



# TRAVEL PLAN

**Inspire Bradford Business Park  
Newlands Way  
Bradford  
West Yorkshire  
BD10 0JE**



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This Travel Plan reflects the Bradford and West Yorkshire Local Transport and Implementation Plans on page 8 of this document and will be uploaded to our website.

By adopting a Travel Plan Newlands Community Association is assisting Bradford MDC's plans to cut congestion, improve road safety and air quality and improve accessibility across the city; thus making Bradford an attractive and healthy location to live, work and visit.

The aim of this Travel Plan is to reduce traffic congestion by increasing the number of staff who choose to travel by sustainable modes of transport, for both commuting and business travel.

Newlands Community Association will achieve this by promoting public transport, cycling, walking and car sharing to all of its tenants, customers and visitors and will work in close partnership with Bradford MDC to resolve current and future travel issues.

## **TRAVEL PLAN ADMINISTRATION**

Sue Hodgson has been appointed as Travel Plan Coordinator for Newlands Community Association. She can be contacted by telephone on 01274 292100 or by email [susan@newlandsca.org.uk](mailto:susan@newlandsca.org.uk)

The Travel Plan Coordinator will administer the Travel Plan, maintaining necessary systems, data and paperwork, consultation and promotion. These duties are permanent and regular updating of the plan will be part of her responsibilities.

A filing system will be established and maintained for recording all correspondence relating to the Travel Plan.

The Travel Plan Coordinator will be responsible for setting up and maintaining the staff travel database that will comprise of the annual results of the staff travel survey.

**BUSINESS PARK INFORMATION**

**Basic Information**

**Newlands House One**

**Reception Hours**                    8.00 am – 5.00 pm

**Travel**

The Park is well served by local transport links as follows:

<b>Bus Routes</b>	From Bradford	645
	From Leeds Bradford Airport	A2
	From Shipley	60 / 645
<b>Train Routes</b>	Apperley Bridge Rail Station	1.7 miles
	Shipley Rail Station	3.3 miles
	Bradford Forster Square Rail Station	3.6 miles
	Bradford Interchange	3.7 miles
<b>Car Route</b>	BD10 0JE off Harrogate Road (A658)	
<b>Taxis</b>	Power Carz	01274 633416
	Greengates Private Hire	01274 620537
	Eccleshill Premier Taxis	01274 626661

**INSPIRE BUSINESS PARK AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**AIM AND OBJECTIVE**

Our aim remains to minimise our environmental impact from travel through the following objectives:

- 1) To provide real and affordable travel choices to staff.
- 2) To reduce the level of car use for commuting to and from our location.
- 3) To minimise the negative impact we have on the local community.

**TRAVEL TO THE PARK**

**Cycling**

Cycling levels are relatively low amongst staff (and visitors). However, to encourage change we will promote our external storage facilities and showers.

**Public Transport**

Our website currently has minimal public transport information and we therefore intend to update the website with sustainable travel options, eg links to the West Yorkshire Metro travel planner which can identify how to get to our site by public transport. Discounts and incentives are available by West Yorkshire Metro.

## **Electrical Vehicles**

All new units have electric vehicle charge points. We will continue to expand the number of charge points taking account of electrical supply capacity, demand and car parking requirements.

## **Car Sharing**

For staff working the same hours, car sharing is a viable option.

## **Walking**

There are many walks in the vicinity, varying in length. The following are amongst the most scenic and varied:

### **Calverley Woods / Ravenscliffe Woods Circular (3.5 miles)**

If starting or finishing from Inspire Bradford Business Park, add on 0.5 miles.

Head north down Harrogate Road, past the Odd Fellows pub, Eccleshill Swimming Pool and Sainsbury's.

At the major traffic intersection turn right onto New Line. Go past Asda on the left and the petrol station on the right. Turn left into Clara Drive heading uphill. This is a private road with pedestrian access. You will eventually reach a bridge over the Calverley Cut. Take the path to the left downhill through West Wood along Eleanor Road. The path reaches a crossroads and you will be in sight of the Leeds Liverpool Canal bridge to your left and the Calverley Cut to your right. The first part is quite steep and eventually comes out onto Carr Road. Cross Carr Road, turn left and head towards Calverley Victoria Park.

Just before the park, turn right up Chapel Street. Cross over Victoria Street and follow Parkwood Road until it joins Upper Carr Lane then Woodhall Road. Turning right so that you are heading uphill, follow Woodhall Road out of Calverley up Round Hill. On your left hand side will be fields and some houses, eventually on your right hand side will be the Woodhall Hills Golf Club.

Just past the golf club is a crossroads with Priesthorpe Road and some buildings including Ravenscliffe Farm. Cross over the road and follow the track downhill. Eventually you will come to a signposted path on your right which will take you into Ravenscliffe Woods. The path will join another, so head right again through the woods with a beck on your left. Keep following the path. The beck will occasionally disappear from sight, although as long as you keep it on your left you are heading in the right direction.

Eventually the area will become built up, and you'll take the left hand road (Ravenscliffe Road) and arrive back at Carr Road. You can finish your walk here or retrace your steps back to Inspire Business Park.

