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From: [REDACTED]
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I have lived in Steeton for 23 years, and it is a lovely part of the country: pleasant in its own right, and convenient for rural and urban attractions nearby.

I would agree that the most important need we have at the moment is a pedestrian bridge to cross the busy A629 to make access to Silsden safer and easier (and more convenient for both pedestrians and motorists). This has been suggested/promised before, and nothing has come of it - it needs to be the priority.

Public transport needs to be a lot better, particularly bus services - [REDACTED] Ilkley, for example, is only 7 miles away, but getting there from Steeton without a car is a day's excursion.

I would also comment on the point that Steeton Primary school is "split site". This is true, but misleading: nobody has to cross a busy road to get from one building to another - it isn't unsafe - and the buildings are much closer to each other than some in schools which seemingly have "single site" accommodation. [REDACTED] and can confirm that, say, Nessfield Primary in Keighley has buildings further apart (causing kids to get wet in rainy weather) than those of Steeton Primary School. This is not an urgent priority that needs attention, in my opinion.

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PS - I do think that you need to make it easier for residents to reply to "consultation" notices; the faff I've had sending this might lead a more cynical person to believe that such consultations were merely paying lip-service to a legal requirement, and that you were doing your damndest to make sure that you got as few replies as possible.