

Selby District Disability Forum C.I.C

MAPPING THE STREETS OF SELBY

**A document produced by a group of local people to
identify, record and highlight access issues and
improvements needed**



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Who are Selby District Disability Forum?

We are a group of volunteers with a unique combination of experience having both a wide range of disabilities, debilitating conditions and/or mental health issues as well as a diverse range of life, voluntary and work experience.

We are a recently formed Community Interest Company (C.I.C)

How will the community benefit from our mapping activities?

By access issues being identified and highlighted to the relevant responsible authorities and/or organisations improvements to access for the disabled and others in the local community will hopefully be made. Individuals and organisations will have a greater awareness of access issues for disabled people and therefore have a greater understanding of how to make positive changes and deliver excellent inclusive practice. Selby will be more accessible and safer for all.

How was the information collected?

Members of our forum travelled by foot and wheelchair over many months. They observed and recorded details of hazards and barriers at street level around the centre of Selby.

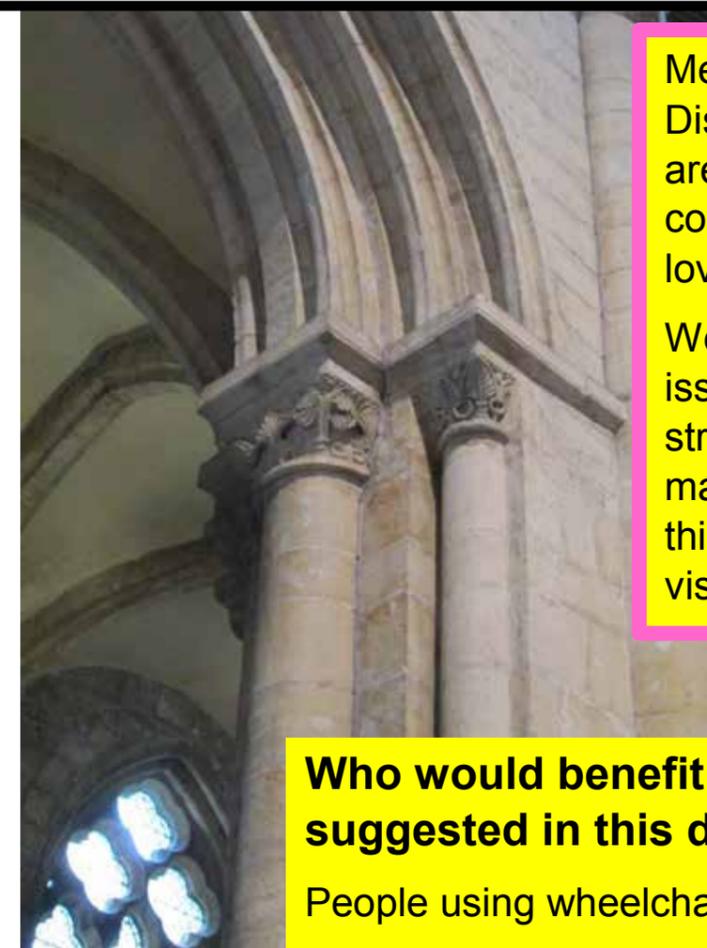
The information was then compiled. Many photographs of observed issues in real time were also taken and detailed sketches were also produced. This document is a summary of findings, highlighting key things seen, and some suggestions to make our town centre more accessible.

How can local people get involved?

If you encounter a local access issue please get in touch with us.

You can also volunteer with us, join our forum and help with future projects such as an access audit of transport. Come and make friends and get support from other disabled people along the way.

We meet monthly in Selby. **All welcome!**



Members of Selby District Disability Forum love living in this area and we wish to see continuous improvement of our lovely town.

We seek to highlight some issues around easy and safe street usage to help decision makers and planners make things better for all locals and visitors alike.

Who would benefit from improvements suggested in this document?

People using wheelchairs and mobility scooters
People unable to walk far due to health issues
People with hearing and / or sight impairment
People with young children in buggies

How do people benefit from having better access?

Individuals have greater independence and experience the freedom to access services and amenities. They feel empowered to direct their own time and thereby have a greater sense of mental well-being.

Many then have better physical health from being more active.

Improvements to access means disabled people have equality of opportunity and choice.

Getting out and about without barriers and hazards mean people feel less isolated and their quality of life is enhanced.

Summary of Findings

4 key improvements suggested for safer access:

More dropped kerbs

More pedestrian crossing places

Better enforcement of 'safety related' parking restrictions

Designated pedestrian routes across car parks.

Drop Kerbs

Our mapping identified **35** are needed relating to some **21** locations.

Safe Crossings

We recommend **6** new marked crossing points are needed and **5** existing crossing points need better marking.

Parking Restrictions

We have identified **6** locations where there are insufficient restrictions.

Safe Pedestrian ways in car parks

There are **4** car parking sites that would benefit from designated marked pedestrian routes

Please contact us for the detailed mapping data report

6 examples of hazards and barriers to safe access found along commonly used pedestrian routes to town facilities:

1. Entry in to Market Lane off New Lane.

This is a main pedestrian route in to town and supermarkets. There is a considerable flow of two way traffic.

Issue: No drop kerb present and no marked safe crossing point.

Suggested improvement: A safe crossing place marked eg. Zebra



2. Flaxley Road opposite the Job centre

Issue: Cars regularly park on the speed table as rest of the road has double yellow lines blocking access to the dropped kerb

Suggested improvement: double yellow lines extending across speed table.

3. Back Wide Street (Micklegate) Entry into car park

Issue: No drop kerb forces disabled people in to the road.

