

## **Duffield Road Bus Lane - Strategic Context**

The improvements to bus service infrastructure on Duffield Road form part of a wider programme of improvements under the Strategic Public Transport element of Derby's long term transport strategy. When the current Local Transport Plan was prepared, a major study demonstrated that significant improvements are required to the quality, punctuality and speed of bus services in Derby, if we are to encourage more people to use buses for more journeys and tackle the growing problem of traffic congestion and its associated impacts on air quality and accessibility levels. Improved bus services were shown to be one of the main elements of the strategy in terms of tackling congestion. Without this, congestion would grow rapidly to a point where the economic and environmental consequences would be very severe.

The approved strategy therefore seeks to deliver improved bus services through a partnership with our major bus companies, with the Council investing in better infrastructure but married to service enhancements by the operators. Funds from the LTP capital budget are allocated to such schemes each year, and we work with bus operators to identify the best way to deliver such improvements.

The Duffield Road scheme was developed to deliver improvements in service punctuality and speed and it has achieved its objectives fully, and with other benefits for local traffic and without disbenefits to any groups of road users.

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