

3. MID HERTFORDSHIRE AREA PLAN

The Mid Hertfordshire Area Plan is the first of four new area transport plans to be developed within the County, and is focused on St Albans, Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield. The plan is being developed through an officer steering group with representatives from the County, Welwyn Hatfield and St Albans City & District councils, and a joint member panel comprising elected members from all three authorities. The full plan is due to be completed by March 2002, with the main implementation programme to follow in subsequent years.

What was delivered in 2000/01?

Scheme	Status
St Albans Plan	
- Sandpit Lane, pelican crossing	Completed
- Clarence Road, zebra crossing	Completed
- King Harry Lane, pelican crossing	Scheme started
- Bluehouse Hill, pelican crossing	Scheme started
- Batchwood Drive, toucan crossing	Scheme started
- Cycle route linking High Oaks Estate to the north of St Albans	Implemented
- Measures to assist buses	Designs developed
- Cycle route network	Development work undertaken

Financial details for the above schemes can be found in the Finance Forms in the technical document accompanying this report.

The Programme for 2001/02

Scheme	£'000s
St Albans Plan	500
- King Harry Lane, Bluehouse Hill, Batchwood drive pedestrian crossing schemes completed	
- Pedestrian priority scheme, High Street	
- Cycle routes linking residential areas to city centre and station	
- Major reconstruction of Station Way (introduction of pedestrian and cycle facilities)	
- Development of bus priority proposals, Hatfield Road	
- Study of St Peters Street (traffic management and pedestrian facilities)	
- Measures to assist buses	
Welwyn Hatfield Plan	150
- Improvements to pedestrian links and crossing facilities	
- Developing bus priority measures	
- Cycle routes in Hatfield and Welwyn Garden City	
Safer Routes to School schemes (2/3 schools)	120
TOTAL	770

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Funding Sources

Financial works for the St Albans plan during 2000/01 to the value of approximately £300,000 were jointly funded through the Local Transport Plan and County Council revenue money.

For the financial year 2001/02 a budget of around £500,000 for the St Albans plan will be available funded jointly from the Local Transport Plan, County Council revenue and private sector contributions. Approximately £150,000 is available for the Welwyn Hatfield plan for 2001/02, which will be funded jointly from the Local Transport Plan and County Council Revenue. Safer Routes to School schemes will be funded entirely from LTP money (£120,000).

Key Employment Sites

Outline planning permission for the Hatfield Aerodrome site is now in place, and some elements of the development are under construction. A total of £14 million of S106 agreements for transport improvements have been agreed, and a green travel plan coordinator for the site has been appointed.

Hertfordshire East-West Passenger Transport Links (HEWPTL)

Officer meetings have taken place to consider the issues of east-west movements, and it is intended to develop a process for taking the matter forward in the Autumn. The output from this work will need to consider the outcomes of the 'Orbit' multi-modal study. Any major infrastructure proposals emerging from HEWPTL will be considered for inclusion in the LTP for 2006/07-2010/11.