most of the time

Parking on zig zags and double yellows by Southcott School Linslade

Youths cycling in Waterbourne shopping area and new multi-storey

Cyclists on pavement in Church St and North St

Taxis at the station with engines running

Visibility at Canal Bridge - Old Linslade Road - This hazard requires traffic signals to remove hazard

Vehicles and safety

Why do overweight HGV's carrying L plates use Stanbridge Road?

Leighton Road - cycles on pavement - no indication they are behind you

Parking on footpaths, grass verges as it is impossible to negotiate the footpaths

Ban HGV's and parking on pavements

Leighton Road towards Stanbridge (both directions). Take the lane and suffer road rage from angry drivers or cycle in the gutter - dangerous overtaking. We need to finish the bike lane from Luton to end of Sewell greenway so it reaches LB

Vans, car, lorries parking in the cycle lane in Hockliffe Street

Vehicles parked on corners for visibility coming in and out of Vandyke Road

Keep HGV's out of town, enforce correct parking, half and half parking is an issue that should be sorted, even police vehicles sometimes adopt this action

Education and enforcement (1): What could make our roads safer and more efficient?

More efficient and early treatment of potholes, less mini roundabouts

Encourage walking crocodiles for schools. Buses available <3 mile radius

One way systems around current 'rat runs'

Clean up debris that is left on the roads, especially dual carriageways

More buses, more cycle ways, better work/school travel plans

Prosecute drivers for tailgating, parking on pavements. Educate speeding drivers and try to increase their empathy

Make our road a one way system

Have a ****huge**** campaign to encourage people to walk or cycle for short journeys, i.e. if less than 2 miles. It only takes approx. 20 mins to walk a mile and if fitness increases you can increase the distance or reduce the time it takes

Average speed cameras "point to point". Better quality tarmac when re-laying/building roads so that the same potholes do not have to be repaired year on year

Put the cycle path on the road and get the cyclists off the pavements - and enforce it

Invest in better cycle infrastructure and measures to encourage people out of cars and use buses cycles more

More parent and family cycling training at school run time!!

More subsidies on buses for "workers" to the station, industrial estates and the High Street from villages

Introduce a congestion charge

Maintain the roads, cost is a problem, but some efforts need to be made or we become like some roads in third world countries I have seen

Stricter and safer parking enforcement. I am aware that most roads were built when cars were not so prevalent but it is making it dangerous to turn out of some roads.

Promote bikeability training for children in schools and adults

More education about cyclists being able to take the lane to improve their safety

Spend more money

Educating people and making sure people know the highway code

Education and enforcement (1): What could make our roads safer and more efficient?

Maintain the roads in a more timely way

Consider impact on mass housing development

"Lollipop" ladies to control people crossing roads

Reduce the congestion pinch-points caused by uncontrolled pedestrian crossings too close to roundabouts

Lollipop ladies at school crossings so that crossing is controlled and enables traffic to flow

Enforcing parking and emissions regulations occasionally so that people don't know when they're coming around and park more considerately, more often, just in case

Provide better off road parking by putting hard standing but permeable material to replace grass verges

Better quality road maintenance. Potholes in ALL streets and repairs do not last

Enforce any restrictions on speed and parking

Improve maintenance - ensure better quality construction in the first place. Improve public transport to reduce traffic

Enforce restrictions!

Clean road gullies along Soulbury Road stop people parking on paths in Bideford Green

Enforce existing speed limited, esp 20 mph

Talk to schools about student responsibilities as they cross roads etc.

More enforcement of road traffic laws on local streets

Monitoring/controlling parking; repairing potholes; think before putting in zebra crossings

Repair of potholes is non-existent. The condition of the roads is appalling

Encourage cycling and walking into town and pedestrianise the road from Tesco up to Taylor's Estate Agent roundabout and a new road behind Bassett Road to take traffic out of town

Education and enforcement (2): How can we relieve pressure on highways network?

Think more abouts journey's made, use public transport, if suitable consider park and ride for people coming into L Buzzard for new retail park

More accepting of cyclists

Park in parking areas not pavements. Cycle lanes

Cycle more!

Better bus

Not park on the footpaths but in their garages or drives

Walking children to school - form groups to do this safely

Use bus services more. An increased frequency on Route 150 Aylesbury - M Keynes would help or superimpose a new route say from MK - Woburn - L Buzzard - Wing

Don't expect to just put your foot on a pedestrian crossing and go across. Wait until road is clear or there are a few of you to cross. Also, 'look up from your phones' and be traffic aware

Think about pedestrians and cyclists when parking

Walk short distances whenever possible rather than using car. Use public transport wherever possible

Use car less but needs better transport

Education and enforcement (2): How can we relieve pressure on highways network?

