

## Local and Strategic Issues

### 1. DaSTS Thames Valley Study

The Berkshire Strategic Transport Forum (BSTF) made up with elected members from the Berkshire transport authorities lead on this particular study. Councillor Melville Kendal, Hampshire County Council Executive Member for Environment and a Member of the Regional Transport Board was invited and attended the last BSTF meeting held on 9 February 2010 (which was effectively a meeting of the Reference Group for this study). Councillor Kendal will be invited to further BSTF meeting relating to the DaSTS Thames Valley project.

A briefing session setting out the objectives and work to date was given on 17 February 2010 to member/officer representation from Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Hart District Council and Rushmoor Borough Council.

The Interim Report (Phase 1) outlining the high level challenges, strategic outcomes and responses together with a deliverability assessment was submitted to South East England Partnership Board (SEEPB) at the end of February 2010.

While good progress has been made on all of the individual studies there are some issues that still need to be addressed if the outputs from Phase 1 are to meet the requirements as set out by the Department for Transport.

An extract from the SEEPB Progress Report table with regard to further work required for the Thames Valley study is set out below:

Study	Spatial Definition and prioritisation provided?	Non transport interventions considered?	Assessment of affordability?	Overall Progress
<b>Thames Valley</b>	No – challenges need to be presented spatially and relative priorities identified	Some consideration but further work required to identify relationships	Some initial assessment of relative costs but further work required	Further work required on assessment of affordability  Challenges and options need to be presented in spatial terms and prioritised  Quality of work - average

At the SEEPB Regional Transport Board meeting on 12 March 2010, it was agreed amongst other things that work to finalise these interim individual reports be submitted to SEEPB by 21 May 2010 so as to enable the overall Interim Report to be presented to the next Regional Transport Board (RTB) meeting on 11 June 2010. The final submission to the Department for Transport must be made by the end of June 2010.

## 2. Farnborough (TAP)

The Farnborough Town Access Plan (TAP) is now starting to be developed, which looks to review and improve transport accessibility in the Farnborough area. Development of the TAP is part of the current Hampshire County Council Local Transport Plan (2006-11), and will feed into the next Hampshire Local Transport Plan and Rushmoor Local Development Framework. The TAP will build on previous work carried out for the area including the Farnborough Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), and transport study work such as the Rushmoor cycle network study. A members Steering Group has been set up to guide the TAP development, which includes the local County Councillors, and Rushmoor Borough Council Cabinet member for the Environment. It is planned for engagement with key stakeholders to be carried out later this year as part of the development process.

### 3. Aldershot Town Access Plan

As part of the Hampshire County Council Local Transport Plan and in partnership with Rushmoor Borough Council, other stakeholders and consultees a Town Access Plan for Aldershot has emerged. The document sets out to promote and manage the future of Aldershot Town Centre in terms of improvements for transport, pedestrian accessibility, safety and wider quality of life objectives. Improvement measures identified in the plan provides a framework which can be utilised to support funding bids towards the future regeneration of Aldershot. The final report will be circulated at the next Steering Group meeting prior to final consultation and approval by the Executive Member for Environment.

### 4. Fleet Town Access Plan

The Town Access Plan draft document is nearing completion. Following a meeting with the Steering Group on 3 March 2010 it was agreed consultation of the plan will take place in May following the local elections. A three day public consultation event is planned in Fleet Town and the document will also be placed on Hampshire County Councils web site. The consultation period which will also include Stakeholders will be undertaken for a six week period. As with Aldershot Town Access Plan the plan identifies a number of improvement measures for the future.