

Transport

Transport within the Calne Community Area should be swift, safe and affordable. It should be easy for everyone to access, understand and use. It should be both environmentally and economically sustainable. There should be ease of movement for people and goods. People should be able to make choices about how to travel into, around and from Calne town. This choice of mobility will strongly contribute to the character and quality of life in the Calne Community Area in order to make it an attractive place to live and work.

Achievements since the 2006 update of the plan

- Route 55 bus has become active and successful
- Full disabled access on some public vehicles
- A town cycle network on the Town Council map
- Wigglybus service continued until 2007, replaced with Connect2Wiltshire

Aspirations not met since the 2006 update

- Lack of full disabled access on all public vehicles
- Town cycle map fails to connect to the rural areas, is not widely known
- Not all schools have green transport plans
- No resolution of the congestion and safety issues on the roads

Principal Issues raised in the most recent community feedback

- Public Transport
- Traffic Issues
- Parking
- Cycling and Walking

Specifics under the above

- Improve disabled access/offer better network/stops on the bypass/evening transport/lower fares young people/taxi parking nearer shops
- Volume and speed of traffic in town centre/on A4 into town and central area, the central area
- Congestion/safety issues
- Major problems at Holy Trinity school/A4, Fynamore School and double parking or “blocking”
- Parking in central area. Derry Hill School also suffers similar congestion and parking issues.
- Insufficient cycle parking all over town, safety issues over shared road space, upkeep of foot
- Paths and cycleways, the need for more cycle paths
- Wider publicity should be given to up-to-date continuous cycling and footpath maps
- Bus operators should ensure all their drivers assist disabled passengers and always stop for waiting passengers

Ways in which these issues are currently being met

- Discussion on ways of improving affordable public transport for young people in the evenings and at weekends.
- Canvassing of Wiltshire Passenger Transport Unit for more flexible network and new stops
- Seeking completion of full disabled access on all public transport serving the community area
- Measures being introduced at Fynamore School and Derry Hill School to ease access by means of good, safe footpaths.
- Cycle stands being introduced in several new locations within the town and the Community Area.

Aspirations of the Transport Group for the next 10 years

The aim is to enable the people of the Calne Community Area to reach their destination of choice quickly, safely and in an environmentally friendly way. The Calne Community Area covers rural and urban communities, with good access at all times to facilities forming a key part of the general well-being of all residents. A new culture of travel opportunities and choices based on better public transport choices and more support for cycling, walking and mobility user vehicles will affirm these aspirations.

How to achieve this:

- Reduce traffic speeds within the town centre and the approach roads

- Prepare and complete an upgraded cycle plan which connects different parts of the town, and the town with the rural areas.
- Improve pavements and footpaths by new surfacing and widening for greater safety whilst sharing road space.
- Seek to improve pavements to allow for dual pedestrian/cycling use.
- Address parking and congestion issues
- Achieve available, affordable, public transport for evenings and weekends
- Achieve full disabled access on all public transport
- Encourage less use of local car journeys by promoting walking/cycling
- Resolve the town centre congestion by one, or all, of the above means
- Seek investment for projects which improve the choice and availability of public transport,
- The upgrading and extension of safe cycling and walking facilities.
- The construction of a Transport Hub in the town centre offering multiple facilities (travel and local information, toilets, refreshments and communications facilities)
- Such a facility would encourage use of the town centre as a venue to visitors and to local shoppers.
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