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### **NEW 64 PLACE RBRU HOUSEBLOCK PROPOSAL AND ANCILLARY 'SOFT TARMAC, MULTI-COURT EXERCISE AREA AND CAR PARK EXTENSION**

### **TRAVEL PLAN POSITION STATEMENT**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Pre-application consultation with David Allen - Senior Traffic and Development Engineer (South) of Lancashire County Council concluded that a Travel Plan was not required to be submitted with this planning application.
- 1.2 Notwithstanding the above, the County Council requested an update on progress since the submission of the 2004 Travel Plan and confirmation that the Prison had appointed a Travel Plan Coordinator.
- 1.3 Herein, we respond to the above by way of a position statement.

**2. Travel Plan Coordinator**

- 2.1 Christopher Watson is the Prison's Travel Coordinator. His main areas of travel related work has been assisting the Parish council in improving Road safety on Ulmes Walton Lane.
- 2.2 Mr Watson sits on The Ulmes Walton Parish Council's Road Safety Working group.

**3. Implementation of Proposals**

- 3.1 The 2004 Travel Plan contained 6 key proposals as follows:
  - 1 Proposal 1 – Establish the role of Travel Coordinator;
  - 2 Proposal 2 – Provision for Cyclists;
  - 3 Proposal 3 – Provision of Shuttle Bus for Staff;
  - 4 Proposal 4 – Improvements to 112 Bus Service;
  - 5 Proposal 5 – Provide Access to a Car Sharing Scheme;
  - 6 Proposal 6 – Introduce a Yearly Travel Awareness Day.

Proposal 1 – Establish the role of Travel Coordinator

- 3.2 Paragraph 2. above confirms that this proposal has been actioned.

Proposal 2 – Provision for Cyclists

- 3.3 A number of actions have been/are being implemented under this proposal. Key amongst those are:
- The erection of a secure cycle enclosure at the prison. Following assessment, the development of a secure cycle enclosure was deemed to be more appropriate than the original proposal which was to erect Sheffield stands at the Prison;
  - Shower and changing facilities are in place;
  - The corporate Bike Loan initiative has been maintained;
  - The Prison will benefit greatly from the implementation of the Ulnes Walton Multi-Use Path which is being progressed by Lancashire County Council and will create links on three sides of the Prison estate.
  - The free Mars Bar incentive for those cycling to work has not been progressed. In its place, the Prison Establishment confirms that it will gift a hi-visibility aid to those members of staff who cycle to work for at least a month in a calendar year.

Proposal 3 – Provision of Shuttle Bus for Staff

- 3.4 The use of the Prison Minibus as a staff shuttle was trialled between 01/01/04 and 30/06/04.
- 3.5 The trial indicated that the service was not particularly compatible with the competing need for the minibus as a prisoner escort vehicle. The service was also proving costly to run.
- 3.6 The interest free loan for staff to purchase annual rail season tickets was not introduced due to there not being a close enough rail station.

Proposal 4 – Improvements to the 112 Bus Service

- 3.7 A more regular service and at hours which correspond with shift patterns was introduced in 2005.

Proposal 5 – Provide Access to a Car Sharing Scheme

- 3.8 HM Prison Service has a corporate car sharing initiative in place. This scheme is in place at the local level and is marketed to staff via the intranet and site-based posters.

Proposal 6 – Introduce a Yearly Travel Awareness Day

- 3.9 Travel Awareness days have not been implemented to date. However, there is Governor level commitment to hosting such an event. The Prison would wish to work closely with the County Council on the planning of an event and will seek guidance as to when best to host.

Travel Plan Surveys

- 3.10 Travel Plan surveys have not been carried out as envisaged.

**4. Conclusion**

The Year Ahead

- 4.1 The Prison is committed to taking forward Travel Planning initiatives and confirms that there is Governor-level support.
- 4.2 In the Year Ahead, the Prison's Travel Plan Coordinator undertakes to work closely with the County Council on evaluating and updating the 2004 Travel Plan. There is commitment to establishing some clear and agreed benchmarks for implementation and the mechanisms for monitoring the delivery of those initiatives.