

Local & Strategic Issues

Transport Planning 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 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 is guiding development of the TAP. At the last meeting of the Steering Group on 20 September, it was agreed that Stakeholder consultation on issues and options should be carried out in early November. This would include Borough Councillors, local parish councils, access and transport user groups, transport providers, education, health and business representatives. A further Steering Group meeting is planned for January 2011. Public consultation on the TAP is then planned for next Summer, following consideration by the Hampshire County Council's Executive Member in April 2011.

2. Chineham Station Study work

It is planned to commence a transport planning study in relation to Chineham Station within this financial year (2010/11). Specifically, this will look further at the business case and surface access issues related to the proposed station. The study work will help inform discussions with key stakeholders including Network Rail, the train operators and Department for Transport regarding the likely timescales and potential funding mechanisms for taking this proposal forward.