Share cars or walk, also park in correct areas not just where they think is nearest to the location they want

Have more 20 mph to end all of all 30 mph limited as previously referred

Take the bus - assuming there is one

There will need to be proper strategic planning to take on the 5000+ new cars which will want access to the LB town centre and parking which is simply not there at present

Walk/cycle more

Walk to town or walk to school rather than use car

Have some respect and thought for other road/pavement users

Better more considerate parking

Park considerately

Walk more and cycle more. Reduce traffic - exercise more - reduce obesity - reduce pollution and reduce rushing life

Cycle in the freshly remarked cycle ways

Use public transport, cycle, walk and better footpaths and cycle networks

Take a bus! Better publicity of bus routes on the internet

Rat-runs cannot be influenced by residents - Council has to take charge and take action

Please can we have bus information

Walk more

Don't build so many houses

Too many houses being built for the highways to take

Walk and cycle more. It can be very enjoyable, especially in the green and pleasant areas of town (such as Ouzel Meadow)

Ensure that any preventative signage put up by the Council is in place, i.e. if damaged or missing report to a Council hotline

Cycle more, don't block pavements and cycle lane with parked cars

Cycle more, use buses - which we need more 'hopper' style ones

More buses for everyone

Other Comments

Enforce the 'no parking on grass verges law!!

Cars overtaking too fast and too close to cyclists. Potholes not being repaired that are okay for cars but potentially lethal for cyclists

Inconsiderate cyclists on pavements in the morning when it is dark; people don't care they are on a bike, mostly with no lights, sometimes using their phone so they're not even looking where they are going

Potholes, inappropriately positioned speed cameras (Dewnhill), speed bumps damaging cars

Too many potholes

Fill in all potholes and clean all road signs and remove anything that makes them unreadable

Lots of traffic from one end of the town to the other - build up of traffic especially near zebra crossings near roundabouts

Other Comments

No infrastructure put in place when new houses are built

Provision of a pedestrian crossing between Tidenfoot Leisure Centre and Linslade Middle school where speed bump is currently located. Many drivers already treat this as a pedestrian crossing but not all. School undertaking traffic/pedestrian crossing survey and commencing a campaign with local residents, pupils' parents and school governors

Potoles are an issue this year for me while I drive or cycle

Please promote buses and give decent info. More cycle ways

New link road from A5 to M1 needs clearing of wreckage etc.

I think the new busway in Luton and Dunstable is really good

Speed bumps too close together

School traffic = congestion

Aggressive drivers and inconsiderate drivers towards cyclists. A need to get past at any costs is dangerous

Some of the routes to the station are poor - puddles and no crossings, e.g. junction with Springfield Road and Soulbury Road

HGV's not using bypass

There needs to be a whole view of strategic planning, e.g. when new developments go in making sure other areas in the down don't suffer from parking into the town in the east by the station or use of the roads

Letting Arriva remove direct bus service to L & Dhospital was madness and means people now using cars instead of bus

Poor road and pavement maintenance, Inappropriate and inefficient road sweeping

Congestions - couldn't there be more shuttle-type buses around town at key hours to reduce traffic

Control crossings to enable traffic to flow

Disregard by motorists of 20 mph limits on the main roads leading out of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade

There is a need to control people using crossings - they presently just constantly 'trickle' across giving no time for traffic to move on - causing congestion - panda or controlled crossings are needed

Traffic lights are now not synching with need, i.e. when car comes, they are timed and result in cars being held when no car is coming the otherway, i.e The Wharf, Wing Road, Train Bridge

Generally traffic problems roads not coping

Appendix 2: Post it note comments

These comments are presented as grouped by the organisers.

Generalised comments

Not sure your process will capture the key issues and key hot spots. Suggest Focus Groups a better approach

Random (seemingly) road closures by Anglian Water with little or no warning (it seems)

No enforcement of driving while on phone in Leighton Buzzard

Town roads system not up to volume of people and traffic in the town. Total congestion nightmare

Complete an inner ring road in Leighton Buzzard to deal with huge increase in population

On the whole, the town centre is pretty good – the traffic is kept slow

Parking issues

Multi storey car park in West Street is a disgrace. We were promised ‘exciting new charges’.

What we got was queues to pay, correct change only and no credit cards under £3.50!

Meanwhile, the car park is dirty, in need of painting, stairwells particularly. Entrance always blocked by Iceland delivery lorries.

Car park – multi storey: the new charging system is not working or fair – no card payments under £3.50. This is not helping to encourage people into town

Verge parking on corner of Hinton Cloe and Russell Way – wheelchair access impeded.

Rock Lane verge parking – enforcement or prevention

If we continue to allow parking on footpaths and verges, which are not built to hold this weight, they will be breaking and there is no funding to fix this

Entrance to Rock Lane during school rush – no emergency vehicle access into Rock Lane/Rock

Close due to parking on verges.

Stop taxi’s parking in Lake Street on Saturdays



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