



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT
INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER MEETING
27 SEPTEMBER 2006**

ITEM 6

Report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Community

Proposals to deliver one way streets in Becher Street and Molineux Street

SUMMARY

1. It is proposed to deliver two one-way street schemes in Becher Street and Molineux Street. Consultation will commence in these two streets this financial year with a view to work being undertaken next financial year subject to the allocation of LTP funding being confirmed by Cabinet.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the principal of introducing one-way streets in Becher Street and Molineux Street and to authorise officers to proceed with consultation and the design of a scheme.
- 2.2 To approve the proposed method of consultation with residents and to agree the basis on which such schemes would proceed.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that we are in a position to deliver the sort of improvements that residents want and that we are able to give priority to the introduction of one way streets in Becher Street and Molineux Street.
- 3.2 To ensure a clear and consistent approach that is easily understood and transparent to residents.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: None

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The need for one way streets on Becher Street and Molineux Street has been identified by the Ward Councillors following consultation with residents. Ward Councillors have argued that for road safety reasons the delivery of one way streets here should be given a high priority.
- 4.2 To ensure that we are able to move issues forward effectively it is proposed to adopt a specific form of consultation in relation to one-way streets. It is proposed that where we consider a one-way street residents will be asked three simple questions. They will be asked:
- do you wish to see your street made one way?
 - would you support a one-way street regardless of which direction you would have to travel?
 - and, tell us which direction you would prefer to travel in if your street is made one way

There may be situations where for practical or technical reasons, officers believe that the direction of travel on a particular street can only be in one direction, in these circumstances residents will be asked different questions.

- 4.3 The results of the consultation will be used to decide how and if to proceed. Recognising that not everyone will have a particular view it is proposed that residents will be informed that we will act in accordance with the majority view. Nil responses will not be considered. Where the majority of responses received are in favour of one-way street then we will look to take the scheme forward. Because the introduction of one-way traffic will require a Traffic Regulation Order to be progressed there will be safe guards in the process to enable those with a specific interest to raise their issues.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. We will need to set aside LTP funding to deliver the one-way streets. An allocation of £25,000 will be sought from the 2007/8 capital funds. This will be taken from the allocations identified to support Area and Neighbourhood priorities and will be subject to Cabinets approval of the Capital programme.

Legal

2. The Road Traffic Regulation Act requires a particular procedure to be followed in order to introduce a one-way restriction. Nothing within this report will in any way reduce or remove the need for the Council to follow appropriate procedures. In advertising proposals for a one-way restriction the Council will consider all objections raised.

Personnel

3. Delivery of this work will fall to the Traffic Section of Regeneration and Community. This service area has a work programme already set for the 2006/7 financial year. In order to allow sufficient time and staff resources to develop options for Molineux Street and Becher Street the service will need to review its work programme commitments. It is proposed therefore that the following areas be reduced in priority in order to free up resources to take this pilot forward:
 - Consultation and delivery of a scheme on Markeaton Street that would aim to reduce through traffic and improve safety. Further consultation with residents was planned although this consultation would now need to be delayed until later in the year although it is expected that it would still take place during the current financial year.
 - Delivery of residents parking around the City Hospital. A commitment was made to deliver the first stages of any schemes this year. The roll out of the construction work is such that the main impacts will not materialise until 2008. This scheme can be postponed, should that prove necessary, until next financial year.