

Devon Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 – Panel Hearings

Cllr Brian Greenslade / Nick Harvey MP– North Devon Link Road

Key Transport Issues

- Communication in North Devon is particularly important – manufacturing has seen a lot of job losses.
- It is the main link road into north of the county.
- When the North Devon Link road was built it should have been dual carriageway.
- Since Devon County Council took over control of the road. The safety record is likely to have improved but journey times are now slower.
- Will the Barnstaple bypass simply move problems from town centre to North Devon link road?
- Accident rates are similar to other roads “A” roads in the county.
- All priority is given to west bound traffic – none to east bound, priority to uphill traffic.

Recommendations

- Seeking support for feasibility study for dualling in DLTP 2006-2011
- There is the need for some safety improvements on the corridor.
- Design of the road is deceptive, encouraging excessive speeds along certain stretches.
- Following heavy vehicles and caravans leads to frustration and erratic overtaking using the double white lines.

Nick Harvey MP –

- Supports proposal for feasibility study in DLTP 2006-2011.
- Increasing frustration in terms of drivers crossing double white lines.
- Persuading individuals to change gear both mentally and psychologically to reduce speeds.
- Design of road at points encouraging speeding - Safety is the key issue.