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AREA PANEL TWO 21 SEPTEMBER 2005

Report of the Assistant Director Highways, Transportation and Waste Management

Review of Traffic Issues in Chellaston

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 At it's meeting on 15 June 2005 Area Panel Two identified the resolution of traffic issues in Chellaston as one of its highest priorities. In recognition of the Area Panels wishes I agreed to commence a review of the situation with a view to ultimately producing an action plan setting out what improvements could be delivered and when.
- 1.2 In taking the review forward I propose the following actions and timetable:

August 2005 – establish a focus group to help identify issues and set priorities.

September 2005 – consultation with local residents and groups to confirm the issues and priorities including report to Area Panel on 21 September 2005.

- September November 2005 officer lead consideration of potential solutions to issues including options, pros and cons together with costs and timescales.
- December 2005 presentation of possible solutions to the focus group focus group to establish draft action plan.
- January 2006 consultation with local residents on the action plan to include presentation to Area Panel on 11 January 2006.
- 1.3 The first stage of the process took place on the 24 August 2005. Area Panel members and local representatives, including representatives of Chellaston Residents Association, developed a list of key issues and ranked these issues in the priority they felt appropriate.
- 1.4 I have reproduced this list, in priority order, at the rear of this report. Not surprisingly the focus group felt that congestion was the greatest issue. In many respects this cuts across all the other issues that were raised and is included at the top of the list for completeness.

- 1.5 I have brought with me copies of a short questionnaire. The questionnaire is for those attending todays meeting to take away and return completed. We want to be sure that at this early stage we have identified the important issues and set the right priorities. Please do encourage as many people as possible to complete the questionnaire and to add issues which they think are important.
- 1.6 Officers are already considering what solutions could be brought forward to resolve the issues identified by the focus group. While it is important to realise that there are no magic solutions, and that often a solution to one problem could create a different one, we should be optimistic that there are steps that we can take to improve matters.
- 1.7 As always funding will be a key consideration in developing any action plan. Currently some funding is available, through the Local Transport Plan, for certain transport related expenditure. Officers will ensure that where possible sources of appropriate funding are identified and reserved for works in the Chellaston area.

PROPOSED ACTION

2. That Area Panel note and accept the work that has so far been done on the review of Traffic issues in Chellaston and that they accept the proposed review programme as set out in paragraph 1.2.

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