

LINKS BETWEEN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TRANSPORT POLICY AND THE WEST YORKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN STRATEGY

1. In July 1998 the DETR published its' Transport White Paper, 'A New Deal For Transport: Better For Everyone', the first comprehensive transport White Paper for 20 years. This document sets out the Government's integrated transport policies aimed at tackling the problems of traffic congestion and pollution and provides the framework within which detailed policies will be taken forward.

2. The Regional Assembly have produced a strategic framework for the region set out in the document 'Yorkshire and Humberside - Advancing Together into the Millennium'. Additionally, draft Regional Planning Guidance (RPG), 'Advancing Together: Towards A Spatial Strategy', was published in October 1999 setting out a spatial strategy for Yorkshire and the Humber. It includes a draft Regional Transport Strategy which sets out key transport objectives for the region.

3. Table 1 summarises the relationship between national transport objectives contained in the Transport White Paper, draft Regional Planning Guidance and Regional Transport Strategy objectives and those contained in the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan Strategy. It clearly demonstrates that the Plan is consistent with both the national and regional transport policy frameworks.

THEME	GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WHITE PAPER PRIMARY OBJECTIVES	REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDANCE KEY OBJECTIVES	REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY KEY OBJECTIVES	WEST YORKSHIRE LTP STRATEGY KEY OBJECTIVES
ECONOMY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To contribute to an efficient economy, and to support sustainable economic growth in appropriate locations 	<p><i>Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regeneration of areas damaged by past industrial decline 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To maintain and improve the quality of service provided by strategic road and rail links within the region To achieve a transfer of freight traffic from road to rail and water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide opportunities for fostering a strong, competitive economy and sustainable economic growth To improve operational efficiency within the transport system To maintain transport infrastructure to standards to allow safe and efficient movement of goods and people
SOCIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote accessibility to everyday facilities for all, especially those without a car To improve safety for all travellers 	<p><i>Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeking social equity and inclusion Protecting rural communities and recognising their particular needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase the accessibility of rural areas by public transport To reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries on the roads 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote social inclusion and equal opportunities for access to transport. To improve safety, security and health, in particular to reduce the number and severity of road casualties
ENVIRONMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To protect and enhance the built environment 	<p><i>Effective protection of the environment:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making full use of urban land Protecting natural resources Tackling urban traffic congestion and reducing transport-related emissions Making urban areas attractive to live in. <p><i>Prudent use of natural resources:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protecting critical natural resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce the rate of growth in road traffic To contribute to the achievement of air quality standards through a reduction in road traffic emissions To contribute to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve environmental quality and reduce the impacts of transport on air quality and noise To contribute to national/international efforts to reduce the contribution of transport to overall greenhouse gas emissions.
ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote the integration of all forms of transport and land use planning, leading to a better, more efficient transport system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimising travel needs and maximising use of energy efficient modes Limiting pollution Reducing energy consumption and encouraging use of renewable energy sources 		

Table 1: Linkages Between National/Regional Transport Policy and The West Yorkshire LTP