

WHAT THE THORNHILLS TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT REVEALS

The Transport Assessment indicates that Brighouse traffic queues could increase, and Clifton Common through-traffic could be restricted

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The Transport Assessment for Thornhills Garden Suburb contains several significant disclosures that residents should understand before Friday's deadline.

Two issues in particular deserve closer attention.

Peak-time queues towards the M62 could extend over 1km through Brighouse.

The report presents queue modelling in technical units (PCUs – passenger car units), but it does not translate those figures into real-world road length.

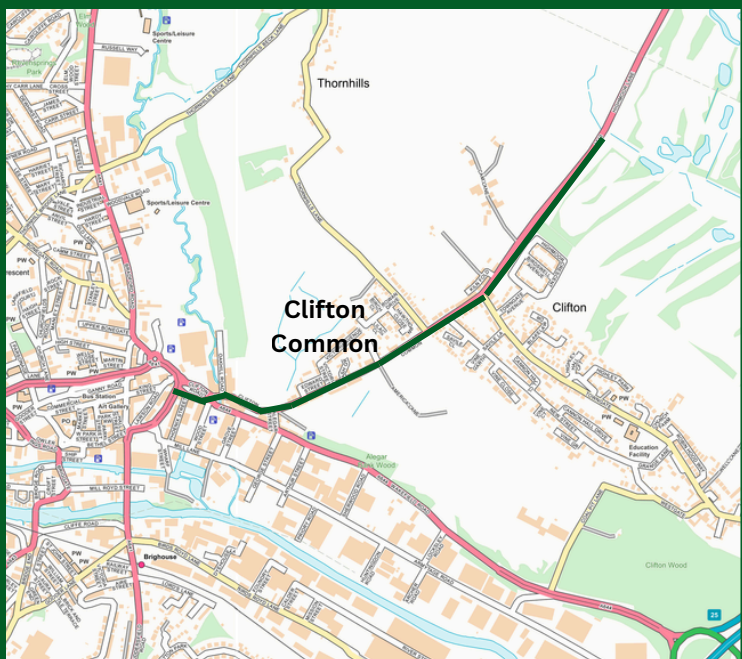
When those modelling outputs are converted into physical distance using **typical vehicle spacing assumptions**, they indicate that peak-time queues associated with the proposed Clifton Enterprise Zone access and related junction changes could extend over 1 kilometre through Brighouse town centre.

The report does not explicitly state this in narrative form – but it flows directly from its own modelling data.

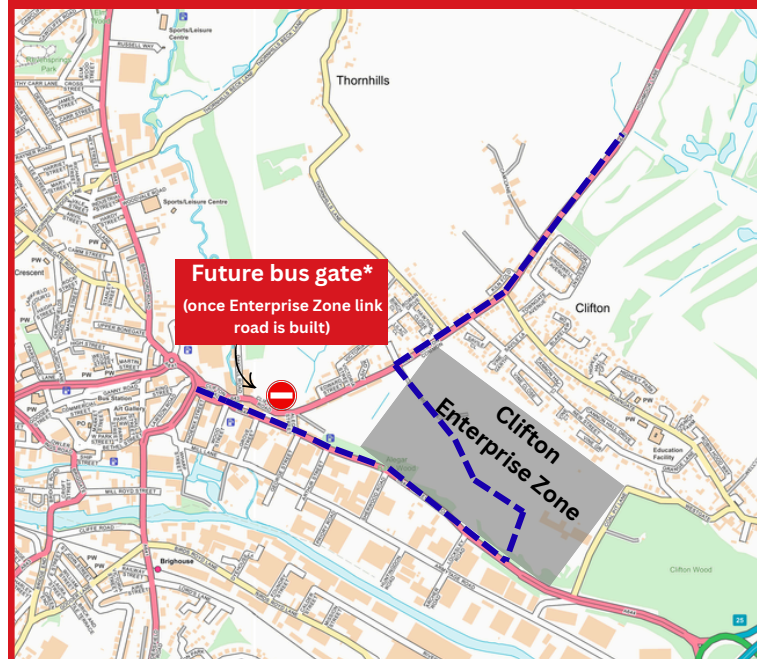
The Transport Assessment indicates that a bus gate is planned for Clifton Common once the Enterprise Zone spine road is delivered.

This would redirect general through-traffic away from the current route into Brighouse.

Today: A direct route into Brighouse



Future: Route via Enterprise Zone link road



Other key points within the applicant's Transport Assessment include:

- The Stotts Arms A641/A643 junction already operates at capacity with significant queuing and delay.
- Traffic from Clifton Business Park has not been fully incorporated into future assessments.
- Bus access is currently limited, with no stops near the site frontage and many dwellings more than 1km from existing stops.
- The document acknowledges that **early phases of the site would function as an isolated development, increasing reliance on car travel.**

These points are drawn directly from the applicant's Transport Assessment.

What can you do in the next few days?

- **Contact your Local Councillors** (remember they represent you)
- **Share your experiences of traffic in Brighouse and Clifton** with Calderdale's planning officers - remember, comments written in your own words are often the most helpful to planning officers

How traffic currently affects your journeys through Brighouse:

1. Your own experience of traffic in Brighouse

How often do you experience congestion at Stotts Arms or on the A641?

2. Existing junction capacity

Do current junctions already experience peak-time delays or queues?

3. The ability of the road network to cope with more traffic

Can the local road network cope with additional traffic from Thornhills?

4. Infrastructure timing

Should major infrastructure, such as an Enterprise Zone link road, be delivered before housing is occupied?

5. Route changes affecting Clifton Common

How might Clifton Common route changes affect your daily journey?

Residents may wish to consider how this development could affect traffic in Brighouse, particularly other developments planned in South-East Calderdale

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