



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 2
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Report of Assistant Director Highways and Transport

ITEM 9

Consultation on the 2007/08 programme for highways and transport schemes

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 At the June and July round of area panel meetings, an information bulletin was presented which provided an update on progress of 2006/07 highways and transport schemes. A list of these schemes is included for information in appendix 1. Cabinet approved this programme of work in February 2006. The schemes are largely funded from capital budgets allocated through the Local Transport Plan, LTP, process. Other funding comes from Council revenue monies and external contributions, such as Sustrans and developers.
- 1.2 To try and improve the way in which we develop the detailed highways and transport work programme for the 2007/08 financial year, we are seeking the views of area panels, as well as other groups and organisations across the city, on what schemes need to be focused on and what transport schemes or initiatives we could implement to try and address them. A final programme will be presented to Cabinet for approval in February/March 2007.
- 1.3 In finalising the detailed 2007/08 highways and transport programme for Cabinet approval, officers will need to assess any proposals put forward by area panels for the degree to which they contribute to the objectives and the targets set out in the Derby Joint Local Transport Plan: 2006 – 2011, LTP2. The success that we have in meeting the targets in LTP2 is linked to the overall level of funds that the Council is allocated by central government. For the areas we are considering in this report the allocation in 2007/08 for the city is expected to be in the order of £3.5m.
- 1.4 Some schemes, relevant to this area panel, are already being investigated and developed for delivery in 2007/08, whilst others have been identified for possible investigation during 2007/08, and these are all listed in table 1.
- 1.5 LTP2 was published and submitted to government in March 2006. This is the policy and strategy document that sets out the context for how we want to improve our transport system. It also sets out a broad five year programme, based on the likely levels of highways and transport capital and revenue funding available.

There are ten overarching objectives that set the context for LTP2;

- to manage the transport network effectively to provide network efficiency, reduce unnecessary delays, and facilitate economic activity
- to maintain and improve the transport infrastructure

- to develop and maintain a combined land use and transport system that provides good access to key facilities and services for all residents and visitors to the LTP area, particularly those from disadvantaged communities
- to maintain and improve accessibility to facilities and services for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users, and particularly for disadvantaged people
- to reduce road accident casualties, particularly for vulnerable road users and disadvantaged communities
- to maintain and improve transport and community safety and security, including reducing perceived danger
- to promote and encourage healthier and more sustainable travel choices
- to enhance air quality in the LTP area, particularly within Air Quality Management Areas, AQMAs
- to contribute towards reducing the UK's transport impact on climate change
- to improve environmental conditions for communities in the LTP area by reducing the adverse effects of transport and enhancing the sense of place through greater social interaction and natural surveillance.

1.6 In order to work towards these objectives LTP2 sets out a long term transport strategy that comprises six main strategy areas:

- land use policies
- smarter choices
- local safety and accessibility improvements
- strategic public transport improvements
- strategic traffic management and demand restraint
- maintenance of transport infrastructure.

1.7 Four of the strategy areas cover the majority of the work programme. The majority of the funding is allocated against strategic transport schemes across the city, but within these there will be links to local issues. The area related to local safety and accessibility improvements covers many of the issues that are commonly raised as problems by area panels and we would expect to receive most suggestions for schemes falling into this strategy area. However we will consider all suggestions.

- **local safety and accessibility improvements** – primarily about enhancing access to local facilities and improving the local environment where people live. Schemes seek to help people access their local services by all modes of transport, and in particular seek to improve walking and cycling routes, as well as making access to bus services easier. The types of schemes that we typically deliver include:
 - new pedestrian crossings
 - cycle routes
 - dropped crossings
 - improvements to neighbourhood and district centres
 - better parking management where parking problems occur
 - footway maintenance, approximately £500,000 of revenue funding.

Likely funding available for the city 2007/08 - **£1,270,000**

- **strategic public transport improvements** – primarily related to enhancing the role of the bus in delivering viable options for more journeys, especially into the city centre. The types of schemes that we typically deliver include:
 - new bus priority measures, including traffic signal improvements and bus lanes
 - bus route infrastructure improvements, like new bus shelters and real time passenger information.

Likely funding available for the city 2007/08 - **£490,000**

- **strategic traffic management and demand restraint** – making the best use of the existing network, including looking at ways to manage travel demand, especially by car. The types of schemes that we typically deliver include:
 - new or improved junctions to manage traffic flows more efficiently, giving priority to bus movements where possible
 - changes to road layouts, including parking restrictions, to ensure that traffic can flow more efficiently on key radial corridors into the city centre
 - intelligent transport systems, such as traffic signals which are linked together to improve traffic flows along a key corridor.

