



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

AREA PANEL 5
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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.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 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 **10 November 2006**.

- 2.3 At the next area panel meeting on 6 December 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		
Connecting Derby – major integrated transport project	Phases 2, 3a and 3b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ continue purchasing property by agreement ○ demolition of properties ○ moving statutory undertakers equipment ○ commence construction works – dependent upon Public Inquiry outcome on Compulsory Purchase Orders and Side Road Orders
Allestree Ward		
Birchover Way (phase 3)	Principal/non-principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Kedleston Road from Askerfield Avenue to city boundary		
Foxlands Avenue – whole length from Ferrers Way		
Darley Ward		
Bridge Street from Agard Street to Lodge Lane	Principal/non-principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing
Markeaton Street	Introduction of measures to control unnecessary through traffic	
Old Chester Road/City Road	Investigation, consultation and possible implementation of a traffic management scheme to improve enforcement of one-way, traffic calming and the pedestrian environment	
Mackworth Ward		
Slack Lane from Uttoxeter Old Road to Cheviot Street	Principal/non-principal road maintenance	Carriageway reconstruction/resurfacing

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 5. 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
Allestree Ward	
Cornhill	Footway extension
Birchover Way - inbound adjacent to Ness Walk Birchover Way – adjacent Portreath Drive Birchover way – opposite Park Farm Centre	Improving public transport passenger waiting areas. Preparation pool of new bus shelter requests.
Darley Ward	
Derwent Street/Exeter Street/ Nottingham Road	Footway and junction improvements
Handyside Bridge	Provide street lighting on footpath alongside the river from bridge to Duke Street
City Road	Pedestrian improvements
Safer routes to school	St Benedict – infrastructure elements
Carriageway reconstruction/ resurfacing at the following locations	Alfreton Road – from A61 to Railway Bridge
	Cowley Street – from Kedleston Road to Watson Street
Connecting Derby – major integrated transport project	Phases 2 and 3a – subject to approvals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue purchasing property by agreement - Demolition of properties - Moving statutory undertakers equipment
Mackworth Ward	
Carriageway reconstruction/ resurfacing at the following location	Tufnel Gardens from Holborn Drive to Vauxhall Gardens
Joint-Ward	
Duffield Road and Kedleston Road Darley/Allestree	Strategic bus route enhancements including bus punctuality improvements.
Kedleston Road Darley/Allestree	Preparation pool of area based studies of traffic management reviews to address congestion, accessibility and parking
A38 slip road/Kedleston Road Allestree/Darley King Street/Queen Street junction Darley	Study and subsequent installation of bus priority at traffic signals
Carriageway reconstruction/ resurfacing at the following locations Allestree/Darley/Mackworth	A52 Ashbourne Road – from Prince Charles Avenue to Markeaton Lane A6 Duffield Road – from A38 to Park Lane
A6 Burley Hill/Duffield Road Allestree/Darley	Essential drainage improvement work, road stabilisation and resurfacing
Allestree/Mackworth	CCTV surveys – rolling programme to survey culverts and associated clearing out/preparation of maintenance regime.

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 – Allestree Ward	Footway scheme location detail
Devonshire Avenue	From Cavendish Avenue to Kingscroft Avenue

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 - Darley Ward	Carriageway scheme location detail
Merchant Street	Ashbourne Road to Mackworth Road
Mackworth Road	Markeaton Street to Watson Street
Mileash Lane	Duffield Road A6 to Old Lane junction
Abbey Lane	Old Lane to New Road
Darley Park Drive	Duffield Road A6 to end
North Street	Duffield Road A6 to North Parade
Location – Mackworth Ward	Carriageway scheme location detail
Westbourne Park Avenue	Dulwich Road junction to Woodford Road junction
Muswell Road	Prince Charles Avenue to Mill Bank Close junction