

The 20mph Action Plan

Bleadon welcomes the plans for restricting roads within the village to 20mph. We note the scheme seems to be focusing on Purn Way, Coronation road and Shiplate road. We would also highlight that Bleadon Road, Bridge Road and Celtic Way are hot spots with often narrow roads where only one vehicle can pass, many blind corners, no footpaths, and regular use by horse riders and cyclists as well as walkers. We do not accept the carte-blanche statement that a road needs houses on both sides of the road to qualify for 20mph. Though Bleadon Hill is outside our parish it would seem sensible to also include this to join up with the Uphill 20mph scheme.

Active travel Network Plan

Whilst we support encouraging cycling and walking the road infrastructure within Bleadon cannot accommodate dedicated cycle space hence why the 20mph scheme is so important. The A370 is a major barrier for people on foot/horse/bike in Bleadon. Whilst the new road island at Bridge road is welcome, a more formal controlled crossing point would be even more welcome.

First And Last Mile Action Plan

Access for wheelchair users is vital and the many dropped pavements are welcome to facilitate this. There is currently no viable wheelchair safe route from the centre of Bleadon village to the Cafe/Post Office/Shop on Purn Way and we feel this is something that needs to be addressed.

Liveable Neighbourhoods Action Plan

There are very few options within Bleadon other than the No 50 bus. Which, though very much welcomed and appreciated, is not always 100% reliable. With a significant elderly population the option of walking or cycling is not always possible. Therefore the car is a vital link for many and it cannot and should not be alienated to the point of making it unviable.

Rural Lanes Action Plan

40mph limit on the A370, all along from Lymphsham to the hospital roundabout, would benefit the area in so many ways and help to achieve the goals here.

Safer Active Routes to School Action Plan.

No comment other than broadly in agreement, links with many of the other topics.

Transport Behaviour Change Action Plan

We must stress that some people have no option other than to use the car. Also the lack of footpaths meaning roads, or muddy footpaths, are the only options sometimes dissuades those who are healthy enough to walk. Though BPC are very much in favour of green, healthy initiatives the challenges of village life must not be viewed in the same way as bigger cities which have the critical mass and infrastructure options which make behaviour change far easier.