



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## MINORITY ETHNIC COMMUNITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

30 March 2006

Report of the Director of Regeneration and Community

### Traffic in Normanton

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the findings of the report and to support the consultation work which will be undertaken to develop a strategic improvement scheme for traffic in Normanton District Centre.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

2. To ensure that minority ethnic communities have the chance to take part in the consultation work.

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the meeting of this Committee on 12 January 2006, concerns were raised regarding traffic issues on Pear Tree Road, which were generated by the car park at the rear of the Normanton Hotel. Specifically, concerns were raised about the conflicts that occur between the main road traffic and vehicles entering and leaving the car park. It was resolved that the Director of Regeneration and Community investigate possible measures to improve parking and traffic flow on Normanton Road and to report back to a future meeting.
- 3.2 The City Council is currently finalising its five year Local Transport Plan, LTP, which sets out the transport strategy for Derby and the surrounding area up to 2011. The LTP will be submitted to government on 31 March and will be available on the Council's website shortly afterwards. It also outlines a detailed programme of improvements to be funded from LTP capital funding in 2006/07, and sets out a broad outline of the programme for the remaining four years up to 2011.
- 3.3 Observations of traffic movements have been made at the junction of the car park access with Pear Tree Road. At peak times, there are some turning movements into and out of the car park, but visibility out of the junction is good and there are no improvements which could be made to ease traffic congestion, without having other adverse impacts, for example by removing on-street parking, which would be unpopular with local businesses and customers. There are no bus stops or other obstructions nearby which cause any problems to traffic flows. Traffic is busy of course, being within the district centre, so inevitably delays do occur and these can affect access into and out of the car park.

- 3.4 In the longer term, more radical improvements may be made to the District Centre as part of a LTP funded scheme, during the five year period of the LTP. Firm timescales cannot be set at present because of the need to consult with local businesses and to agree priorities for capital investment during the four years from 2007 onwards. The Council Cabinet has already approved the capital programme for LTP funding for 2006/07. As soon as firm timescales are known for commencing the more detailed study, I will ensure that this Committee is informed and is invited to take part in the consultation.

#### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

4. Other ways of delivering improvements may arise, if for example, other funding becomes available. We would look at these opportunities as and when they arise.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1: Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. None directly arising from the outcome of the research into the problems identified. Any longer term improvements would need to be funded from LTP or other sources.

**Legal**

2. None directly arising.

**Personnel**

3. None directly arising.

**Equalities impact**

4. The longer term improvements to Normanton District Centre will enhance accessibility to shops and other facilities, which will help people in all sections of the local community. They will also enhance access to visitors to the area.

**Corporate objectives and priorities**

- 5 This report has the potential to link with all the Council's Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities.