

WESTBURY AREA BOARD
16th SEPTEMBER 2009

Traffic Relief on the A350 in Westbury

Purpose of the Report

To seek support from the Area Board in reviewing the strategy for traffic relief in Westbury following the refusal of planning permission for the A350 Westbury Bypass.

Background

Planning permission for the A350 Westbury Bypass was refused by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 1st July 2009.

On 1st September a resolution not to make a High Court challenge was confirmed.

Main Considerations

There is a need to review the current strategy for the A350 through Westbury and develop proposals that conform to national, regional and local policy. In particular the Regional Spatial Strategy and the emerging Local Transport Plan (LTP3).

Following confirmation not to challenge the Secretary of States decision in the High Court, Council Officers will review the current strategy for the A350 at Westbury, Yarnbrook and West Ashton and a provisional meeting has been arranged in September.

The purpose of this meeting is to identify the extent of the strategy review and to start the process of developing ideas to address traffic problems at Westbury, Yarnbrook and West Ashton. Consideration will also be given into how best to engage local residents in the development of ideas and options.

Member approval will be sought in due course for the process of developing options and public consultation.

Environmental Impact of the Proposals

Environmental impacts will be considered in the development of proposals.

Financial Implications

Officer time will be required in the review of the current strategy and development of any approach. Additional resources could be required to undertake surveys and consultation. This will be identified in due course.

Legal Implications

Unknown at this time.

HR Implications

N/A

Equality and Diversity Implications

Implications will be considered in the development of proposals.

Reasons for the Proposals

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Proposals

It is recommended that support be given in reviewing the strategy for traffic relief in Westbury.

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Appendices:

No unpublished documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report