Likely funding available for the city 2007/08 - **£400,000**

- **maintenance of transport infrastructure** – making the best use of, and looking after, transport assets. The types of schemes that we typically deliver include:
 - carriageway maintenance on principal and non-principal roads
 - bridge assessment and strengthening schemes

Likely funding available for the city 2007/08 - **£1,400,000**

- 1.8 By seeking the views of area panels and including them more explicitly in the process of developing the highways and transport programme development we hope to have a programme that is better understood by everyone. This does not mean that we will not investigate and deal with issues that may arise throughout the year, but hopefully people will understand the process that we need to follow to deliver some of the larger schemes that people would like to see in their areas.

<h2>PROPOSED ACTION</h2>

- 2.1 At this meeting area panels are asked to provide details of problems and/or schemes that they feel should be considered as part of the 2007/08 highways and transport programme. At the next meeting it is proposed that the area panel should consider the priority of the schemes.
- 2.2 Following consideration of this report people should send their suggestions to Michelle Spamer, the Highways and Transport Area Panel Coordinator; either by email to: michelle.spamer@derby.gov.uk or by letter to: Michelle Spamer, Area Coordination Officer, Derby City Council, Transportation and Public Transport Group, Roman House, Friar Gate, Derby, DE1 1XB. Responses should be received by **13 October 2006**.

- 2.3 At the next area panel meeting on 8 November 2006, a further report will be presented that sets out the responses that have been received from the area panel, together with any other issues that have been put forward by officers or other consultation exercises. The area panel will be asked to prioritise up to five of the issues for each ward.
- 2.4 We will then assess proposals based on how well they contribute to delivering the objectives and targets set out in LTP2, taking account of the broad five year programme and the schemes' likely costs, affordability and deliverability. A programme will then be presented to Cabinet for approval in February/March 2007.

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Background papers:	The Derby Joint Local Transport Plan 2006-2011, LTP2, available at http://www.derby.gov.uk/TransportStreets/TransportPlanning/DerbyLJTP06-11/DJLTP-06-11.htm
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Table 1

Current issues and schemes for possible inclusion in the 2007/08 programme.

Location	Scheme Description	Proposed Measures 2007/08
Joint-Ward		
A514 Osmaston Road Alvaston, Chellaston, Sinfin	Preparation for an exceptional integrated transport and maintenance scheme for funding in 2007/08	Delivery of minor works north of Mitre island and in Chellaston District Centre; progress detailed design on main scheme and submit bid to DfT for funding
Ascot Drive Sinfin, Alvaston	Study of road injury collisions and possible further consultation on safety measures	Local safety scheme; depends on the results of Accident Investigation Study
Ascot Drive Sinfin, Alvaston	Principal/non principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Ascot Drive/Osmaston Road Sinfin, Alvaston	Improved traffic signals including bus priority linked to Real Time Passenger Information Systems	
Alvaston Ward		
Alvaston District Centre	Preliminary design and consultation on District Centre accessibility and environmental improvements	Ongoing scheme development
London Road	Improving public transport passenger waiting areas	Second year of LTP commitment
Litchurch Lane (various sections)	Principal/non principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Brighton Road from London Road West to Warren Street	Principal/non principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Dunstall Park Road whole length from Ascot Drive	Principal/non principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Chellaston Ward		
Chellaston District Centre	Study of traffic management review to address congestion, accessibility and parking.	Possible minor works following traffic management review; more significant works to be progressed as part of Osmaston Road Strategic Integrated Transport Scheme (see separate report Review of traffic issues in Chellaston also on the Area Panel 2 agenda).
Merrill College	Safer routes to school	Infrastructure elements of school travel plans and improvements to the local environment
Derby Road (East)	Principal/non principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Boulton Ward		
Allenton District Centre – Phase 3	Work continues from Spider Island to Bingham Street with local accessibility and environmental improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users	Ongoing commitment to improvement works

Sinfin Ward		
Stenson Road/Blagreaves Lane	Study of traffic management review to address congestion, accessibility and parking	Minor works as a result of traffic management reviews
Sinfin Lane (phase 1) from Grampian Way to Shakespeare Street	Principal/non principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Sinfin Lane/Wilmore Road	Junction and signal improvements	Junction improvement and signal refurbishment with pedestrian facilities

Appendix 1

Highways and transport schemes summary – 2006/07

Detailed below is a summary of the schemes which will be worked on during 2006/07 in Area Panel 2. The full detail was provided in an information bulletin at the last round of Area Panel meetings in June/July 2006. This bulletin is available on the Derby City Council website: www.derby.gov.uk, or from Michelle Spamer, Area Coordination Officer, Tel: 01332 715064

