

# Callington Town Plan

## SURVEY RESULTS

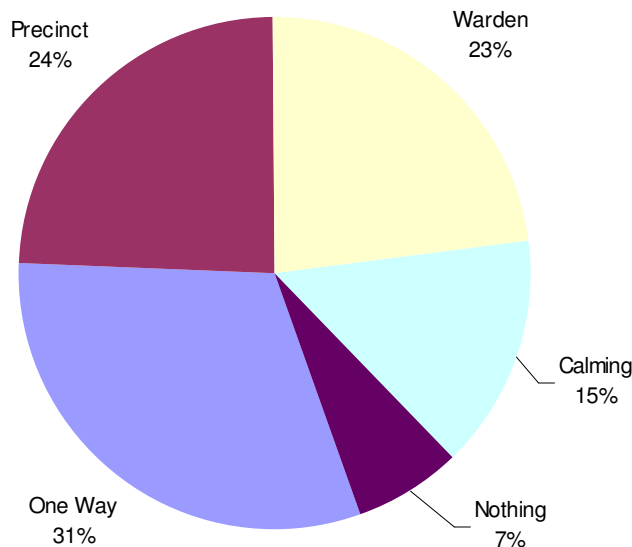
### FOR THE SECTION ON 'TRANSPORT & ROAD SAFETY' [1<sup>ST</sup> draft]

*Blue italics denotes comments made by respondents.*

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#### Traffic Solutions

When asked what the solution was to the traffic problems that exist, a one-way traffic flow system was the most popular with a pedestrian-only precinct in Fore Street being second. A full time traffic warden, traffic calming measures such as speed bumps and doing nothing as it did not need improving were other options.

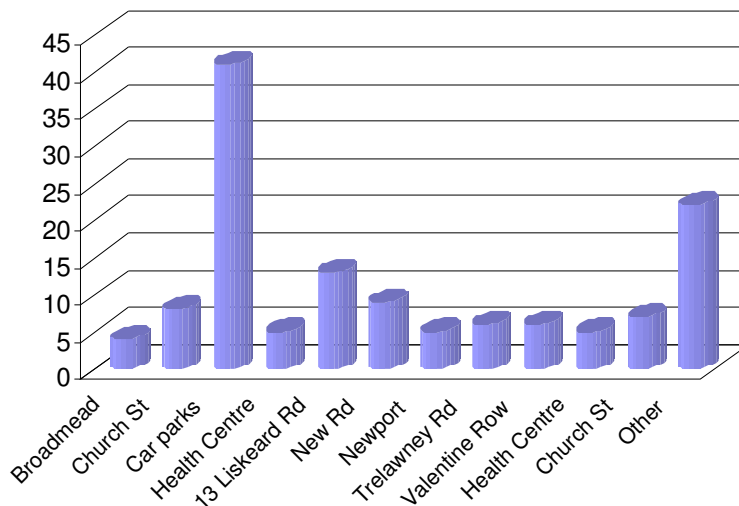


When asked if people would like to see some of the following features in Callington or Kelly Bray more wheelchair friendly kerbs were the most popular at 463, then pelican crossings at 451, cycle paths 439, more footpaths 418, more environmentally friendly street lights 411, more pavements 371 and more street lights 306. It is questionable whether there was any confusion between public footpaths and pavements.

When asked what forms of transport people used, it was not surprising that the car was the most popular.

	Regularly	Scarcely
<b>Car</b>	1150	67
<b>Bus</b>	221	867
<b>Cycle</b>	111	705
<b>Taxi</b>	83	855
<b>Train</b>	51	884

An overwhelming 245 persons identified the Town Centre as the problem area. Within this classification Fore Street, especially the area around St Mary's Square and outside Spar was identified by many. The following graph shows the other locations identified by more than 5 persons.

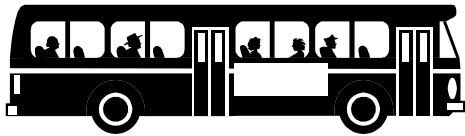


The eighteenth question asked people who considered parking to be a problem to state what the problem was, where it was located and a suggested solution. The location identified by the 217 making comments was the town centre. 'No.' denotes the number of respondents making this comment.

