

## Rethinking Victoria Road Consultation Event January 2019

**Litter & dog waste, unsavoury characters, general run-down appearance of some properties and dominance of traffic, perceived usage road crossing, lack of parking and enforcement and general maintenance of the street were some of the main themes**

### **Litter and waste**

Dog bins needed – even those who do pick up can't put it anywhere.

Pot holes and rubbish in back lanes are messy.

Litter and dog waste are a problem.

Nelson Tce resident – litter on Clifton Road is an impact of takeaways on the street.

Bins on Clifton Road & Herbert – rubbish and litter is a huge issue. Want bins like town centre – wind can blow rubbish out. Both businesses and residents bins not being stored properly will be fined.

Positions of bins need to be considered.

All the rubbish comes onto Victoria Road from other streets and back lanes and this needs addressing.

Cattle mart stinks, clean with street cleaners, leaves all over, making the area slippery – Back of Bankside Court uneven, no good path not easy to walk.

Shared massive bins – who cleans them?

If this is the view you see from the first time you come off train it is horrific, there are not enough litter bins

Back lane – constant rubbish, unsocial behaviour drug use, bins left for weeks, smashed bottles

Doctors surgery – bushes full of litter, safety issues, no one tidies their business, takeaways look a mess.

They knock bins over, birds a problem in the backlane in all the bins.

Don't blow or collect leaves on Hargreave Terrace – it's dangerous.

Litter – bins need emptying more often.

Backstreets full of rubbish

Hedge overgrown and litter.

People parking on Waverley – dumping rubbish out of car.

Dog poo is a massive issue.

Full of rubbish Bank Side Court entrance – flat 7-16 her rubbish blows into everyone's gardens. Does she have permission?

### **Premises & Property users**

Less takeaways/certainly no more.

Need regional office for Post Office to engage.

Hastings – had a system that made shop fronts smarten up or council will do it and charge you.

Could this be considered for here?

Waverley Terrace will need window replacements if one-way system is implemented.

Methodone users are intimidating.

Can the Council include certain Building conditions going forwards to establish certain standards which must be met for businesses / buildings on Victoria Road?

Shop fronts need made nice as they are embarrassing at the minute.

Could replace building at top.

Private landlords bringing the area down, backstreets full of rubbish.

Smartening up the frontage.

Block of flats next to Bakery – at rear, the high wall has been knocked down to make parking space – has this got permission?

Fund to do up frontages – particular the shops.

Church – could this building be converted into community use and relocate the bathroom place.

ASB – Area to rear of Buddhist Centre and on Back House Street – people sit and drink – this area is outside of the no alcohol area – litter, noise and broken glass is an issue.

### **Highway Maintenance:**

Road needs resurfacing – and then to maintain it.

Pavements, back lanes and roads all need resurfacing

Grids missing on pavements, not safe.

Back lane between Victoria Road and Waverley Terrace is an unadopted street – noisy drop off for pub.

Back of Bankside Court uneven, no good path not easy to walk.

Huntley Terrace – trees overgrown and hitting side of building.

Why put new trees at bottom of block, more leaves slippy underfoot who will monitor the trees and bushes?

### **Safety**

Backlanes are all unlit and unsafe – cycle routes need lighting.

Back alley not lit.

No lighting on 101 security not very good with (illegible).

Zebra crossing is dangerous and children concealed by parked cars.

Has anyone looked at the accidents data?

Pensbury resident was bumped by car turning left onto Victoria Road off Park Lane.

Concerned about speed and increase of traffic.

Zebra need to be a Pelican Crossing.

40 foot artics coming out of Post Office going other way dangerous if crossing road

No signs of Zebra crossing – CCTV needed to track speed.

Busy bank no entry – bus safer

### **Streetscape and Crossings**

Would like the whole street to be pedestrianised.

Like the idea of greenery.

Key feature at the entrance to Victoria Road. More trees.

Café Plaza at Newcastle would be great here – creates friendly atmosphere.

Needs more crossing points than just point 4 and point 6 – as too busy.

Why focus on pedestrians near station as not an area where people gather – mainly people using station not residents.

