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1 INTRODUCTION

This document is the report of the consultation meeting with Nottingham City Transportation Group for the A453 Nottingham Multi Modal Study, held on 21 July 2000.

The consultation session was organised in order to fulfil the following objectives:

- Outline the approach to the study to the Nottingham City Transportation Committee
- Describe the process of continuous consultation
- Gain a view of transport issues from the Committee
- Listen to ideas for ways in which transport problems can be solved
- Answer any questions raised by the Committee which relate to the study

This paper is a summary of the comments and questions raised during the meeting, organised broadly into the five classifications of objective for the multi-modal study of environment, accessibility, integration, safety and economic issues.

In addition to the points raised during the meeting the chairperson drew attention to the availability of reports outlining the City's views on issues and schemes for the A453 Corridor.

The Committee welcomed the 'clean start' approach and breadth of perspective being adopted for the study.

2 ISSUES/PROBLEMS

2.1 ENVIRONMENTAL

- Pollution is believed to have caused health problems in Clifton.
- No more land should be taken up for highway schemes.
- Social effects of any road widening through Clifton.

2.2 ACCESSIBILITY

- Longer distance commuting may be encouraged by new/improved roads.
- Will red route be considered further?
- Problem of rat running, especially through Clifton.
- Increased east-west movements due to opening of A50 (Stoke-Derby).
- Long distance traffic on A453
- High proportion of traffic on Farnborough Road is not local.
- Red route strongly objected to by most.
- Canal and river systems under-used.

2.3 INTEGRATION

- East Midlands Parkway Station proposal to be taken account of.
- Take account of cycle and other multimodal travel.

2.4 SAFETY

- A453 through Clifton needs to be safer.
- Clifton and Wilford committees have approved a comprehensive traffic calming scheme.

2.5 ECONOMIC/DEVELOPMENT

- No large business park type development in airport area.
- Commercial development around the airport has employment/economic development benefits.
- Council are against general development at airport which is not related to people/freight movements by air.
- General concern not to encourage/facilitate the migration of population or jobs out of the City boundaries.
- Nottingham's ambitions for viable, lively city to be protected. Don't just want people to drive in and drive out.
- Creating better radial routes influences the distance people will live away from City Centre.

3 POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

3.1 ACCESSIBILITY

- Reserve land for NET extension to Clifton and airport.
- Road widening to accommodate public transport may be acceptable.

3.2 INTEGRATION

- Promote modal shift.
- Should promote NET and buses.
- Park and ride facility near M1 to serve Nottingham and Derby.
- Consider potential for water transport, especially for freight.

3.3 SAFETY

- Clifton by-pass urgently needed.
- Clifton residents would like more traffic calming.

3.4 ECONOMIC/DEVELOPMENT

- Economic developments to be centred on existing sites.