Problem	No.	Solutions	No.
Congestion	23	One way system	17
		Better enforcement	6

Disabled parking - not enough	5	More disabled parking	5
Disabled parking - causing obstructions	2	Keep them off yellow lines	2
Not enough parking		More on-street parking	8
		Free short term parking	19
Hazardous parking	153	Pedestrianise	7
		Complete ban on street parking	22
		Should use car parks	6
		Full time traffic warden	107
		More yellow lines	11
Other problems	7	Various solutions	7

## Public Transport



When asked about the public bus service, respondents wanted to see the following improvements the reliability 373, then better routes 321, competitive costs 302, access for those with disabilities 236, a bus station 189, and location of bus stops 168.

In relation to the train service most respondents wanted to see improved connections between buses & trains - 272, cost - 221, timetable - 169, service - 123, access for those with disabilities - 119, reliability - 102, station location - 81.

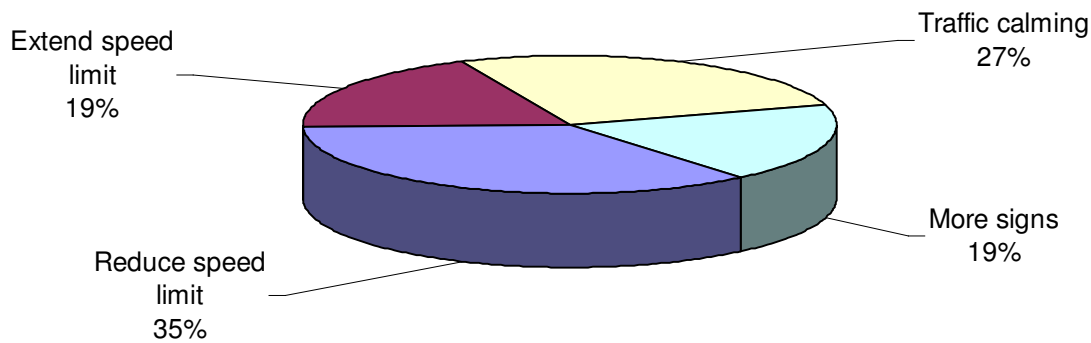
## Traffic Danger Spots

When asked whether residents thought the named places were traffic danger spots the most frequently named locations were:

Church St/Launceston Rd junction	856
By the Community College	736
Liskeard Rd/Haye Rd junction	732
Fore Street	627
Saltash Road by the Primary School	456
Launceston Rd generally	432
The Swingle Tree junction	293

## Speed Control

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When asked which speed control measures residents would support in Callington and Kelly Bray? Reduction in the speed limit was the most popular suggestion at 617, traffic calming measures came next at 465, extending the speed limit further out 327, more road warning signs 321.

### Causes of the Problems

When residents were asked whether the traffic problems in Callington were related to any of the named possible causes, the following response was received.

Inconsiderate parking	939
Parking in Fore St	756
Need for one way system	547
General congestion	451
Heavy delivery lorries in town centre	421
Lack of proper bus station	362
Need for pedestrianisation	358
Too many buses in New Road	310
Pedestrian/vehicle conflict	290

### Further Comments

When residents were asked whether they would like to say anything else about traffic and road safety in the area, 262 people took the opportunity to comment.

Seventy-seven people made comments on speed, particularly in relation to the dangers created by boy racers.

*All the speeding cars are driven by youngsters with no manners.*

*Boy racers in main New Road car parking area and Callington Town centre pose immediate danger to all pedestrians.*

*Most problems are at night when youngsters drive too fast and don't stop at junctions.*

*Provide more info to parents with teenage drivers within their families to kill their speed.*

*Tavistock Rd is a race track day and night - difficult to cross. Cars etc approaching lights from Ginsters rarely travel less than 50mph. Speed camera would be justified.*

*One way system didn't work before.*

*It is like a dodge-em track with all the illegal parking and all the speeding cars coming into Callington from all directions.*

Once again the problems created by illegal parking in the centre of town were mentioned with 32 persons commenting on this.

