



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

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Report of Assistant Director Highways and Transport

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 **3 November 2006**.

- 2.3 At the next area panel meeting on 29 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		
Mickleover/Littleover	Completion of Mickleover Quality Bus Partnership including junction changes at Vicarage Road/Etwall Road	
Old Hall Road/The Hollow Littleover/Blagreaves	Footway and junction improvements	
Uttoxeter Road Mickleover/Littleover	Preparation for an exceptional integrated transport scheme for funding in 2007/08. Scheme will look to enhance park and ride at the new hospital and associated improvements and bus priorities on Uttoxeter Road.	
Normanton Lane/Brayfield Road roundabout Littleover/Blagreaves	Principal/non-principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Uttoxeter Road from no. 298 to A38 bridge Littleover/Mickleover	Principal/non-principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Blagreaves Ward		
Stenson Road/Blagreaves Lane	Preparation pool of area based studies of traffic management reviews to address congestion, accessibility and parking	
Stenson Road from Wellesley Avenue to Masefield Avenue	Principal/non-principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Littleover Ward		
Safer routes to school	Griffe Field – infrastructure elements	
Corden Avenue/Chain Lane	Traffic signal refurbishment	
Mickleover Ward		
Safer routes to school	Ravensdale Infant and Junior – infrastructure elements	
	Mickleover Primary – infrastructure elements	
Kings Drive and the wider area around the city hospital	Investigation and consultation on residents' only parking scheme and other parking restrictions	

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 4. 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
Blagreaves Ward	
Stenson Road/Blagreaves Lane	Preparation pool of area based studies of traffic management reviews to address congestion, accessibility and parking
Stenson Road	Puffin crossing by Marks Close
Mickleover Ward	
Safer routes to school	Brookfield – infrastructure elements
	Silverhill – infrastructure elements
Station Road	Puffin crossing by East Avenue
Station Road	Pedestrian facilities north of Onslow Road
Joint-Ward	
Mickleover/Littleover	Completion of Mickleover Quality Bus Partnership including junction changes at Vicarage Road/Etwall Road
Old Hall Road/The Hollow	Footway and junction improvements
Littleover/Blagreaves	
Uttoxeter Road	Preparation for an exceptional integrated transport scheme for funding in 2007/08. Scheme will look to enhance park and ride at the new hospital and associated improvements and bus priorities on Uttoxeter Road.
Mickleover/Littleover	
Carriageway reconstruction/ resurfacing at following locations Blagreaves/Mickleover (and Sinfen)	Carlisle Avenue from Windsor Avenue to The Hollow
	Goodsmoor Road from Stenson Road to Wordsworth Avenue
	Station Road from Uttoxeter Road roundabout to Western Road
	West Drive from Station Road to Fenton Road

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 – Blagreaves Ward	Footway scheme location detail
Carlisle Avenue	From The Hollow to Windsor Avenue
Location – Mickleover Ward	Footway scheme location detail
Brisbane Road (phase 3)	From Sydney Close to outside No. 151
West Drive	From Fenton Drive to Station Road

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 - Blagreaves Ward	Carriageway scheme location detail
Staunton Avenue	From Freeman Avenue to Coleridge Street
Repton Avenue	From Bonsall Avenue to Littleover Lane
Bonsall Avenue	From Penrhyn Avenue to Littleover Lane
Rowsley Avenue	From Bonsall Avenue to Repton Avenue
Location - Mickleover Ward	Carriageway scheme location detail
Cromford Drive	From Buxton Road to cul-de-sac end
Auckland Close	From Brisbane Road to cul-de-sac end