

Thank you so much for attending last night's workshop 'A Vision for Main Street'. It was great to see so many people attend and I think we had residents on the call from age 10 to 75+ so thank you for representing such diversity in age and perspective!

For those who couldn't make it, I'd like to summarise the key discussion points and next steps.

We shared the key findings from CAM's survey and our research with students of Menston Primary School, Menston Business Association, Menston Community Association and FOMPS that highlighted key issues and locations along Main Street as being narrow pavements, high speeds, dangerous parking and a lack of safe crossing points.

Paola Spivach shared an engaging presentation on her work in towns and villages across the country and the methodology behind streets that work well for people. We talked about the balance between place and movement along Main Street and how to slow down and accommodate parking in a clearer, safer manner along the 700m stretch of Main Street whilst also making sure that it's attractive and easy to walk to key destinations. We also talked about the potential of greening and additional tree planting along the street as well as highlighting the presence of the school and different options for more regular safer crossing points.

In breakout rooms, small groups had some time to put together initial ideas for their vision of Main Street, using images and post it's on the [miro](#) board. I've listed some of the key themes emerging from your discussions below:

- We need to be realistic about constraints, for example allowing for HGV co-op deliveries etc
- Desire to give pedestrians more prominence at key destinations e.g. Cleasby Road junction, outside the school + co-op.
- Need to manage the parking in a way that slows traffic but also allows clear sight lines
- Keenness to explore different options for informal crossing points at more regular points along Main Street
- Interest in use of colour - to be balanced with long term maintenance and utility company requirements
- Interest in a single lane section for two way traffic with passing places outside the school to accommodate more greening, trees and seating to better serve our community
- Interest in informal, textured (possibly cobbled) roundabouts at junctions to slow traffic
- Desire to pursue a range of behaviour change measures to encourage more walking locally

As you can see this is a list of ideas that emerged from last night's engagement conversation. These are obviously a long way away from design ideas and many further steps would need to be considered before these were developed in more detail, for example: traffic speed and volume counts, topographical and underground services surveys, discussions with Bradford Highways, sourcing of potential funding and further prioritisation etc.

As I said when I introduced the project last night - this is merely the **beginning** of an engagement conversation, initiated by CAM and facilitated by MPC in order to widen the conversation, hear new voices and perspectives and start to create a vision that can eventually be followed up with additional research and development before making it's way towards a neighbourhood plan for Menston in the long term.

Next steps:

[Street Space](#) to share short engagement report with CAM documenting findings and sharing types, patterns and key examples of interventions to shape Main Street going forward, based on your feedback and ideas.

Thanks once again for joining us and taking part in the conversation!

Kind regards,

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