

MEETING NOTES FROM GLOSSOPDALE AREA FORUM, 8 JUNE 2005

GLOSSOPDALE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Chair: Cllr Dave Wilcox, DCC & HPBC

- Area Forum background
- Informing priorities
- Aim to respond asap
- Consultation meeting in Glossop identified Area Forum priorities; Highways Programme and traffic management.
- Welcoming Mike Ashworth, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, DCC to answer questions
- 3 minutes per person

Mike Ashworth, Assistant Director of Environmental Services, DCC

- Wants to listen
- From a DCC perspective; currently in the 5th year of a Transport Plan which shows how services will be delivered to Derbyshire via capital investment.
- Over the past 4 years £4.4m has been spent in Glossop.
- This year, £1.1m-worth of work will be undertaken in Glossop.
- Currently preparing in draft the next 5 years' Transport Plan.
- Transport Plan 2 (2006-2011), will be publicly available in Autumn 2005.
- This outlines how the money will be spent.
- Currently actively seeking out views, need local input now.
- TP2 will probably change direction on traffic calming.
- On-street parking is a big issue, especially in Glossop.
- Encouraging the use of public transport is a key issue, although Derbyshire is still top transport authority of the year.
- Investing in revenue support, e.g. £1.5m spent last year on supported bus services, £500k spent in Glossop.
- Need to look at community transport, bus services
- Big challenge is improving road safety.
- Priority for safety cameras.
- MA explained more about the work of Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership.
- MA is DCC's traffic manager – responsible for movement of traffic including road works.
- There will always be unpopular decisions with public transport.
- Mottram/Tintwistle by-pass – Highways Agency initiative costing approximately £10m – likely to be an enquiry.
- Does provide A628 traffic relief.
- Glossop Spur, supported by DCC, but government has said it needs re-evaluating. DCC & Tameside continue to consider it important. Will be led by Tameside.
- Government see this as an add-on to Tintwistle scheme, cost = £7.5m.
- Want 2 schemes to be constructed at the same time.