## **Apperley Bridge Circular (2 miles)**

Please note - sections of this route are prone to flooding after heavy rain.

Turn right onto Harrogate Road on leaving Inspire Business Park and head down through Greengates cross roads, past the Dog and Gun Pub, over the canal and past the Bridge Café. (The walk starts and finishes at the junction of Harrogate Road and Apperley Road next to the hand car wash.)

Head along Apperley Road and cross over Old Apperley Bridge. The bridge was built in 1602, but the original bridge dated back to the 11th century. Across the bridge is the George and Dragon pub. Stay on the opposite side to the George and Dragon and walk straight ahead, passing the buildings of Elm Tree Farm on your right. Continue along the road until you reach a footpath over a stile on the right. Pass through the stile and continue ahead a few yards until you reach another stile, which takes you onto a farm track.

Follow the track for approximately 100 yards until you reach a stile over the fence to the right. Once over the fence, follow the path ahead as it goes up a slight slope and then drops down to a little bridge over a stream. You now enter a large field, usually home to a number of horses.

Follow the path through the middle of the field, crossing a number of stiles on the way. At the far side of the field, you will reach a gate with a small gap by the side of it, directly in front of a railway bridge. Approximately 100 yards to the left the railway passes over the river via Apperley Bridge Viaduct. After passing under the viaduct, you will enter a large open field. Turn left and, in the distance, you will see the turrets of a suspension bridge over the river. Head towards this, and as you get nearer, you will see a fence with a stile. Climb over the stile and head straight ahead climbing over a second stile.

You will then come to a path. Turn left and follow the path as it climbs up a short steep hill through a wooded area. (If you wish to explore the Esholt estate, you can turn right, cross the river via the suspension bridge and head into the woods.) After approximately 100 yards the path comes out onto the towpath of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal. Turn left here and walk along the towpath. (If you wish to explore Buck Wood, cross Idle swing bridge, just before the railway bridge.)

On the towpath, pass under the railway bridge and after a quarter of a mile you will reach Dobson Locks. Continue down past the locks and the lockkeeper's cottages. A couple of hundred yards further along the towpath cross Apperley Road and continue along the towpath, past Apperley Bridge Marina and playing fields.

When you reach the next bridge, leave the towpath and walk onto Harrogate Road. Turn left and head down the pavement to where you started the walk.

## **Woodlands Circular via Apperley Bridge and Rawdon (4 miles)**

To get to the start of this walk from the Inspire Business Park, turn right onto Harrogate Road and head down through Greengates cross roads, past the Dog and Gun Pub, over the canal and past the Bridge Café.

Opposite the hand car wash, immediately after crossing the bridge over the river is a large car park in front of some playing fields (Rawdon Meadows). The walk starts and finishes here.

Follow the riverside path as it skirts round the edge of the playing fields with the river to your right. (Bradford City Football Club practice here). After approximately one third of a mile, the path passes under a railway bridge, then past another playing field on the left.

A little further along the path from the playing field, climb over the stile to the left and follow the well defined path across the field. The path leads to a stile over a stone wall and enters a narrow double fenced pathway that runs alongside the playing field you passed earlier on the river bank. After a short steady climb, you will reach Woodlands Drive. Turn right and follow the road until it bends to the right. Follow the smaller road straight ahead, leading up to Acacia Farm; you will soon pass Acacia Cottage on your left.

Follow the walled lane to the left. After passing several bramble bushes, the track veers to the left and starts to climb uphill into a wooded area. Here the walls on either side of the path double and even treble in height: this is Spite and Malice Ginnel. The Ginnel comes out onto Wood Drive. Cross the drive and head up the walled lane. After approximately 100 yards, you will come onto Cliffe Drive. Turn right and walk down the horse chestnut lined drive.

Passing Buckstone Hall about a quarter of a mile along, continue along the driveway until you come to a T-junction, and carry on straight ahead, over a stile into a field. Follow the well-defined path as it crosses diagonally through the field. At the bottom of the field climb over the stile and cross the road, then go straight ahead and follow the path that runs down between a wall and fence next to a field. At the bottom of the field, turn left down a flight of steps, and after a few yards the path joins a track through a wooded area.

After a short while, you will reach a crossroads. Follow the surfaced road downhill. After a few yards, you will reach a house on your left, within a fenced garden. Here you will come to a T-junction. Turn left and follow the path as it passes alongside the garden fence. Continue along this path until you are back on the riverbank and after half a mile or so you will be back by the railway bridge. Retrace your steps back to the start of the walk.

Tenants, visitors and staff not only benefit from superb facilities at the Park, they can also be confident that buildings have a minimal impact on the environment. The new development is expected to be completed by the end of Summer 2023.

