

Carlton Village Neighbourhood Forum

Survey on Energy Efficiency and Sustainability in Carlton – Respondents Additional Comments



Cycle Paths

- If you are a parent with children / shopping it is simply not practical to cycle
- Adding cycle lanes to Carlton doesn't seem feasible - roads are not especially wide and are frequently made narrower during school drop off and pick up times.

There is also large farm equipment being move around the village

- No room for cycle paths on roadways
- The pavements in part of the village are exceptionally narrow so they could / should not be in any way reduced to accommodate cyclists.

Pavements

• It has been good to see the number of people who are out walking or cycling in the village during the pandemic and we are in favour of making improvements to make things safer. However, how can this be done in our village when we have narrow streets and pavements with no possibility of widening the carriageway? Perhaps some traffic restrictions on some streets could be considered.

Traffic

- More chicanes to slow traffic
- The village is in urgent need of a carpark at certain times of the day, could this be considered under the heading of sustainability?
- Road closure in front of school at peak times or one way system around village & parking around village to be more efficient
- Speeding cars through the village is an issue
- Normalise / incentivise car sharing for school run

Wind Turbines

- Providing (they are) out of centre Carlton is only a small village
- If I didn't tick the box it's because I don't know enough about solar farms or wind turbines but if they are good for the village I strongly agree.
- Batteries are an option to store electric generated from wind turbines but the cost is prohibitive so basically no wind = no power. Wind power must be harnessed and fed into the Grid or lost forever
- Impact on bird flight routes
- They are not the answer, only less than 5% there is much research on the internet efficient.design

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- Village too small
- Apart from noise and visual impact, my main objection is that wind power is simply NOT RELIABLE
- We are not in favour of wind turbines. They can be incredibly noisy and disturbing and would have to be sited well away from dwellings and on higher ground in order to catch the wind. This could possibly mean positioning them on the ridge above the village, dominating the landscape in an unacceptable way.

New Developments in Carlton

- Incorporating energy efficiency into new builds would seem a desirable and realistic opportunity for the village
- We agree that new builds should incorporate all the measures you list on your survey and help should be provided for existing homeowners if they want to make these improvements to their properties but there must be no compulsion.

Community Shop

- A lot of time & energy is spent travelling to a local supermarket . Could we encourage a mini market to open in Carlton?
- More local amenities eg small store

Energy Efficiency

- Better road surfaces
- Use of streetlights at night should be minimised
- I would welcome any energy efficiency measures that could be introduced in Carlton

Public Transport

- There is scope to improve the public transport system. The village really does need a service to link with the A61 to get to Lofthouse and Outwood to enable residents (especially the elderly and mothers with young children) without access to a car to visit the doctors.
- Serious consideration should be given to re routing the 444 bus service . At the moment half the village has no service at all and the buses use Chapel Street which causes damage to the road surface(and underlying services) and congestion because the road way is so narrow.
- The timetable for the Leeds / Wakefield route could be improved with more services in the afternoon & evening.
- Public transport is far too expensive hence why people use their own cars

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- The infrastructure and size of Carlton dictates there is no room for further housing development. Any energy efficiency savings would be lost by more houses built.
- Don't need more buses, 444 runs empty or half full, a bus up to Rothwell would be more useful

Solar Farm

- PITFIELDS!
- Impact on wildlife (negative)
- We think a solar farm is less intrusive with less visual impact since they can be screened to a certain extent from the surrounding area. Also, since the land they use remains comparatively undisturbed, these areas can become a haven for wildlife. However, food production must take priority and only poorer grade land should be used.
- Plenty of room on moorland - growing fields are essential / use green fields for growing crops, use moorland

Recycling-Repurposing- Repairing

- Plastic free Carlton - ban use of single use plastic in shops
- Bottle bank / recycling points in village

We would like to mention the idea of recycling and repairing, plastic use reduction & repurposing. These topics might not come under the scope of this survey but perhaps could be considered at a later date. The village could have its own recycling centre and a 'repair club' where people with skill and knowledge could help the Community reduce their carbon footprint.

Public Transport

- Connect to Kippax, Garforth, Methley, Castleford
- Less buses - they are empty, damage the roads and they speed - dangerous for children
- 3 buses/hr, not one bus comes down the village onto Stainton Lane
- There is a bus service every 30 minutes to Leeds & Wakefield which for our area, which I consider pretty good

Orchard

- Who is going to do the upkeep, walk up to Busheycliffe for an orchard
- We like the idea of a community garden/orchard/wood. WE already have an allotment area and a little park in the middle of the village. Could

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we expand on that?

Greenspace – Trees

- Plant trees to offset Co2 emissions
- More allotments in the area
- It would be good to have more trees in the village especially fruit trees in common areas & more allotment spaces for villagers
- There are perfectly adequate foot paths / pavements to walk into Rothwell or to Lofthouse. A couple of hundred yards from the farm shop to Ouzlewell Green there is a very large play area, orchard & wood

General

- The above (survey) is dependent on people wanting to live in Carlton therefore issues of shocking inconsiderate parking, youth congregation, dirty litter filled paths need to be addressed first.