

Review of Feedback Form

“Thinking differently about travel in Bath“

3rd March 2018

We received 48 feedback forms from an event that attracted over 60 people. Below are listed (in no particular order) what individuals want to happen next. These ideas have been roughly grouped and roughly numbered by how many individuals made the same or similar point.

Miscellaneous Ideas (from all 48 feedback forms)

- We need a joined up vision and it needs to be delivered in a reasonable timescale.
- Whatever solution is delivered should work for local people and not penalise them e.g. parking schemes that charge a lot of money.
- If affordable alternatives were available people would use them e.g. people would use buses and not cars if they were cheaper and ran when and where people wanted.
- Pointing at barriers is not a helpful construction? Make traffic go around residents.
- Transport Technology is under going and will in the next 50 years have a revolution, particularly car and lorry transport.
- WE should do the doable solutions now before investing in far-reaching and expensive solutions that could become redundant in just a few years time.
- Think and plan – all too often schemes are ill thought through
- More streets to be closed at particular times to all traffic (accept access)
- Begin the conversation with the metro mayor to make sure Bath receives some funding for our ideas.
- Set up of a cross party working group for Transport in Bath including residents and business owners.
- Think about the Vision and current policies.
- Pressure Council (through Council Connect) to mend pavements and fill pot-holes. Pedestrianise more areas.
- Join a local movement to approach idling vehicles and ask people to to switch off their engines.
- Get communities to get involved in neighbourhood changes where there is a stronger sense of place e.g. Playing Out Initiative.
- Important for people to live in spaces where cars are just less dominate as this helps change behaviour, habits and ways of seeing the world and will shape what happens in the long term.
- More meetings like this – more specific, more consensus building, more consideration for now, B&NES needs to listen.
- An action plan building on today.
- Pressure for the political will to make the practical changes suggested today.
- Look at what works and see how it already has been done e.g. Europe

- Employs Senior Transport officers with real experience.
- Invest in our local centres in the same way Widcombe has been.
- Set up a Council for Bath.
- People do what their neighbours do – use social pressure.
- More meetings and conversations with speakers.
- Encourage ownership of the problem.
- Use Transition Larkhall website to communicate between participants.
- Maintain communications with Mark Shelford and the Council
- Form working groups to research data.
- Transition Larkhall to do a city wide campaign promoting sustainable transport choices, so people become more aware of the issues, e.g. Posters, fact sheets.
- Need to agree a Vision and have this published.
- No political divide – the vision must be neutral and we need longer than a 4 year term.
- Keep involving the public – like today.
- Linking traffic problems and the environment – Council departments need to work together.
- An online face book page or forum to keep up the discussion.
- Council must spend some budget on data gathering.
- People not Cars – make decision based on what we want our city to look like/feel like – green spaces, pedestrian city, walk/cycle, public transport
- Temporary Pedestrianisation/Bikeisation every Sunday to get people used to the idea of getting out of the car.
- More spaces to develop the conversations between all residents.
- Make Bath a co-operative city
- Discovery Cards – a charge for these under pension age, which can then be used as a discount on public transport.
- Publicise Air Pollution Scores.
- Public realm owned by people not cars
- Scrap the idea of the a36/A46 link road and put in funding into local initiatives to help transport in the city
- Display traffic emissions on the London Rad like speed displays so people can see in real time what emissions are like – creating awareness for everyone using that route.
- Educate that brake and tyre use cause pm pollution

Children and Schools (22 feedback forms mentioned issues around children and getting to school)

- Safe walking for children. Freedom to move safely and independently
- Free school transport system
- Listen to our children
- Travel plans for schools that dis-incentivise car travel
- Car drop off exclusion zones around schools
- School buses
- An integrated education plan to work with children in schools to re-educate them on the dangers of car use.