At St Cuthberts back alley – will pedestrians and cycle be segregated – want it to be – proposal a little unclear what's happening.

When we have shared space – reality is vehicles will dominate

Move kerb line out so a) relieve traffic speed off roundabout and b) create shared walking and cycle route around Buddhist Centre.

Copenhagen Pavement

### **Traffic circulation**

Several (3+) liked the idea of one-way circulation outside the train station as traffic coming around tight bend off Park Road onto Victoria road can be dangerous for pedestrians.

Numerous (4+) Waverley Tce residents concerned about increase in traffic volume, risk from buses damaging parked cars, possible reduction in parking spaces if cycle lane introduced and complaints about lack of enforcement of parking restrictions and littering behind row of parked cars.

Concerns about bus turning, bin wagons and back lanes, large postal vehicles and congestion around Post Office

Positive responses to reducing speed limit, one-way circulation at top end Victoria road and some side streets

Waverley Terrace – previously had buses come down street – buses hit parked cars.

Ex Arriva driver – Waverley Terrace/Clifton Road junction parking would not allow buses to turn  
Won't get buses round Clifton Road onto Victoria Road too tight buses would have to swing too far out.

Take a more integrated approach to Cattle Market Darlington and move traffic flows up Park Road.  
Want to see cattle market road through.

If a one way system is introduced down Waverley Terrace I would sell house. Need cattle mart plans to be incorporated and station plans. (Should remove plan of station visual at station as shows incorrect image).

If the one-way route is implemented houses in Waverley Terrace will want windows cleaning/house painted regularly (this should be paid for by the Council).

Waverley Terrace – buses would find it difficult to get out as cars parked on Clifton Road

Extra traffic – what to do – movement down Waverley Terrace. Don't see how it all fits together, is there any other way for traffic movement

Extra road to not go down Waverley Terrace

Could council give land from cattle market site for car and bus route away from one way route.

People driving cars travel up to station drop off and come back down not turn along Park Lane.

20MPH would need enforcement.

Pensbury Street blocked off at other end.

One way system good – less confusion/clear and safer for people driving.

Hargreave Terrace – it's grubby, dirty, due to heavy traffic. Bank Side Court Way too much traffic, awful smell, heavy flow of traffic on Hargreaves Terrace, very narrow, dangerous at the bottom of the roundabout.

Bin men knock walls down as can't get round corners so not good for us

Narrow road at the bottom – cars just come out, not enough time to indicate, this will cause havoc on the pictures we have shown.

Narrow road of traffic depends where you live, 20MPH zone really good idea, happy with idea. 40 foot artics coming out of Post Office going other way dangerous if crossing road

20MPH good for old people – traffic slow down bus down Park Lane.

Cycle Path – what will vehicles do if no road

20MPH idea is good.

Prefer option 2 – 20MPH (x3) for pedestrian priority natural ways for traffic calming preferred.

Bedford Street one way system

Park Street alley way – yellow box giving lorry space.

One way whole road and one bus at a time.

Make it so HGVS are not allowed down the road. Stops muck coming into Victoria Road,

Too much traffic, struggling from buses and lorries already now so what will happen if narrowed.

Residents have cars, one way streets all of Victoria road, constant traffic.

Delivery Sainsburys down Herbert Street then back lane is not allowed. Cash point causes chaos.

Bends too tight for lorries and buses.

Positive like new cycle route, resurfacing

Sainsburys wagons back up the lane damaging properties

Sainsbury lorry - unloading – parks in the back lane which is an obstruction. Is there any loading place on Clifton Road? Or can Sainsburys change their deliveries 7.00am.

Royal Mail one way will confuse people.

Royal Mail go out a different route. Buses have to pull out into the middle of the road.

Need another way for postal back lane?

Clifton Road and Park Lane – could they be one way for all traffic or at least for buses?

Victoria Embankment – suggestion to have parking on one side only. Close off some of the side roads

Victoria Embankment & Bedford Street – one way – with chevron parking on one side. Retain wide footway and on road cycling. 20MPH limit on road.

