

Local & Strategic Issues

Updates as follows:

1. Basingstoke Town Access Plan (TAP)

Basingstoke Town Access Plan (TAP) – Work is continuing on the TAP, which reviews access issues to the town centre and to key trip generators in Basingstoke, including the hospital and business parks. Stage 1 study work has now been carried out, which focuses on the identification of transport issues and problems through a review of relevant evidence and policy. Stage 2 work is now underway, which looks to identify and appraise options for addressing issues outlined.

A Member Steering Group comprising County Councillors for the Basingstoke and Deane Borough area, together with BDBC Cabinet Members for Planning and Infrastructure and also Community Safety, Development and Transport has now been set up. The first meeting of this group was held on 9th February, with the second steering group meeting held on 16th March, at which Stagecoach bus company representatives gave a presentation on bus issues in Basingstoke. Further Steering Group meetings are planned to continue to guide strategy development, with wider stakeholder engagement and public consultation planned for later in the year.

2. 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. Cllr Mel Kendal, HCC 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). Cllr 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 & 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 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
Thames Valley	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 RTB meeting on 11 June 2010. The final submission to the Department for Transport must be made by the end of June 2010.