

RESPONSE FORM

Dear Householder,

This is the second part of a two-part public consultation carried out on behalf of the Wharfedale Trail Forum and jointly funded by Bradford Metropolitan District Council and North Yorkshire County Council, in order to gauge the level of public support for the proposed Wharfedale Trail Project.

What is the Wharfedale Trail?

The Wharfedale Trail is the name given to the proposal to create a new, safe route for **walkers, horse riders and cyclists**, From Ilkley, via Addingham, to Bolton Abbey. The scheme has its origins in a feasibility study carried out in 2005 by the sustainable transport charity, Sustrans. The Wharfedale Trail Forum was formed in response to this study, in order to promote and progress the project.

What are the potential benefits of the scheme?

Economic - Visitors & tourists help sustain local businesses.

Health & Safety - Safe, largely traffic-free route with links to bridleway and footpath networks, encouraging outdoor exercise in a society where obesity, particularly in the young, is a cause for growing concern.

Environmental - Sustainable transport route reducing reliance on motor transport, encouraging **the** appreciation of countryside and nature; opportunity to increase **biodiversity** by appropriate land management.

Educational – School nature study opportunity.

Part One of this consultation took place in Addingham during **June/July 2007**; Part Two, which is focused on the residents of Ilkley and Ben Rhydding, commenced in September 2007 and was originally due to close on **20 October**.

Due to the recent theft of a significant number of completed response forms, the consultation period is being extended until 30th November. Therefore, it is important that you complete and return the response section of this leaflet before that date, even if you have previously submitted your response.

N.B. RESPONSES RETURNED AFTER 18th OCTOBER, OR SUBMITTED AT THE MANNED EXHIBITIONS DURING SEPTEMBER, ARE NOT AFFECTED.

The views of Ilkley residents are very important and you are urged to read this leaflet and complete the attached Consultation Form, returning it before **30th November** (No stamp required).

Maps of the proposed route, along with details of design and process, are on display in Ilkley Library until 30th November. The same information may also be viewed on The Forum's website: www.wharfedaletrail.co.uk
Please take the time to study the proposal before submitting your response.

What Next?

At the end of the consultation period, The Forum will prepare a report on both parts of the consultation and present it to Bradford Metropolitan District Council and North Yorkshire County Council, along with local Parish Councils, for their consideration. If the proposal gains the support of the local authorities, The Forum will ask Sustrans to lead in developing the scheme, negotiating with landowners, applying for planning permission and securing funding. This may take up to five years to achieve.

Once you have studied the description of the route and of the type of trail that is proposed, either by the public display or the website, please tick the appropriate box and add your comments below.

Q: Do you support, the development of the trail for Cyclists, Walkers, Horse Riders, and wheelchair users from Ilkley via Addingham to Bolton Abbey?

YES

NO

Name:

Ilkley Postcode:

Your name and postcode are required only for verification purposes and will not be divulged to any other parties or used for any other purpose, in accordance with the Data Protection Act.

Please use the space below for any further comments and/or suggestions.