

Leeds Youth Council Comments from October Workshop linked to Alternative Options Paper

Links between comments made by Leeds Youth Council members at workshop session 15/10/05 and the options contained in the emerging City Centre AAP 'Alternative Options' papers.

Strategic Options Paper

As an option for improving commuting to city centre:-

Enhancement of public transport

(YC comment: more public transport options – not just buses)

Movement Options Paper

As options for tackling congestion:-

Park & Ride

(YC comment: more park & ride in good locations)

Enhanced bus routes for quicker and reliable journeys

(YC comment: more buses, more often & more reliable)

More train stations

(YC comments: more public transport options not just buses; more train stations nearer bus station)

Restraint on commuter car parking

(YC comment: discourage parking in the city centre)

As options re amount of car parking for visitors (shoppers etc):-

Reduced, but with exceptions (for eg for disabled persons)

(YC comments: discourage parking in the city centre; poor disabled facilities)

Expanded

(YC comment: more car parking)

As options re amount of car parking for commuters (office workers etc):-

Reduced, but with exceptions (for eg for disabled persons & shift workers)

(YC comments: discourage parking in the city centre; poor disabled facilities)

Expanded

(YC comment: more car parking)

As options for improving public transport:-

Identifying sites for future rail stations

(YC comments: more public transport options not just buses; more train stations nearer bus station)

Improving bus & rail interchange

(YC comments: more train stations nearer bus station)

Better enforcement of bus priority

(YC comment: improved enforcement of bus lanes)

Option for proposed new railway station at Marsh Lane Goods Yard (near bus station)

(YC comment: more train stations nearer bus station)

Access Options Paper

As an option for exceptions to general restraint of commuter car parking:-

Arrangements to ensure that spaces are maintained for disabled person use only

(YC comment: poor disabled facilities)

Public transport providers should be expected to give consideration to the needs of disabled people, particularly distances between public transport stops & city centre destinations and distances to change between bus and train

(YC comment: poor disabled facilities; more train stations nearer bus station)

Options re the design of all development so as to be accessible for disabled people:-

Yes OR partly, with exceptions for conservation/heritage reasons in rare circumstances

(YC comments: poor disabled facilities)

Public realm investment should aim to ensure that there are public places to sit down & relax – either equally spread throughout the city centre or in areas of activity only

(YC comment: not enough seating areas)

Options re whether facilities & services for leisure & night clubs are too expensive (or not) compared with other areas

(YC comment: need cheaper entry to events for young people)

As an option re affordability in the city centre:-

Discounts in shops & facilities through the plan or a Leeds Card/Permit

(YC comment: cheaper entry to events for young people; lack of funds as barrier to visiting city centre)

As an option re facilities for families with children:-

More variety of indoor leisure uses – bowling, laser combat etc

(YC comment: ice skating rink – more leisure facilities; something unique to Leeds, ie go-karting, paint balling)

As options for indoor venues for teenagers:-

The plan should make developments of new night clubs conditional that they dedicate at least one evening a week for teenagers with no alcohol served

AND/OR

The city council should engage with existing operators of music venues and night clubs to encourage provision of regular entertainment evenings for teenagers

(YC comments: a club for under 18s (no alcohol) needs to be in city centre so its available to everyone; too many band venues do not allow under 18s)

Open Space & Greenery Options Paper

As options for recreational or passive open space

Skateboarding & bmx biking facilities

Performance space for hosting of events

Public gardens and pocket parks for relaxation & contemplation

(YC comments: skatepark; cheaper entry to events for young people; not enough seating areas)

Options re a long term programme for the planting and management of street trees in the city centre

(YC comment: trees/wilderness)

Entertainment Options Paper

Options re a new concert hall and new arena:-

Within the city centre

Within or on the edge of the city centre

Outside the city centre

(YC comment: needs an arena)

Design & Conservation Options Paper

As options for improving safety and security in the city centre through new developments:-

Design of layouts to use ‘activity’, good lighting and overlooking from buildings as a form of self-policing;

Developments to be designed to restrict access permanently or at night time to prevent break-ins and crimes against people (ie gating, high walls, window bars etc);

Combination of above 2 depending upon circumstance

(YC comments: public safety especially at night; homeless people; too many EMOs, tramps, anti-social behaviour; safety fears; public safety)

Managing Resources Options Paper

As options for street litter collection & recycling:-

Litter bins on own

A number of small recycling facilities across the city centre

A large recycling centre in or on edge of city centre

(YC comment; improve litter situation)