

**PART B – YOUR REPRESENTATION - Please use a separate sheet for each representation.**

**3. To which part of the Plan does this representation relate?**

Section	<b>3</b>	Paragraph	<b>B3</b>	Policy	<b>SC5</b>
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**4. Do you consider the Plan is:**

4 (1). Legally compliant	Yes		No	
4 (2). Sound	Yes		No	<b>X</b>
4 (3). Complies with the Duty to co-operate	Yes		No	

**5. Please give details of why you consider the Plan is not legally compliant or is unsound or fails to comply with the duty to co-operate. Please refer to the guidance note and be as precise as possible. If you wish to support the legal compliance, soundness of the Plan or its compliance with the duty to co-operate, please also use this box to set out your comments.**

We note that these standards are so simplistic that they give no clue to the real access requirements available to communities. They do not take into account the local infrastructure endured by public transport or the relevance of the destinations of such transport to the facilities they are supposed to access. Further bus timetables may be half hourly in some parts of the day and only hourly for what may be the majority of the day. Does this meet adequate access standards for “Local Service Areas” we think not.

As an example from Menston, a designated “Local Service Area” and indeed for much of Lower Wharfedale, the 10 mile bus route has a twice hourly timetable into Leeds City Centre morning and evening along a gridlocked A65. For the rest of the day the service is hourly. As the route for most of its length does not, and because of geographical constraints never will have, have bus lanes it is no quicker than a car. The irrelevance of such an access statement is compounded by the employment sites for most of the residents of Wharfedale are away from any accessible bus routes from Menston. This is also true for Hospitals none of which, since the closure of the A and E in Otley some years ago, when the new hospital was built, can be directly or easily accessed by public transport within an hour again from Menston, if one was optimistic.

We conclude therefore the Access Standard as stated will give a false impression of accessibility for Menston residents ,and most probably many other village in the District, to particularly employment, primary health facilities, which we take to be A & E and General Hospital facilities, and definitely education outside the valley.

**6. Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the test you have identified at question 5 above where this relates to the soundness. (N.B Please note that any non-compliance with the duty to co-operate is incapable of modification at examination).**

**You will need to say why this modification will make the Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.**

**These Standards should be completely redrafted from their current simplistic, dangerously misleading and false guidelines to a form that properly recognises the reality of actual access issues for a community.**

***Please note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at publication stage.*

Please be as precise as possible.

After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

7. If your representation is seeking a modification to the Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination?

	No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination
Yes	Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination

8. If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:

We can bring local knowledge to support our arguments
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Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt when considering to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

9. Signature:	Catriona Hanson	Date:	26 March 2014
	Parish Clerk		