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Leeds Transport Strategy Consultation

A public consultation exercise on the draft Transport Strategy for Leeds is currently taking place and concludes on 26th March 2021. Leeds City Council declared a climate emergency in March 2019 and the vision is for Leeds to become a city where you do not need a car. The ambition is towards Leeds becoming a net zero city by 2030. The draft Connecting Leeds Transport Strategy sets out how it is proposed to achieve this.

Better Wetherby has submitted a response to the consultation exercise highlighting a number of concerns and pointing out that the draft strategy ignores the needs of the outer suburbs and major settlements such as Wetherby. This a major oversight that needs to be addressed.

Roger Owen, Chair of Better Wetherby said ***'A key factor in the success of the strategy will be the provision of improved bus services. Yet, paradoxically, for a strategy with such an ambitious vision, the current draft includes no prospect of better public transport for Wetherby and the outer suburbs of Leeds'***.

Mr. Owen added, ***'It is important that in addition to providing efficient and regular bus services to Leeds and Harrogate, the current lack of bus services from Wetherby to York needs to be addressed to give people wider access for business, education, employment and hospitals and also to railway stations such as York and Cattal'***.

A copy of the response sent by Better Wetherby is attached.

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The Better Wetherby Partnership is a consortium of local people from a variety of organisations who contribute to initiatives designed to help make Wetherby and the surrounding villages better for the community of both present and future generations.