



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT
INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER MEETING
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ITEM 9

Report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Community

Moratorium On Works On The Core Highway Network 2007- 08

SUMMARY

1. Since 1997 the council has imposed a moratorium on works affecting the highway in the period leading up to Christmas. This year the recommendation is to extend the period to facilitate the opening of Derby Westfield.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To impose a moratorium on works on key parts of the highway network from September 10th 2007. From November 18th the restrictions will be extended to all routes that have traditionally formed part of the moratorium. The restrictions will be lifted on January 13th 2008.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The opening of Derby Westfield is expected to attract visitors from the surrounding region. The prediction for the opening day is approximately 130,000.
- 3.2 The centre will be open extended hours from the opening day to Christmas and will be aiming to attract high visitor numbers on all days, with particularly high numbers expected on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- 3.3 September 10th is a key date for the Riverlights project to be clear of the Inner Ring Road and represents the target date for switching on the new signal junction that will replace Cock Pitt.
- 3.4 The period between switching on the junction and the opening of the centre will be a maximum of one month. During this period the network needs to function without any major interruptions to allow the impact to be monitored and to ensure that the junction is functioning effectively before the opening of Derby Westfield. Other signal-controlled junctions from Pentagon to Burton Road will also need to be reconfigured to take account of the significant network change.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The opening of Derby Westfield will be an opportunity to attract people to Derby, not only to shop in the new centre, but to experience the rest of the city.

- 4.2 Work is already in progress to ensure that the opening will be a success for the city. Traffic and policing plans will be in place in an attempt to ensure that the highway network functions as well as possible. Work has also been done with neighbouring highway authorities and the Highway Agency to ensure that key routes beyond our boundaries are also free from planned major works.
- 4.3 A statement on the application of the moratorium and a plan showing the key routes will be available.

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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None directly.

Legal

2. There are no legal implications.

Personnel

3. There are no personnel implications.

Equalities impact

4. None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. None.