

## Keighley Towns Fund Project B

# KEIGHLEY TOWN CENTRE AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Progress report July 2023

### Low Street - Phase 2

*Completion of public realm improvements to the Low Street (pedestrianised street at the heart of Keighley's retail area). Phase 1 was completed in Q1 2020 at a cost of £400k using West Yorkshire Combined Authority Local Transport Plan, Keighley BID and Bradford Council's highways capital funding.*

*Phase 2 will complete Low Street's refurbishment using a palette of natural paving, planters, street lighting and robust street furniture.*

All porphyry and granite paving has been procured and delivered. Loads of Yorkstone paving flags will to site on a weekly basis.

Work commenced on site on 6<sup>th</sup> June and is expected to complete on 6<sup>th</sup> October. Cost may come in under the budgeted £505k.

### Connectivity Study

*Analysis of the highways infrastructure and traffic patterns in Keighley town centre to inform proposals for public realm and highways improvements, linked to active travel.*

Procurement of what is now being described as the 'Keighley Transport Study', has progressed to the use of a consultant framework, now that a scope for the work has been agreed.

#### Aim of the Keighley Transport Study

The purpose of the commission is to develop a coherent suite of interventions to Keighley's highways network and car parks to produce mode shift, reduce congestion and assist in the town's regeneration.

The proposals must benefit from consultation exercises to secure local support. The proposals must be of a beneficial character and appearance and constitute an investment in the town's future. The proposals should be resilient to future growth, particularly in cycling, walking and bus use.

The objectives of this commission are as follows:

- support the development framework work into regeneration opportunities in Keighley,
- support the delivery of Keighley Town Fund, and
- support the regeneration of Keighley Town Centre through improvement to the public realm.

Consultants are being asked to complete a baseline evaluation which will review the transport network data (informed by the 2018 Bradford (District) Multi-modal Strategic Transport Model, and other recent highways schemes, and the emerging Local Plan); survey the public and key stakeholders on parking and transport issues in Keighley (with a target sample size of n=1500); conduct a parking survey of on and off-street spaces in Keighley Town Centre (the area within 1/2mile of Keighley Bus Station); estimate of cycle parking demand; and agree the targets that will be incorporated into the transport study for the development of cycling and public transport.

Consultants will then develop options (approx. 10no.) for how the transport network, and assess these against the model these options in the Multi-modal Strategic Transport Model for a 2030 horizon year. Three traffic circulation plan scenarios will be refined from the options, incorporating lessons from the modelling: a low, a medium and a high ambition scenario. Following this refinement process, recommendations will then be presented in the final report, which will be completed in early 2024.

## **Keighley Town Centre - Public Realm Improvements**

*Building on the Connectivity Study to determine priorities and options. Improvements are likely to focus on Cavendish Street and the links to and from the railway station, bus station, new Health Hub on North Street (Project J), and retail/commercial core of the town centre.*

Exploring options for public realm improvements will run in parallel with the developing Keighley Transport Study. It has always been assumed that these will most likely focus on Cavendish Street. With the new Health Hub having received Government approval to proceed, connections can now be made with the consultant team for that development, such that the design and layout for Project J's site can be reflected in any design proposals for Cavendish Street/North Street. In particular, any desirable visitor routes to the Health Hub entrance(s) from the bus, rail and main car parking locations.

Delivery of these public realm works is planned for 2024.

## Infrastructure Improvements – Active Travel

*Improvements to footpaths and cycle lanes at Ingrow Lane, Bradford Road, Thwaites Brow Road, Long Lee and Swine Lane.*

The majority of the Infrastructure Improvements project are being procured and delivered by the Highways Maintenance (North) Team.

Ingrow Lane, Bracken Bank (footway improvements on a route to school) is projected to start on site on 31<sup>st</sup> July and complete on the 18<sup>th</sup> August, subject to contractor to confirmation. Projected cost - £8k

Bradford Road, Keighley (improvements to footway links to railway station) has been awarded to a contractor who has yet to confirm their acceptance. Projected cost - £6k

Thwaites Brow Road (repairs and replacement of stone sett surface) is projected to start on site in January 2024 and complete in March 2024. This timeframe arises from the need for a specialist contractor for the stone setts. There will be a need to source replacement setts, but the Highway Team are exploring options to salvage existing setts from the road edge/top/bottom should sourcing not achieve desired quantities. There's approximately 310m<sup>2</sup> of missing setts that need to be purchased and laid to full construction depth. There are potentially 100m<sup>2</sup> of setts that have settled and need lifting/relaying along with new construction beneath. Some of these setts may disintegrate on excavation and others may be unsuitable gauge width. Projected cost - £150k

Swine Lane (carriageway widening/improvement) is projected to take place in late 2023 or early 2024. The scheme needs to be designed in association with 'traffic and road safety' colleagues to ensure that we achieve the best outcomes. There will be an element of new carriageway construction and possible utility diversions. Projected cost - £40k

Long Lee and the rights of way from Hillside will need further design development before delivery, and will not be delivered by the Highways Maintenance (North) Team.

## Real Time Bus Information

*A second phase of real time bus information brought to additional bus stops in Keighley.*



Delivery of the additional real time bus information installations is from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, who manage the bus stops infrastructure. Three further sites than those listed below are expected to be delivered using Towns Fund resources.

<b>Bus Stop No.</b>	<b>Bus Stop Location</b>	<b>Status of RTI Installation reported by WYCA</b>
45019942	Rawdon Road - Haworth	Fitted
45019998	Windsor Road, Windsor Grove - Oakworth	Fitted
45020020	Bradford Road, Aireworth Road - Keighley	Requires pole to be fitted – scheduled within a month
45021184	Long Lee Lane, Moss Carr Road - Long Lee	Fitted
45021855	Keighley Road, Slaymaker Lane – Oakworth	Fitted
45021859	Keighley Road, Valley View Close – Bogthorn	Fitted
45023141	Bradford Road, Elia Street, Keighley	Fitted