

**REPORT TO:** Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

**DATE:** 19 September 2007

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director, Environment

**SUBJECT:** Local Transport Plan Scheme Birchfield Road  
Quality Transport Corridor

**WARDS:** Kingsway

## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To inform the Board of an amendment to the approved Birchfield Road Quality Transport Corridor Improvement Scheme.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That the report be noted.**

## **3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

3.1 At the meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> June, the Board was advised of the outcome of a Consultation Review Panel (CRP), held to discuss the Birchfield Road Quality Transport Corridor improvement scheme. It was also reported that Ward Councillors and Officers were due to meet with a resident of Birchfield Road who had not attended the consultation to discuss his concerns about the scheme.

3.2 Following that meeting, the CRP was reconvened and the Panel reviewed the scheme and previous decisions. It was recognised that the junction of Birchfield Road/Lockett Road and Victoria Avenue presents a number of challenges for all types of road user and that this would particularly be the case if traffic and pedestrian flows were to increase in the future.

3.3 It was agreed therefore that further traffic assessments be carried out at this junction in order to determine the most appropriate method of control. This may ultimately lead to a full traffic signalisation of Birchfield/Lockett/Victoria Avenue junction including pedestrian facilities if all road users are to be adequately and safely accommodated.

3.4 In the meantime, the pedestrian crossing will remain in its current location but will be upgraded to a 'Toucan' (pedestrian/ cycle) crossing. Also the footway at Victoria Avenue fronting No. 103 Birchfield Road will be widened as originally described in order to deliver the Council's sustainable transport aims for the Birchfield Quality Transport Corridor.

## **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no policy implications

## **5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no other implications

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

### **6.1 Children and Young People in Halton**

Not applicable

### **6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton**

Not applicable

### **6.3 A Healthy Halton**

Not applicable

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

Not applicable

### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

Further Traffic assessment work will provide the opportunity to consider fully the implications of potential increases in vehicular and pedestrian flows due to recent changes in travel patterns, and if necessary, to accommodate these within the scheme.

## **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 There are no risks associated with the proposed course of action.

## **8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

There are no equality and diversity issues arising from the decision.

## **9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Notes of Consultation Review Panel meeting of 26 <sup>th</sup> July	Highways, Rutland House, Runcorn	D. Cragg