

### **Devon on the Move, Devon Local Transport Plan 2001 – 2006** **Devon Local Access Forum**

**Devon on the Move**, the Devon Local Transport Plan 2001 to 2006 sets out the County Council's approach to travel and transport: helping to meet everyone's travel needs, making roads safer and providing alternatives to the car.

([http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transport/devon\\_local\\_transport\\_plan.htm](http://www.devon.gov.uk/index/transport/devon_local_transport_plan.htm))

Work has commenced on the preparation of Devon's Second Local Transport Plan 2006-2011, to be published in July 2005. We are currently at the consultation stage talking to interest groups, stakeholders and the public to ensure that the document is as representative as possible. This is your opportunity to contribute to the future of transport in Devon.

The government guidance on the production of Local Transport Plans states that our plans must focus around 4 shared priorities. These are;

- **Tackling Congestion**
- **Air Quality**
- **Road Safety**
- **Accessibility**

In addition to this the government has stated that there are a number of other areas relating to 'quality of life', on which plans can focus, including; neighbourhood renewal, the quality of public spaces, community safety, public health, noise & climate change. Many of these focus more on urban areas and it is therefore the County Councils job to determine how to address the governments shared priorities and identify any other issues specific to a rural authority such as Devon.

#### **Results from previous consultation events & work with the Rights of Way Improvement Plan**

Over recent months work has been carried out trying to summarise the relevant comments from previous consultation exercises in an attempt to avoid any replication. In addition to this we have worked closely with the staff involved with writing the ROWIP to ensure that its objectives tie in with those of the LTP. Some of the issues arising include;

- The need to address where appropriate the shared needs of pedestrians, cyclists and equine users to insure the maximum benefits are gained by all users,
- The need to address the problems of speeding traffic on rural roads and its affect on communities and vulnerable users,
- The need to improve the opportunities for young people to access school, employment and leisure opportunities,
- The need to improve public transport services,
- The need to improve 'car free' access to countryside leisure opportunities,
- The need to foster closer links between transport and health, looking at where possible to improve opportunities for circular walks / bike rides from all towns / villages,
- What level of ROW signage is appropriate to not be intrusive but at the same time encourage less experienced visitors to still make full use of our networks,
- The LTP must contain a prioritised programme of Rights of Way improvements that link in with the afore mentioned shared priorities (for example new ROW links that help walkers , cyclists and horse riders avoid using sections of busy road would work towards the Road Safety priority).

In preparation for the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October Devon County Council would like you to spend some time thinking about the main issues likely to face the County over the period 2006-2011 and how we should best approach tackling them. This is your opportunity to really think forward so we would like aspirations as well as realistic thoughts.