

## Appendix A

### Development of the Market Harborough Transportation Strategy

#### Project Proposal

##### 1. Aims and Objectives

1.1 The Market Harborough Transportation Strategy will be developed from an understanding of current and future transport issues in Market Harborough and potential measures required to address them. It will build on work previously undertaken to inform the development of the Core Strategy.

1.2 It is anticipated that the strategy will support future funding bids and inform the content of future transportation programmes.

1.3 The strategy will also feed into the development of the new Local Plan.

##### 2. Suggested methodology

2.1 Any mitigation measures should be strategic and evidence based. As such, before any options can be devised, an appreciation of the current, and forecast future conditions on the network must first be undertaken.

2.2 An evidence base will be developed with reference to the National Planning Policy framework and Planning Practice Guidance<sup>1</sup>.

2.3 Much of the data required for both the current and future case scenarios will be extracted from the County Council's Leicester & Leicestershire Integrated Transport Model (LLITM). Through the objective assessment of that data, coupled with local knowledge, and observed data, a number of key transport issues will be identified for further investigation with a view to devising a package of improvement measures.

2.4 Where necessary, up to date survey data will be collected to both inform the decision making process, and to validate data extracted from the traffic model.

##### 3. Overall Programme

3.1 The strategy will be developed from a scoping/feasibility exercise, which will be split into two phases:

**Phase 1**      *Investigate current and future transport conditions, and identify any solutions;*

**Phase 2**      *Assess deliverability of potential transport solutions and recommend package of preferred solution(s) to implement, together with associated implementation timescales.*

<sup>1</sup> Planning Practice Guidance - Transport evidence bases in plan making  
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/transport-evidence-bases-in-plan-making/transport-evidence-bases-in-plan-making-guidance/>

#### 4. **Roles and responsibilities**

4.1 Work will largely be conducted by LCC Highways , with additional specialist consultancy support as necessary. It will however require engagement with officers at HDC and key stakeholders.

#### 5. **Key Milestones and Timetable**

Milestones / tasks	Timetable	Costs (fees/surveys/modelling software) (000s)
<b>Phase 1: Investigate current and future conditions, And identify potential solutions</b>	<b>(Apr 2015 – Oct 2014)</b>	
1. Review work previously carried out in 2011 as part of Harborough Core Strategy development. Identify any gaps in data.	April 2015	5
2. Inception meeting (Meeting with LCC, HDC and consultants to discuss objectives, available data and models, the proposed methodology, scope and programme.)	End of April 2015	1
3. Request necessary surveys relating to parking, junction counts, queues etc.	May 2015	} 40
4. Carry out necessary surveys relating to parking, junction counts, queues etc	June 2015	
5. Initial LCC and HDC officer workshop (To help identify existing transport issues in the town and potential solutions).	June 2015	2
6. Wider Panel workshop, including external bodies and stakeholders. (To help identify existing transport issues in the town and potential solutions).	July 2015	2
7. Review available Transport Models (Review LLITM with regard to its suitability in terms of its base year calibration/validation and future year forecasts).	June 2015 – Aug 2015	10
8. Collate current and future Transport data	July 2015 – Aug 2015	} 40
9. Firm up initial outline solutions/concept designs of transport schemes	July 2015 – Sep 2015	
	Oct 2015	

10. Bring together evidence and produce draft report for consideration by Project Board / Councillors		
<p><b>Phase 2:</b>  <b>Assess deliverability of potential solutions and recommend package of preferred solution(s)</b></p> <p>11. Develop solutions/ concept design on AUTOCAD</p> <p>12. Carry out Topographical surveys</p> <p>13. Safety audits of transport projects</p> <p>14. Provide robust budget estimates</p> <p>15. Modelling/Testing of design solutions</p> <p>16. Optioneering and option appraisal</p> <p>17. Recommend package of solutions and produce final report for consideration by Project Board and both Councils</p>	<p><b>(Nov 2015 – Mar 2016)</b></p>	<p>15</p> <p>20</p> <p>10</p> <p>15</p> <p>20</p> <p>10</p> <p>10</p>

## 6. Outputs/ deliverables

6.1 It is envisaged that the following outputs would be reported after Phase 1.

- all current transport issues as they affect all modes covering, for example, accessibility, congestion, mobility and safety;
- the potential options available to address the issues identified and any gaps in the networks in the short, medium and longer term covering, for example, accessibility, congestion, mobility and safety;
- the scope and options for maximising travel planning and behavioural change; and
- accessibility of transport nodes such as rail / bus station to facilitate integrated solutions.

6.2 This list is not exhaustive, and there may be additional issues that will be important to consider locally as the project develops.

6.3 This will be followed by a further report at end of Phase 2 which will refine initial options and provide a recommended package of solutions with identified works costs and risks.

## **7. Costs**

7.1 The indicative budgetary costs for Phase 1 are £100,000, with a further £100,000 forecast for Phase 2. The County council have currently committed £100,000 in the 15/16 Capital Programme.