Location	Scheme detail
Alvaston Ward	
Shardlow Road and A514 weight limits	Highways Agency signing
Alvaston District Centre	District Centre accessibility and environmental improvements.
London Road	Improving public transport passenger waiting areas.
Shardlow Road	Alterations to the speed limit
Ascot Drive/Osmaston Road	Junction and signal improvements. Signal refurbishment with pedestrian facilities.
Safer routes to school	Alvaston School – infrastructure elements
Carriageway reconstruction/ resurfacing	Litchurch Lane – various sections
Chellaston Ward	
Chellaston District Centre	Preparation pool of area based studies of traffic management reviews to address congestion, accessibility and parking
Boulton Ward	
Allenton District Centre – Phase 3	Work continues from Spider Island to Bingham Street with local accessibility and environmental improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and bus users.
Mitre island traffic lights	Bus priority as part of SCOOT system.
Safer routes to school	Allenton Primary School – infrastructure elements
	Noel Baker School – infrastructure elements
Sinfin Ward	
Carriageway reconstruction/ resurfacing at the following locations	Goodsmoor Road from Stenson Road to Wordsworth Avenue
Stenson Road/Blagreaves Lane	Preparation pool of area based studies of traffic management reviews to address congestion, accessibility and parking
Safer routes to school	Redwood School – infrastructure elements
	Sinfin Community School – infrastructure elements
Joint-Ward	
A514 Osmaston Road Alvaston, Chellaston, Sinfin	Preparation for an exceptional maintenance scheme for funding in 2007/08.
Ascot Drive Sinfin, Alvaston	Study of accidents and identify measures
Bembridge Drive/Radford Street/Crayford Road (adjacent to Field Lane) Boulton, Alvaston	Improving public transport passenger waiting areas.
Cycling improvements Boulton, Alvaston	Cycle links to schools at Boulton Moor.
	Cycling improvements at Derwent Parade/Royal Way and Derwent Parade/Millennium Way.
High Street/Derby Road, Chellaston Ascot Drive, Alvaston	Study and subsequent installation of bus priority at traffic signals.
Alvaston/Sinfin	Completion of Chellaston Bus Quality Partnership associated infrastructure to accommodate route

	changes
Chellaston/Boulton/Alvaston/ Sinfin	Additional Real Time Information signs at bus stops

Footway reconstruction/resurfacing – footway preparation pool – 2006/07

The following footways have been identified from the 2006/07 Footway Major Maintenance Preparation Pool – for inclusion within the revenue funded 2006/07 Footway Reconstruction/Resurfacing Programme. However, it is possible that not all of these schemes will be delivered in 2006/07. Delivery is dependent on the level of funding available and co-ordination with the street lighting PFI contract. The Street Lighting PFI contractor has not yet fixed the programme of works. However, they have indicated that they will work in the Derwent area first. As we will need to coordinate footway work with the street lighting works, it is possible that some of the footways listed below will be postponed until street lighting works are completed.

Location	Footway scheme location detail
Sinfin Area (phase 1)	Scots Estate (various footways)

Surface dressing programme 2006/07

The following carriageway locations are included on the surface dressing programme for 2006/07. However, the programme is subject to change and is dependent upon the level of funding available.

Location - Boulton Ward	Carriageway scheme location detail
Stanley Road	From Harvey Road to Brackens Lane
Colwell Drive	From Bembridge Drive to o/s no's 23/25
Border Crescent	From Crayford Road to Crayford Road
Calvin Close	From Border Crescent to end
Denstone Drive	From Border Crescent to end
Dalkeith Avenue	From Lansdowne Avenue to end
The Crescent	From Stanley Road to end
Lansdowne Avenue	From Boulton Lane to Dalkeith Avenue
Maidstone Drive	From Boulton Lane to Crawley Road
Bingham Street	From Chellaston Road to Cockayne Street
Ashby Street	From Harvey Road to end
Excelsior Avenue	From Stanley Road to end
Frederick Avenue	From Stanley Road to end
Brading Close	From Bembridge Drive to end
Medina Close	From Bembridge Drive to end
Epworth Drive	From Denstone Drive to end
Berwick Close	From Crayford Road to end
Location - Alvaston	Carriageway scheme location detail
Coleman Street	From Harvey Road to end
Thirsk Place	From Ascot Drive to end
Spencer Street	From London Road to Brighton Road
Hutton Street	From Harvey Road to Wilkins Drive
Location – Chellaston	Carriageway scheme location detail
Station Road	From Swarkestone Road to end