

Transport

With regards to 'significant highway improvements' if you cannot develop a site with proper public and cycle/walking facilities it would be better to not develop the site at all. Something that is configured in a way that transport is not relying on more car usage. The new proposals for the sites 'Broad Locations' are not accessible and are located on the periphery of the town. More adequate and safe pedestrian/cycle routes should be provided - If proper off street parking cannot be provided for.

The Abbey line will not be serving the proposed new development. The proposed public transport is a good start, though it is too dependant on buss services, more needs to be proposed for example with the development more light rail across the district. Create more local connections between local towns rather than increase dependency to London.

More cycle paths, routes, storage facilities should be introduced.

Developments should be self contained to reduce dependency on transport (e.g. local shops, doctors, pub, jobs, good broadband video conference facilities).

- Ensure that access is open for pedestrians and cyclists- fast, wide cycle lanes that are off road like in Holland. Cycle lanes need to be continuous and link houses, schools, the station and town centres.
- Cycle paths should have priority over extra parking.
- So long as cycle paths are wide enough, continuous and well connected they would also provide an excellent network for elderly people in mobility scooters.
- In order to prevent additional cars taking children to schools, new housing developments should be sustainable and self contained e.g. contain new schools (and other facilities such as small shops etc).
- The volume of new homes can only be successfully absorbed if a radically new policy is adopted to transport.
- Cyclists should not have to share paths with pedestrians- it is dangerous.
- Electric car points should be incorporated into new schemes.
- Much, much more facilities for secure bike parking both in public places and in flats.
- When necessary to use cars, the council staff should have access to electric car fleet.
- The council should subsidise electric car clubs for residents in St Albans
- Address the needs of disabled people in the plans –
- Consider public transport routes that will reduce commuter traffic to and from the station e.g. circular / radial bus routes around the district with routes into the station
- Priority to cycle routes in order to create a safe cycling routes for cyclists – this will encourage more people to cycle.
- Solar lit cycle pathways should be considered to light up routes during the night.
- The council should prioritise the sourcing of local food including encouraging local food growers space at the market in order to reduce transportation on food which could be grown locally.
- Research on how to make cycling safer for people on St Albans roads as safety will encourage more people to cycle.
- Very high cost of parking permits for high carbon emission cars – as people who can afford these cars clearly have a lot of money to spend.
- Speed restrictions to improve air quality and reduce damage to road surfaces as well
- Make sure that air routes over ST Albans cause minimum disruption for new developments