We have offices and units available to rent, which range in size. Features and benefits include:

- Competitive lease terms
- Professional reception and welcoming area
- Meeting room hire with Polycom IT system to facilitate online meetings and free Wi-Fi
- High-speed broadband
- CCTV monitored
- Secure access to Units
- Designated parking space for all Office and Unit tenants
- Visitor parking
- Disabled parking
- Lift access to first floor of Newlands House One
- On-site snack bar with free Wi-Fi
- Cycle rack storage
- Onsite showers on the first floor of Newlands House One
- Newlands House Three Units all have Electrical Vehicle Charging Points

Current office and unit tenants are as follows:

Abbcell Electrical  
ADR Ltd  
AJ Gastech Ltd  
AKL Assessments  
Aluminium Profiles Ltd  
Box Property Solutions  
Bradford North Foodbank  
Clothing Solutions  
Clubhouse Sports Media Ltd  
Community Buses Bradford  
ELX  
Engaging Communities  
Evergreen Gardens & Designs  
Exhibit4U  
FHP Electrical Ltd  
Health for All (Leeds) Ltd  
Newlands Community Association  
Satmo  
SNOOP  
SOS Essentials  
Sports UK Ltd  
T9 Hobby Sport

The Park incorporates many sustainable building features including:

### **Timber Cladding**

The external walls have an unfinished cedar cladding which ages naturally and does not require painting or varnishing. Carbon, trapped in the timber, makes up 50% of its weight.

### **Rainwater Harvesting System**

All rainwater that falls on the roof is collected and stored in tanks to supply all toilets and forms part of the rainwater management scheme.

### **Straw Bales**

When built, the building was the largest straw bale development in Europe. The super-insulated system, combined with airtight seals, creates a building with thermal performance up to three times higher than current building regulations, saving money and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### **Ground Source Heat Pump**

The underfloor heating system is powered by a ground source heat pump which utilises the heat in the soil to maintain temperature. Heat pumps use a small amount of electricity to move available energy as heat from A to B. Relating the energy purchased to the energy delivered, heat pumps can be 300 – 400% more efficient.

### **Photovoltaic Cells**

Approximately 50% of the electricity requirement is generated from photovoltaic cells which use the sun to generate renewable energy.

### **On-Demand Tankless Water Heaters**

Instead of storing and heating water in a tank, it is circulated through a series of burners or electric coils that heat it as it passes through, delivering hot water on demand.



## **West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026**

### **Bradford Local Implementation Plan**

#### **My Journey West Yorkshire - Vision 2026 Connecting people and places**

Working together to ensure that West Yorkshire's transport system connects people and places in ways that support the economy, the environment and quality of life.

#### **Air Quality and Carbon Emissions**

Bradford has significant air quality problems, mainly attributable to transport, and there are currently four designated air quality management areas in the District. These areas have been identified as exceeding the government health based objectives for nitrogen dioxide. Air quality problems can shorten lives by up to nine years in air quality hotspots and reduce the average life expectancy in the UK by 7-8 months - the health costs are £20 billion annually. The Council has adopted an Air Quality Strategy which will be implemented through an Air Quality Action Plan. Many of the actions in the Action Plan will relate to transport and this Local Implementation Plan does, therefore, include a number of initiatives intended to improve air quality across the District, though advances in vehicle technology will also have a major part to play in tackling this problem. In 2008, transport accounted for 20.6% of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the District. The West Yorkshire LTP Strategy and this Local Implementation Plan contain a number of initiatives aimed at managing carbon emissions within the context of the predicted growth in the economy. Combined with Government action and advances in vehicle technology it is predicted that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will fall significantly by 2026 across West Yorkshire.

Travel Planning is one way of encouraging residents and businesses to adopt more sustainable travel habits. This will be developed further within the District to influence both individual travel choices and that of organisations by providing information, incentives and enforcing travel plans. Relatively simple and popular initiatives such as introducing flexible working arrangements, where this is practicable, lead to a reduced requirement to travel within the traditional peak periods, therefore reducing congestion. Other travel plan measures include reducing the number of unrestricted parking spaces in workplaces, offering parking spaces for shared car use and encouraging staff to travel by public transport or by cycling / walking (or by a combination of these). It is important that, as a major employer and community leader, Bradford Council shows commitment in this area and it is therefore encouraging its own staff to make informed travel choices and work more flexibly, whilst investigating better ways of delivering the transport requirements of its services. As a large fleet operator, the Council is evaluating new technologies, and improved fuel efficiency of fleet vehicles. Trained drivers, efficient route planning, and low emission vehicles are examples of how the authority is taking control of carbon emissions from transport operations.

## What is the Clean Air Zone and how does it work?

Bradford is a C+ zone to ensure the city meets the legal limits for pollution in the district. This is based on a Class C Clean Air Zone which means there are charges for all non-compliant vehicle types with the exception of passenger cars and motorbikes. The definition of 'Passenger cars' does not include hackney carriage or private hire vehicles. These are subject to the daily charge if they do not meet the standard. Bradford district now has one of the cleanest taxi fleets in the country, with 92% of taxis being compliant.

The Clean Air Zone has been designed to improve air quality in areas where it's worst and where poor air quality is impacting the most on people's health. It will help people to breathe better and reduce other health risks too.

The Bradford zone covers the area inside, and including, the Bradford outer ring road.

It also extends out along the Aire valley corridor, (Manningham Lane/Bradford Road and Canal Road area) to include Shipley and Saltaire.

The image below shows the boundary of the Bradford Clean Air Zone.

