

**CENTRAL AREA FORUM MEETING
NOTES
WHALEY BRIDGE, 15 JUNE 2005**

Chair: Cllr Tracy Critchlow, DCC

Mike Ashworth, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, DCC

- Responsible for roads and public transport
- Senior partner on Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership
- Traffic manager for DCC
- Aims to improve road safety

Outline

- Every 5 years DCC develop a Local Transport Plan which attracts funding of over £500m, now ready to develop Transport Plan.
- £900k has been spent in the Central area.
- approximately £1m spent on roads.
- approximately £1m spent on safety measures for roads.
- Transport Plan 2 will be produced in Autumn 2005.
- This will enable DCC to get £100m for all transport measures.
- Transport Plan 2 is a consultation document.
- This is residents opportunity to have an input in Transport Plan 2.
- Need to find out what current local traffic priorities are.
- HAVE YOUR SAY.
- Background information on Safety Camera Partnership.
- Government have strict guidelines on where cameras can be placed.
- Public transport - £5.1m spent on supported bus services.
- £¼m spent in the Central area.
- DCC top county in the country for supported bus services.
- The DCC 'Gold card' and 'b_line' costs £4m.
- DCC give £1m to community transport.
- £18m budget for routine road maintenance, amongst other things.
- 'Call Derbyshire' - service for residents to phone in with road defects.
- Casualty reduction is a priority.
- Last year 3,500 accidents; 350 serious/fatalities; motorcycle problems; visitors to the Peak problems.
- DCC keen to encourage/educate in road safety.
- Encourage road safety awareness in schools.
- Safety means introducing measures which aren't always popular, e.g. slowing traffic.
- Target is to reduce accidents by 40% by 2010.
- DCC have full responsibility for A6.
- DCC don't support A6 bypass, but recognise the volume of traffic.
- Looking at innovative ways of controlling traffic.
- 36 Highways Inspectors.