



## SHOTLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE TRUST

### Traffic and Parking Study - Summary

#### *Background*

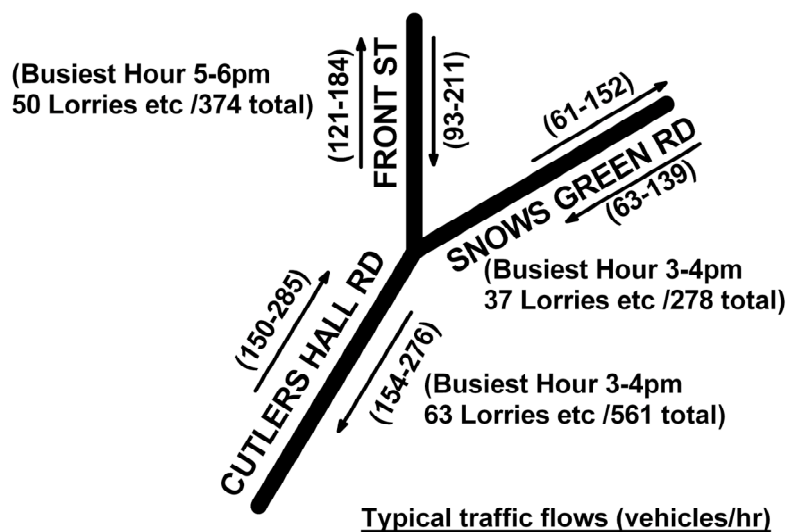
It is generally agreed, by both residents and visitors, that Shotley Bridge lacks the parking facilities necessary to support local businesses and to avoid inconvenience to residents.

#### CURRENT SITUATION

A survey of these issues was performed in August and September 2009 to assess the scale of the problems and to investigate possible solutions. There were two parts to this study – a survey of traffic flows and an analysis of parking problems and needs.

#### **1. Traffic Study**

Vehicle counts for one hour were taken, covering most hours between 8.00am and 6.00pm. The results are summarised in the figure below.



#### **2. Parking Study**

28 parking surveys were undertaken to find out where and when cars were parked. The table below shows the places and times when legal on-street parking occurred.

Where and What?	When?	Number (min – max)
Village Centre total	Before 5pm	45 (Mon 8-45am) - 71 (Sun. 9-30am)
	After 5pm	74 (Wed. 5-15pm) – 116 (Tue. 7-30pm)
Snows Green Rd	Max pm	18 (Tue. 7-30pm)
	Max am	21 (Sun. 9-30am)
Messenger Bank	Max pm	8 (Fri. 7-15pm)
Front St	Max pm	6 (Thur. 6-45pm)

Most illegally parked vehicles – 5 on a Wednesday at 5-45pm  
 Least vehicles causing obstruction or parking on pavements – 13 on a Monday at 8-45am  
 Most vehicles causing obstruction or parking on pavements – 47 on a Saturday at 7-00pm

### **Parking Availability and Usage**

Up to The Crescent there are 30 marked parking bays on Front St and Cutler's Hall Road. The maximum ever used was 20 (except on Tuesday pm - when only 1 was available).

The maximum number of vehicles in the Crown and Cross Swords Car Park was 14 (Sat. pm).

### **WHAT DO PEOPLE THINK?**

Questionnaires were issued to all businesses and to 80 residential properties. There were 14 responses from each group summarised as follows:

<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No parking for customers</li> <li>• Parking often dangerous</li> <li>• Village Centre not pleasant to walk around</li> <li>• Parking on single yellow lines prevents disabled access</li> <li>• Parking frequently blocks access to businesses</li> <li>• New businesses without additional parking provision</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Front St dangerous for drivers and pedestrians</li> <li>• Parking on pavements – hazardous for pedestrians and prevents service access</li> <li>• Dangerous for children playing</li> <li>• Illegal parking frequently creates traffic hazards</li> <li>• Car owners use garages for storage rather than parking</li> <li>• Need for parking for restaurants</li> </ul>

### **POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS**

<b>PROVISION</b>	<b>REGULATION</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Car Park on Wood St</li> <li>• Car Park on Snows Green Rd</li> <li>• Pedestrian refuge or crossing</li> <li>• Create spaces by reducing flower beds and/or removing recycling bins</li> <li>• Extend car parking outside Kings Restaurant</li> <li>• Negotiate the use of existing private car parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and awareness campaign</li> <li>• Better signage of parking places</li> <li>• Speed cameras etc and/or 'Slow Down' visors</li> <li>• Enforcement of existing parking restrictions</li> <li>• More double yellow lines</li> <li>• Bollards and flower tubs to prevent parking outside shops</li> <li>• Parking time limits</li> </ul>

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