

Bradford Local Plan

Core Strategy Examination

**Councils Response to Participants Further Statements
Transport (A65)**

Date: 29th April 2015

Introduction

- 1.1 The Council set out in its Further Statement PSF037 further information on transport issues in and A65. This statement relates to the further statement submitted by Ilkley Civic Society (PS/FO74).
- 1.2 The Civic Societies statement notes the wider extent of the A65 and the comparable journey times for the Leeds section of the A65 and suggest the impact of development has not been adequately considered and the need for effective joint working with adjoining Leeds City Council.
- 1.3 The statement goes on to restate the conclusions of the Transport Study and suggest that this will increase congestion unacceptably especially in Leeds District.
- 1.4 The Statement does not raise any new issues which have not already been addressed in the council's evidence and statements already before the Inspector. The Council acknowledges that new development will have a potential impact on the road network and the Council will look to mitigate this where possible through appropriate improvements and through supporting improvements to public transport and reducing the need to travel in line with the relevant transport policies of the Core Strategy.
- 1.5 The Council provided evidence in the duty to cooperate statement of how it has identified strategic cross boundary issues and how these have been addressed. This makes specific mention of transport and the A65. Working is ongoing with Leeds on cross boundary transport coordination through our Local Plan work and also through the West Yorkshire Transport Combined Authority.
- 1.6 As set out in the statement PSF037, the council acknowledges that further work is required to assess in detail the transport issues on the A65 corridor as a whole. This work will be undertaken in due course in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority and Leeds City Council. The A65 corridor has been identified as one of those schemes which could potentially improved through the WY+TF Highways Efficiency and Bus Package. In addition, some improvements are already being delivered by Leeds City Council through the DfT Pinch Point Fund at Horsforth Roundabout.