

Devon Local Transport Plan 2006-2011 – Panel Hearings

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Issues / Concerns

- 650 staff, 300 full time, 350 part time, 3500 full time students.
- 17,000 part time enrolments from September responsible for all adult education in Exeter.
- International Baccalaureate - one of only few places in the county – means that the students come from a wide catchment – friends in Moretonhampstead, very irregular buses .
- College encourages out of college activity. Many students cannot take part if they don't live in Exeter. Not all parents own a car.
- Trying to encourage an inclusive college – students from Cheriton Fitz-Payne have to leave at 7am and don't get home until 7pm.
- No public transport provision so instead students learn to drive straight away at 17.
- In terms of going to their local college the pupils felt that it was very important that people get out of places. First steps towards independence from school to college to university.
- Some potential to some close working with the college in terms of the accessibility strategy. Pilot studies. Speak to Tim Yeandle – Governor on Equality and Diversity.
- One student said he chose to come to college in Exeter rather than the one close to home. It was better and he wanted to be a bit more adventurous / independent.

Recommendations

- Lots of people would cycle into college if the roads were safer. – Safe routes to school / college / university etc.
- Exeter College – proximity to Exeter Central Station. Not any problems with the trains, mainly problems with bus times.
- Vandalism of facilities at Ivybridge station creates perception of an unsafe environment. There is also an irregular train service at Ivybridge station.
- Has any analysis been done of students home locations?
- Stress in terms of crossing roads. It isn't safe.
- Require cheaper, more frequent public transport.