



AREA PANEL TWO 16 MARCH 2005

Report of Assistant Director –
Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

Proposed spend of S106 developer contribution – West Chellaston

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 At a previous Area Panel 2 meeting, Members requested information on what could be achieved with a developer contribution related to housing in west Chellaston.
- 1.2 An agreement between Derby City Council, Birch Homes, David Wilson Homes and others was signed in November 1999. The developers agreed to contribute £170,000 towards transport improvements to the A514.
- 1.3 The agreement does not specify what type of improvements should be carried out, but it does include reference to 'off-site highway contributions' not in the vicinity of the development. We have considered the use of this land in developing transport schemes for the 2005/6 programme.
- 1.4 The Derby Joint Local Transport Plan Capital Work Programme for 2005/06 includes a public transport scheme for the A514 corridor. This includes new shelters, access kerbs and real time information displays and other associated bus route enhancements from the city centre to the city boundary. The improvements are part of a bus quality partnership, BQP, with Arriva Midlands Ltd who have also invested in new buses, have dedicated drivers and operate a 6-7 minute frequency. The total cost of the scheme is approximately £510,000, which is likely to be delivered over two years.
- 1.5 In developing the 2005/06 programme, we considered schemes' contribution to:
 - the Council's corporate objectives and priorities for change
 - tackling the issues identified in the services to road users best value review
 - addressing failing LTP targets and performance indicators.

We also:

- took into account recent consultation carried out in October 2004 on the public's priorities for transport investment
- identified other sources of funding available, including developer contributions and funding from other government departments and grants.

The evidence suggests that our priority for investment should be on enhancing the overall quality of bus services, to encourage more people to use them and reduce congestion, as well as to enhance accessibility to facilities. We have reviewed the issues on the A514 corridor and concluded that investment of LTP funds and developer funds in the bus route achieves most towards the above objectives.

- 1.6 The existing real time information system in Allestree has proved popular with local residents and the Allestree services have seen increased patronage figures since its introduction in 2004.
- 1.7 On 8 February 2005, Council Cabinet approved the Derby Joint Local Transport Plan Capital Work Programme for 2005/06 which includes the proposed extension of the Real Time Information Scheme in Chellaston. This approval included the allocation of the £170,000 S106 monies, subject to consultation with Area Panel 2.
- 1.8 The £170,000 contribution will be spent within the boundaries described in the agreement but the scheme will extend up to the city centre. This will provide direct benefits to residents in Chellaston and Allenton because it will provide a higher quality bus service, helping to achieve a key objective of encouraging more people to travel by bus.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 To support the use of the £170,000 S106 monies to implement real time information on the A514 as part of the bus quality partnership with Arriva Midlands Ltd. This is a positive contribution to the overall objectives of the Derby Joint Local Transport Plan to improve and encourage people to use more public transport.

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