Back lane is congested no parking can't get through, no double yellow lines all the way so business owners cannot offload anything.

Lining of roundabout – turns left out of Feethams onto roundabout and route to go straight on, onto Victoria Road (station). Currently you have to drive onto roundabout into inside lane and then cross into left hand lane.

Bankside court – car drivers are driving round the block using it as a roundabout.

Street Scene – not responding. Have asked for bollards to stop cars driving round but Street Scene has refused, stating they need to use the route for the bin lorry. Please review

### **Parking**

Key issues: lack of enforcement of permit system, scarcity of parking for surgery, confusion over where to park for Post Office collections, and obstruction from Sainsbury's wagons off-loading

Would the parking be lost outside Sainsburys – need to keep that where segregated cycle path.

Parking permits – can cause inconvenience to residents if permits area fill up and free space filled.

Tel no to call if someone is parking in a permit space. Get tickets for multiple.

Parking for residents – parking outside surgery often full.

Parking on back lane – often workers in town (not residents).

No easy parking for Post Office Sorting Office. No signage saying no parking. Wants designated spaces in public parking

Waverley retain parking.

Car park on Park Lane.

Parking on Clifton Road

Resident parking too full now - currently not monitored. Want visitor parking permits – would be less parking than currently. Residents unhappy.

No enforcements of cattle market!

Dropping off at the station is an issue for parking as people park on the streets near the station

Bedford Street junction illegal parking on yellow lines – visually hard to see what's coming.

Royal Mail parking removed – Why? Puts pressure on existing parking.

Bathroom World delivery parks across our entrance.

Permit parking does not help us at all we have to ride round constantly looking for a free space.

Postal workers park anywhere

Waverley Terrace too much pressure – down parkside, come back down to town via Clifton Road, takes pressure off Waverley.

Turn cattle market into car park for people to use.

Parking on Herbert Street not long enough residents have to park miles away.

Geneva Terrace , lines all the way down, Raby Street all parking.

Need more traffic wardens.

Post Office is the biggest issue. Need a lane of people turning into parcel Pick-Up place.

Disabled resident can't park outside their own home.

2 hour parking space – no enough parking spaces on Herbert Street for permits.

Review of car spaces is needed.

Cars parked either side blocking way in.

### **OTHER**

Would be interested to know the noise of traffic on Victoria/Clifton Road – are these concepts trying to solve problem that doesn't exist?

Pensbury resident – doesn't see why money should be wasted on improvements. Happy with the status quo.

Play area wanted on Penbury St.

Prefer concept 1 (x2).

Pg 5-8 Phase 2 Stickyworld – would like comment opportunity.

Block of flats on roundabout not very good car park.

Can we widen area to help us as residents?

After Clifton Road doesn't affect me.

Flooding – one issue is the amount of fat in drains from takeaways – environmental health. Deal with flooding from a highway perspective.

### Comments corresponding to numbers on 3D model at January Events

1. Comment made by an Ex Arriva driver – Waverley Terrace/Clifton Road junction parking would not allow buses to turn.
2. St Cuthbert's Way path – will pedestrians and cycles be segregated – we want it to be – the proposal a little unclear what's happening here.
3. Smartening up the frontage.
4. Back lane is congested there should be no parking as you can't get through. There are no double yellow lines all the way so business owners cannot offload anything.
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9. Don't blow or collect leaves on Hargreave Terrace – making it unsafe to walk.
10. No footway. Summer blocks. Can it be resurfaced?
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12. Fund to do up frontages – particularly for the shops.
13. Key feature at the entrance to Victoria Road. More trees wanted.
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17. Flooding – one issue is the amount of fat in drains from takeaways – environmental health should be alerted. Deal with flooding from a highway perspective.
18. This is a widely used connection route from Feethams up to the station , it's pointless improving path near Buddhist centre , more money should be spent as need a through road , cycle way would be used well.
19. Hotel on Clifton road/park place –unsightly barriers needs sorting

20. Plaza – the safer this area can be made and freshened up – slow zone area, creates arrival factor and makes it a liveable area.

# Numbers corresponding to comments made on the 3D model

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