

SOUTH WEST HERTFORDSHIRE TRANSPORT PLAN

Review and Action Plan

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4.3.4 Integrated Demand Management (IDM) is currently being considered for the M25 Junctions 17, 18, 19 and 20 by the Highways Agency following the completion of the widening works. IDM potentially utilises access control measures to control the volume of traffic entering the motorway network. The aim is understood to be to achieve a target volume on the M25 of a 75% V/C (volume/capacity). The HA are using this approach to better manage traffic on their network, maintaining more even traffic flow and hence reducing journey times. However, the HA are aware that the consequences of IDM may have significant effects on the local highway network that links to the motorway and so have had discussions with HCC on the use of associated measures within the wider urban environment. HCC and the other local authorities within the SW Herts area would expect the HA to undertake full consultation and embark on a programme of collaborative working prior to any measures being introduced which could adversely impact on the County road network. The potential exists for this to be taken forward as a future traffic management measure within the SW Herts area, as a collaborative exercise between the HA and the local authorities.

4.4 Croxley Rail Link ,Watford Junction Improvement & Abbey Line

4.4.1 These projects have been identified as 'Major Projects' within the HCC LTP and as such are following the DfT Major Projects route, whereby funding is sought via a 'bid' to the Secretary of State for Transport. The projects, should they come to fruition, will have significant effects on travel opportunities and patterns in the SW Herts area, but their progression is not dependant on being promoted through this Plan process.

4.4.2 **The Croxley Rail Link**, promoted by HCC with the support of Transport for London (TfL), is a scheme to extend the London Underground Metropolitan line to Watford Junction. The project is currently awaiting a funding approval 'in principle' decision from the Secretary Of State. Once this is granted, HCC, as the lead promoter, will embark on a development programme to take the project through the necessary design, procurement and planning, and procedural steps to implementation. The current programme anticipates that the Link could be operational by late 2013 / early 2014.

4.4.3 The **Watford Junction Improvement Scheme** combines improved access for all modes to the station and Colonial Way Link Road. This scheme was identified as a Major Project within Hertfordshire County Council's Local Transport Plan. The scheme is currently being progressed through the necessary procedural steps toward a planning application. Subject to satisfactory completion of these processes, it is anticipated that the scheme could be implemented and operational by late 2011/12.