Suggested improvement:

Drop kerbs installed

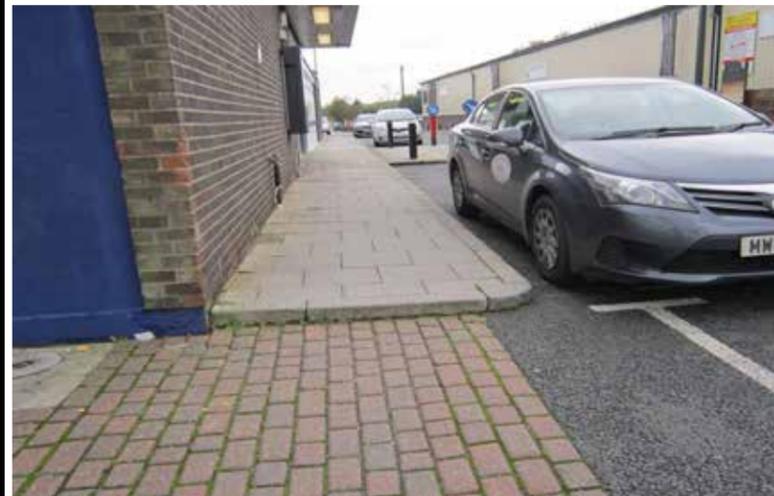


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4. Portholme Road access to medical Centre and route to town shops

Issue: A busy road with two way traffic, no safe crossing point

Suggested improvement:
Marked crossing point



5. Station Road used from all approach routes.

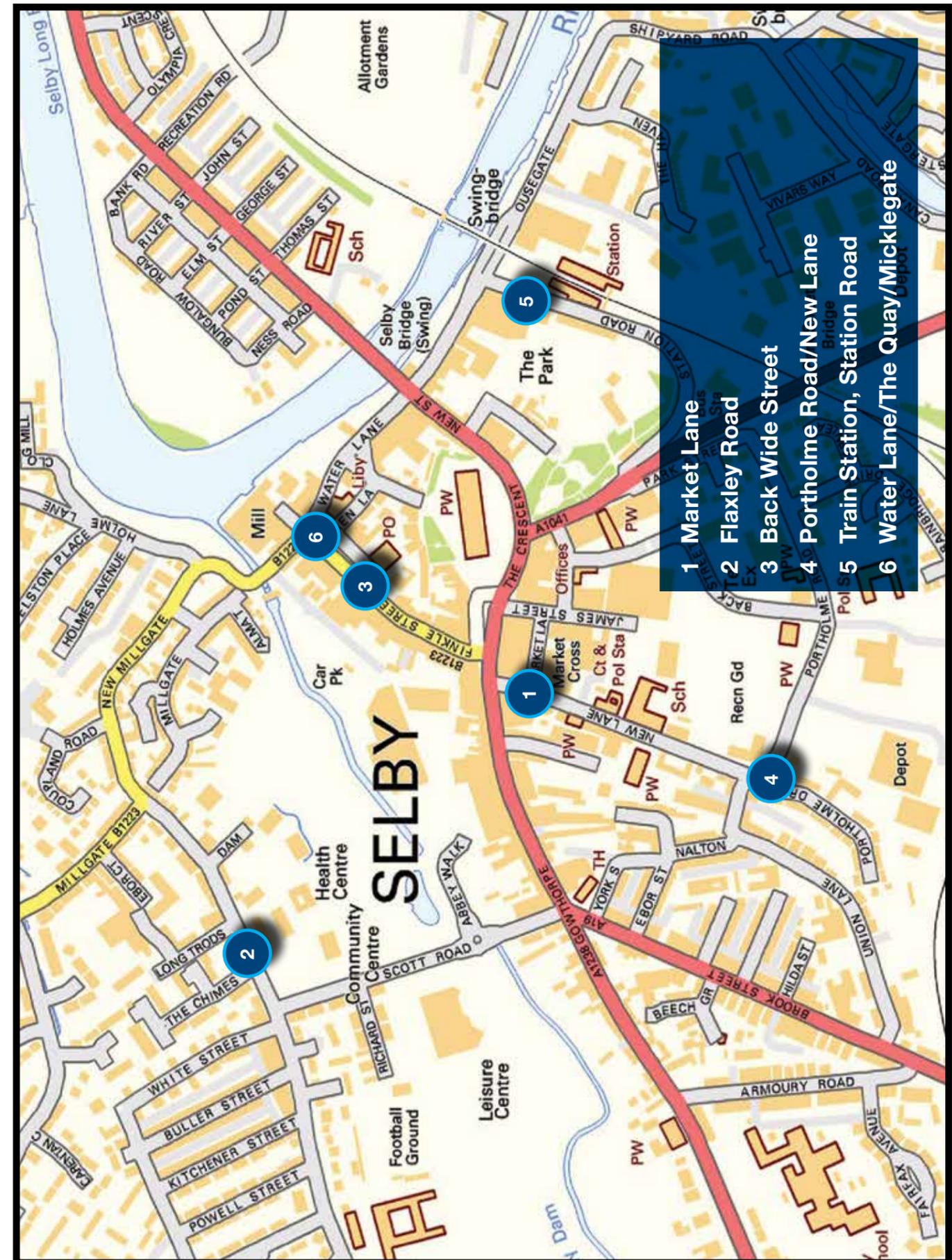
Issue: Footpath very narrow and no drop kerbs present, people using a wheelchair are forced in to the road

Suggested improvement:
drop kerbs

6. Wide Street a main route from Holmes Lane area to library, post office and town amenities

Issue: No safe crossing point on Water Lane

Suggested improvement:
Marked crossing point



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The authors of this report hope it will be of particular interest
to:

Disabled local residents

Carers

Local Authorities

Highways Agency

Police Authorities

Local businesses

Support groups

All who visit Selby town centre

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