

**WARDS: Brierley Hill, Brockmoor & Pensnett, Kingswinford North & Wall Heath,
Kingswinford South and Wordsley**

AGENDA ITEM

NO.

DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

BRIERLEY HILL AREA COMMITTEE - 14TH SEPTEMBER 2004

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT

TITLE: BRIERLEY HILL SUSTAINABLE ACCESS NETWORK

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the Area Committee of progress on the Brierley Hill Sustainable Access Scheme

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Brierley Hill Area Committee resolved at the 3rd February Meeting to support the development of the Brierley Hill Sustainable Access Scheme.
- 2.2 A major component of the scheme is the construction of a new road parallel to the High Street
- 2.3 Significant work has now been undertaken with major stakeholders to develop a scheme that both maximises the development potential of the area, provides a scheme that is sympathetic to the local environment, meets the criteria for investment by the Department for Transport and complies with established and emerging planning and urban design guidance
- 2.4 Against the background of paragraph 2.3 an outline planning application is scheduled for submission in late August (verbal update at committee) and when approved will enable statutory procedures to commence.
- 2.5 Detail plans will be available at the meeting.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 That the Brierley Hill Area Committee supports the scheme for the provision of a new road as set out in the planning application.

4.0 FINANCE

- 4.1 The costs of implementing the provisions of the BHSAN scheme will be financed partly through the Local Transport Capital expenditure Settlement and partly by the private sector.

5.0 LAW

- 5.1 The Council has the power to provide, new highways under section 24 of the Highways Act 1980.
- 5.2 The Council are under duty to improve highways under section 62 of the Highways Act 1980
- 5.3 Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 empowers the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of its functions.

6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The contents of this report comply with the Council's equal opportunities policy. Public consultation includes positive action aimed at ethnic minorities.
- 6.2 A Brierley Hill Sustainable Access Network seeks to manage demand on the highway and redress the balance between public and private modes of transport leading to a more inclusive society

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 That the proposals as detailed in Section 3 be supported and approved.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Letter re 2004/05 Local Transport Capital Expenditure Settlement – dated 19.12.03
- Annex E to the Brierley Hill Sustainable Access Network submission