*Driving through Fore Street is a real obstacle course due to illegally parked cars, a danger to pedestrians.*

*Most traffic problems in Fore Street are due to people parking all over the place. If a traffic warden was present this could be sorted out.*

*There should be no parking outside Spar, they obstruct pedestrians view of oncoming cars*

*Parking difficulties, why don't parents use the free car park provided.*

Thirty-one people commented on the need for a one way system

*A one way system on Fore Street towards the traffic lights would free up the right hand side to allow 20 mins free parking for people next to the shops and allow for a safer environment.*

*From traffic lights to New Road - One way. Parking on the left side only so people can access cashpoints etc.*

*Make Church Street and Well Street one way to prevent congestion and reduce danger to pedestrians.*

*Church St is dangerous, also the junction at the bottom. One way traffic may be an alternative*

*One way system would allow more parking outside Spar and wider pavements*

Although there was no mention of a by-pass in the survey at least nineteen people stated that one was needed.

*Callington desperately needs a by pass for traffic to Launceston, both for the residents of the existing road and for safety of pupils and staff travelling to and from community college.*

*The area next to the school and the Coachmakers pub is dangerous with all the lorries passing through. Need a by-pass so the HGV's don't pass through the town.*

*We need a by pass to take heavy traffic away from Launceston/Saltash Rd*

The need for zebra crossing in various locations were the subject matter for sixteen comments.

*Fore Street is a nightmare to cross, especially for the older people.*

*We need a pedestrian crossing on Saltash/Launceston Road lights. A very dangerous place for the elderly and young to cross.*

Areas that were regularly mentioned in comments were the stretch from Church Street by the Coachmakers and up Launceston Road to the college.

*The road by the Coachmakers pub is very dangerous. The speed of cars and the height of the kerbs makes it hard to cross the road with pushchairs.*

*At school times the junction at Broadmead is at a standstill, because of heavy traffic.*

At least ten persons made additional comments on the problems created by heavy goods vehicles in the town.

*Far too much heavy vehicle traffic going through the town centre*

*The problem with HGV's using Launceston Road and Tavistock Road has to be looked at before an accident occurs.*

There were at least sixty-six other comments on a variety of subjects which were difficult to categorise. The following comments represent a cross section of these.

*Common sense should prevail regardless of police or warden presence.*

*Fore St/Church St junction needs re-aligning and parking problems needs addressing.*

*Lack of pavements or narrow pavements can make walking around Callington dangerous. Mirrors could be placed on dangerous bends or blind spots for better observation.*

*Need a continuous pavement from Kelly Bray to Callington to walk with pushchairs and toddlers.*

*Play areas for children in Inney Close so that they don't play on the roads*

*Southern Road needs a full length pavement before somebody is killed.*

*Spar deliveries through the front door cause a danger to drivers and shoppers alike, block the road and create a blind junction at Church Street. Spar should use its back door entrance for all deliveries.*

*Too many drivers park on the pavement with no regard to pedestrians or disabled persons. Entrance to New Rd car park quite often partially obstructed by large pet food lorry parked opposite entrance.*

*Traffic problems seem to relate to a general attitude held by drivers that they can do what they want, considering how chaotic it is it seems to work fairly well.*

## **Transport & Road Safety Issues**

The following are all issues arising from residents responses, that need consideration.

- ❖ **The need for a one-way system [1<sup>st</sup> choice] or pedestrianisation**
- ❖ **Solutions to illegal parking**
- ❖ **Higher traffic warden presence**
- ❖ **Wheelchair/pram friendly kerbs**

- ❖ More pedestrian crossings
- ❖ A more reliable bus service
- ❖ Integrated transport systems
- ❖ A solution to the problems at the Church St/Launceston Rd/Broadmead/College junctions
- ❖ Reduction in speed limits [since the survey a 20mph limit has been imposed near the college].
- ❖ Boy racers speeding around town
- ❖ Heavy vehicles
- ❖ By-pass

### **Next Stage**

The next stage is to look at the issues and decide on the best way to solve the problems in a way that is not only practical but economically realistic. This is where we need *YOUR* ideas, whatever age you are! Do you have any suggestions to make?

Please come along and join in the discussion on the Town Centre that will take place on the following date:-

**TOWN CENTRE, TRANSPORT & ROAD SAFETY**  
**Thursday 6th January 7.00, Council Chamber Town Hall**