

3.5 WADDESDON

ACCESSIBILITY		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Comment</i>	<i>Response</i>
M Morgan-Owen	Access is needed for the elderly to the doctors surgery. Better islands or traffic calming is needed along the road.	Our accessibility strategy and local accessibility action planning sets out how we plan to improve access to local services and facilities. This is likely to involve improved pedestrian facilities in some areas.
C Lucas	Bus services are not sufficient for teenagers. There is an accessibility problem, what is being done?	We are aware of accessibility problems for young people and are seeking financial support to establish a concessionary fare scheme for 16-19 year olds. Local accessibility action planning should also help improve access for young people.
	Ugly double-decker buses are going through villages. The Silver Rider is much better – why not do it here?	The Silver Rider is a high frequency service in a development that is not suited to larger vehicles. Similar services using small vehicles in rural areas are likely to require higher levels of external funding. Existing bus services in Waddeson use larger vehicles that are needed to accommodate schoolchildren at peak times, thus reducing operating costs. Alternative methods of delivering rural services will be investigated.
M Morgan-Owen	The Plan needs to have more definite commitment to access onto A41 at Winchendon crossroads, and from Westcott/ Ashendon Road.	This comment is noted and will be considered for inclusion in the revised Area Action Plan.

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M Morgan-Owen R Skym, Waddesdon PC	Why will BCC not support a bypass for Waddesdon? Since the current plan is a 20-year view, why is a bypass not mentioned as even just a possibility? Concerned that employers provide routes to be taken by their drivers, which indicates the A41 as a shortcut from the M25 to the M40, this increases traffic on the A41.	Bypasses and new roads are very expensive and would require some form of external funding, which is unlikely with current Government policy. Recent surveys suggest that there are a limited number of vehicles using the A41 as a through route, they are more likely to be travelling to or from Aylesbury.
R Winter	The A41 from Bicester to Aylesbury is very congested and is probably the most dangerous stretch of road with regular fatal accidents between Waddesdon and Aylesbury. Network Rail has recently spent considerable money refurbishing the rail track between Calvert, Quainton and Aylesbury, primarily to run goods trains from London to Calvert. Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, with Quainton Road Station on its site, has car parking for up to 210 cars, and further parking in the adjacent field for up to 650 cars. If the Council, Chiltern Railways and Network Rail felt this was of interest, we would be happy to discuss a Park & Ride scheme using these facilities for a train service between Quainton and Aylesbury. (The Centre runs a diesel on bank holidays between the two.)	The County Council is leading a consortium of local authorities to progress the East West Rail project that would create rail links between Oxford, Bedford, Milton Keynes and Aylesbury, using existing infrastructure. The authority is also hoping to receive positive news about funding for the Aylesbury Vale Parkway station at Berryfields in the very near future. This would not only extend rail services to the north, but would also provide a new Park & Ride service for Aylesbury.
M Morgan-Owen	The Berryfields growth agenda will cause more congestion problems.	The A41 has been identified as a Congestion Management Corridor and work will be carried out to tackle congestion, including (subject to funding) the Aylesbury Vale Parkway station at Berryfields. This would not only extend rail services to the north, but would also provide a new Park & Ride service for Aylesbury.

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	Turning right onto the A41 to Aylesbury is a serious issue. Due to rat running, the crossroads need a roundabout near Berryfields – Waddesdon. Can you do anything about rat running?	Junction improvements are planned as part of the Berryfields development that, combined with congestion management work, should improve the situation and help reduce rat running.
M Morgan-Owen	The Park-and-Ride at Berryfields may create more problems because more people will use the A41. We do not see it as helping to relieve congestion, it will cause the opposite. It might relieve congestion from Berryfield to Aylesbury; once again this local community has been overlooked and forgotten.	The County Council is leading a consortium of local authorities to progress the East West Rail project that would create rail links between Oxford, Bedford, Milton Keynes and Aylesbury, using existing infrastructure. This should help take a proportion of journeys off the A41 and help relieve congestion.
	There are car needs to be addressed which BCC are not doing. For example parking is a real issue.	The Special Parking Area is responsible for waiting restrictions and it is the Special Parking Area account, held by Aylesbury Vale District Council, that must fund any new restrictions. We are working with Aylesbury Vale to ensure that it is possible for new and revised waiting restrictions to be considered.
M Morgan-Owen	We tried getting the school to do “Safer Routes to School”, but the school says that they do not need it. Can BCC help out?	We are working with Waddesdon CE School on a successful initiative called ‘Safer Positive Driving’, encouraging the students to car share. The school is also in the early stages of developing a travel plan. We are also working with the Village Primary School on a draft travel plan, and they have developed walking initiatives including ‘Footsteps’ and ‘Go for Gold’. Please contact the schools if you would like to be on their working groups.

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M Morgan-Owen	Give a proper project programme with dates to tackle yellow lines and parking issues in Waddesdon Village and other villages in the area. What about the parking review, we need definite answers. Yet again there are problems with school related traffic in Baker Street and Grove Way with residents and car owners threatening each other!	Waiting restriction proposals are to be discussed with the Parish Council during 2006. Implementation of the restrictions can only take place if the Special Parking Area account can cover the costs.

ROAD SAFETY		
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M Morgan-Owen	Speeding in Ashendon has improved a little, but drivers need more education. Warning signs are needed before coming into the village, the public need to be aware. Islands are good but larger vehicles run across them, this is a public safety issue.	The use of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and encouraging people to sign up to 'Make The Commitment' can assist in lowering vehicle speeds. Please see the Road Safety website for more details: www.buckscc.gov.uk/road_safety .
M Morgan-Owen	Be more specific about tackling rat running and speeding, which are concerns in the whole area.	The programme for the Speed Limit Review and proposed speed limits are available on the website or by post on request: www.buckscc.gov.uk/speed_management/review
M Morgan-Owen	There is a real need to make Waddesdon Village safe for pedestrians; we don't think this issue has been tackled at all. A local councillor, who is an HGV driver, considers that the traffic calming through the village is too HGV friendly and do not cause them to consider slowing down. There is a definite need to remind drivers that they are driving through a village.	The comment is noted and will be considered for inclusion in the revised Area Action Plan.