- Ban driving to school
- Schools to collect data and engage with schemes to reduce car use.
- Private schools need to provide school buses
- Safe routes for walking and cycling to schools and nurseries.
- Spread data about children who walk do better
- Better school transport and free
- Engage children is coming up with creative ideas real bottom up
- Develop an ecology of behaviour change
- Networking to develop peer support for behaviour change e. g. Losing weight
- Schools to take responsibility for children who are being driven, particularly private schools where children are outside the catchment area
- More incentives to persuade parents not to use the car for school transport
- Safe cycle routes to school

Vehicle Use (14 feedback forms)

- No diesel or petrol in the city centre
- Move to renewables
- Change buses and taxis to electric only.
- Electric charging points on streets
- Consider congestion charge
- Ban HGV's in a world heritage city
- Congestion charging
- Create a clean air zone for the whole of Bath
- Recognise that some people need to travel into Bath to work.
- Close garages – no sale of petrol/diesel in Bath
- Phase out petrol/diesel and driver driven vehicles by 2028
- Cheap free public transport
- Encourage autonomous vehicles
- Integrated ticketing and payment

Walking (24 feedback forms mentioned the issues of walking and pedestrianisation)

- Safe routes for walking
- Walking- priority given in all planning choices
- Pedestrianise city centre
- Better public transport – timetables, comfort, cost
- WE need more crossings, especially in Larkhall Square
- Priorities safe walking and cycling spaces on residential routes over vehicles ALWAYS
- Exploit Bath's popularity and heritage status to make the centre car free, people won't stop coming.
- Bath has very high levels of walking to work, but in many areas the pedestrian does not feel like the priority (The button at lights does not stop for ages)

- Add more Zebra crossings, more pedestrian friendly for locals and tourists.

Public Transport (29 feedback forms spoke about the need for Public transport, its cost and for it to be taken out of private ownership)

- Trains – electrify the line through Bath
- Free public transport
- Linking surrounding rural areas to the city with a network of public transport e.g. trams
- Free and dedicated bus routes
- Bus fares to be simpler: same price from outer areas e.g. Radstock in to centre as from Park & Ride
- Free fares for Under 18's and £1 for adults
- Cheaper buses and trains must be cheaper than driving.
- No through routes on Bailbrook Lane and other residential rat runs
- Agitate for better bus services with no emissions
- More local trains
- Phase in Public Ownership of Public transport
- Free public transport funded by Tourist tax
- Bus strategy for B&NES and clean buses, fares and frequency

Trams (11 feedback forms mentioned trams, however the view of tram use is very mixed, some are for it, some against it)

- Trams are a good idea work towards this
- Trams are a fantasy
- Trams are a good opportunity and a further tourist attraction
- Install trams but not in a half hearted way
- Free bus/tram transport
- Trams are not a good option – not a big enough network without huge infrastructure costs
- Trams are a great idea but where will the money come from. We need visions that actually happen at last
- Trams are a tourist attraction and not a solution
- Look at innovative schemes e.g. trams
- Consider trams

Cars (24 feedback forms)

- Make driving the worst option.
- Realise not everyone can use buses – cars need to be an option
- Restrict car usage and increase charges for parking
- Penalise and only allow cars to drive 3 times in a week
- Make it so expensive you do not want to
- Strongly dis-incentivise private car use
- Bar cars from city centre
- Promote car sharing as in California

- Think about planning when it comes to house building – how can car use be re thought.
- No cars in the city centre
- No cars in community (village) centres
- Ban HGV's on Cleveland Bridge
- Congestion charge for coaches and lorries
- This is the time for behaviour change
- Car share and electric parking only as the majority not the exception
- Residents parking only through out Bath
- East of Bath A46 there needs to be a Park & Ride
- Car share – more companies/institutions need to make this more popular
- Realise that cars are subsidised and that walking, and cycling, and public transport should get this investment too.
- Work place parking levy
- Restrict number of cars in city centre
- Put parking underground in city centre

Cycling (24 feedback forms spoke about improvements to cycling)

- Safe cycling routes.
- Improve the links to join up cycle routes, make them safer
- More cycle routes, safe and integrated
- Continuous segregated cycle paths
- Invest in safe cycle infrastructure
- Car free network
- Cycling to have much more priority
- Contraflow from London Road to Larkhall
- Automatic penalty for drivers who hit cyclists
- Segregated cycle routes on London Rd, Upper and lower Bristol Rad, to and from University, schools, train station. If you build it and its connected and safe they will come
- Bike parking everywhere
- As a keen cyclist in London the biggest change to cycling was the congestion charge that reduced traffic, after this you need cycle lanes and electric bikes
- Encourage schools to cycle
- Take on Adams excellent ideas for new cycle routes in the city
- Introduce help to buy bikes for everyone