

ANNEX H

OTHER POLICY CHANGES

CYCLING POLICY

Proposed change:

New policy statement to replace existing statement in Section 5.14 of LTP.

Reason for change:

Modifications to policy statement requested by Hertfordshire Cycle Forum.

Details of change:

Delete:

“[the County Council will] identify and develop a network of cycle routes within towns as part of the integrated transport plans. These will be segregated routes where possible, but routes may also use existing streets or be shared facilities with pedestrians”.

Add:

“[the County Council will] identify and develop a network of cycle routes within towns as part of the integrated transport plans. The nature of these routes will be considered by using the following hierarchy as a framework for developing appropriate solutions:

- measures to reduce traffic volumes
- measures to reduce traffic speed
- measures to improve safety at locations where cyclists are most vulnerable (e.g. junctions)
- reallocation of roadspace to cyclists
- off-road provision.”

USE OF BUS LANES

Proposed change:

New statement on the use of bus lanes by other vehicles to be included in Section 5.16 of LTP.

Reason for change:

To ensure consistency in the application of new bus lane schemes.

Details of change:

Add:

(i) in relation to new bus lanes, the existing policy of allowing pedal cycles to use these facilities should be retained;

(ii) in relation to new bus lanes, use may be extended to include hackney carriages;

(iii) notwithstanding (ii) above, hackney carriages will not be permitted in new bus lanes, where design circumstances do not allow for such use.

Existing facilities may be reviewed for possible inclusion of hackney carriages where local support for this is expressed. In any event private hire vehicles would be excluded due to identification purposes.