

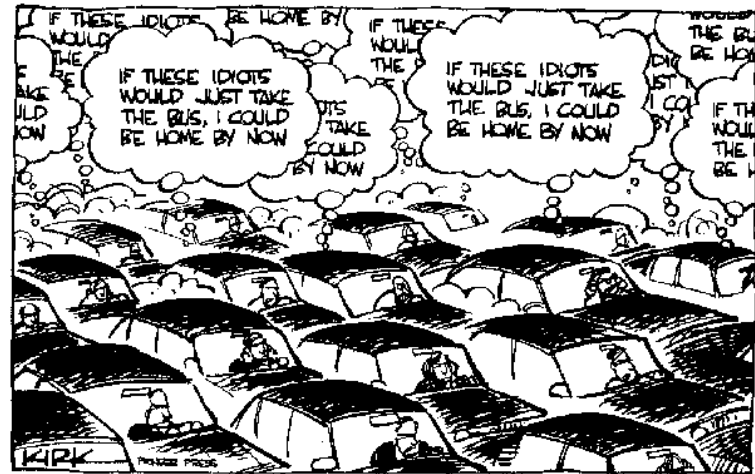
Improving Public Transport and reducing congestion: The story so far

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Environmental Services

Presentation

- Accessibility and Congestion
 - Definitions
 - Issues
 - Wigan's situation



What makes a great place?

- **Connected**
 - Linking the places people want to go
- **Convenient**
 - Direct and easy to use
- **Comfortable**
 - Good quality, without obstruction
- **Convivial**
 - Attractive, nice to be in, safe
- **Conspicuous**
 - Legible, easy to understand

Accessibility: Definition

“The ease of approach to one location from other locations. This may be measured in terms of the distance travelled, the cost of travel, or the time taken”

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Connected
Convenient
Conspicuous

Accessibility Issues

- Land use planning/regeneration
 - eg bid-rents
- Particular groups of people
- Discrimination
- Life's potential

Old	Young
Women	BEM
Disabled	Poor
Single parents	

Accessibility in Wigan

- Income levels are no determinant for geographic accessibility
- Costs – positives and negatives
- Health – links with income deprivation
- Can affects a town's prospects
- Problems for the future
- There is a lot we do not know!

Congestion: Defined

“The restriction of the use of a facility by
over-use” OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

- Too much traffic, at a particular time in a particular place
- Too many vehicles competing for too little space

Comfortable

Convivial

Congestion Issues (1)

- Variables
 - Space
 - Given over a massive amount of space already
 - Induced demand
 - Land use planning
 - Vehicles
 - Amount of people; size; types
 - Time
 - “Traditional” office hours
 - Creatures of habit

Congestion Issues (2)

- Environment
- Health
- Money
- Social issues
- Frustration & irritation



Congestion Issues (3)

- What kind of world do we want to create?



Congestion in Wigan

- Specific locations affected more than others
- No great surprises
- Public perceptions
- Old infrastructure
- Public actions
- Employers' actions

Over to you...