

## Employment Issues Paper

We all need to get from our homes to our jobs, shops and services safely and quickly. But we know that building more roads and using the car will only increase congestion and pollution.

The government want to concentrate new houses, businesses and shops in places where they are easy to get to by walking, cycling and public transport. At the moment, we do not have a reliable, safe and modern public transport system that provides a real alternative to the car. But we must begin to change things now if we are to give our children a better environment.

We need to ensure that we have a thriving central area that attracts people from all over the county and beyond. A central area that is easy to get to not only by public transport, but also by walking and cycling. The Central Gloucester Issues Paper looks at these issues in more detail.

At the same time, we need to have enough district and local centres that provide everyday goods and community facilities. This is so that people do not have to use their cars to get to the central area to buy, say, a pair of childrens shoes. And so that people without a car do not always have to pay to use buses to get to local shops and community facilities. We also need to place depots and warehouses whose core business depends on transport close to railways or the major road network.

The plan overleaf identifies some issues affecting travel and accessibility in the city. We would like to hear your views on these issues and any others that you think are important.

## Other Plans

The Council is preparing two other plans, the City Plan and the Corporate Development Plan:

- The City Plan will set out a general vision of the city's future over the next 10 to 20 years. This is being done in partnership with local community groups and other agencies. A draft City Plan is expected to be available for public consultation in June 2000.
- The Corporate Development Plan reflects the new agenda of the government. It has six key policy objectives: fairness, sustainable development, community safety, healthy living, learning and aspiration, and modern local government.

The Local Plan will be consistent with these other plans. They will provide a context for the land use objectives of the Local Plan.

## Consultation and Participation

We will be holding exhibitions and informal meetings around the city. Come along and have a chat about what the Local Plan could mean for you. The dates and locations are set out below. All exhibitions will be attended by staff and informal meetings will be held in the evenings.

| Exhibitions                   | Date                         |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| • Eastgate Shopping Centre    | May 8th- 12th (9-5.30pm)     |
| • Sainsbury, Barnwood         | May 15th- 19th (9-5.30pm)    |
| • Safeway, Abbeydale          | May 22nd-26th (9-5.30pm)     |
| • Asda, Bruton Way            | May 30th-June 2nd (9-5.30pm) |
| • Tesco, Quedgeley            | June 5th-9th (9-5.30pm)      |
| • Eastgate Shopping Centre    | June 12th- 16th (9-5.30pm)   |
| • Herbert Warehouse Reception | May 8th-June 16th (9-5pm)    |

| Informal Meetings                            | Date              |
|--|-------------------|
| • North Warehouse, The Docks                 | May 11 th (6-8pm) |
| • Matson Neighbourhood Project, Matson Lane  | May 18th (6-8pm)  |
| • Longlevens Community Centre, Church Rd     | May 25th (7 -9pm) |
| • Barton Community Centre, Conduit St June   | 1st (6-8pm)       |
| • Quedgeley Community Centre, School Lane    | June 8th (6-8pm)  |
| • Hucclecote Community Centre, Hucclecote Rd | June 13th (6-8pm) |

There will also be 'topic' meetings for residents, landowners, developers and other interested parties to discuss issues in a little more depth. These will be held in the Council Offices, North Warehouse at The Docks. The dates for these are set out below with all meetings starting at 6pm and ending at 9pm.

| Topic Meetings                | Venue        | Date     |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------|
| • Housing/Employment          | Ctte. Room 1 | May 9th  |
| • Central Gloucester/Shopping | Ctte. Room 1 | May 16th |
| • Travel and Accessibility    | Civic Suite  | May 23rd |
| • Green Areas                 | Ctte. Room 1 | June 7th |

## Comments and Contacts

All comments on the Issues Papers should be made in writing to: **Head of Planning Services, Gloucester City Council, Herbert Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EQ,** by Friday 16th June at the latest.

You may use the comment form provided or write a letter. You can comment by e-mailing [localplan@gloucester.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@gloucester.gov.uk) or use the talkback facility on the Council's website [www.gloucester.gov.uk](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk)

When the consultation period has ended, all comments on land use issues will be considered by the Council in preparing the draft Local Plan. We intend to get the draft Local Plan 'on deposit' in April 2001 and this will be the next stage for public comment. For further information please call the Local Plan Team on 396831.

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# Local Plan Review Travel and Accessibility Issues Paper



The Local Plan shows where new development should go. It identifies sites for new homes, businesses and shops. At the same time, it also protects the best parts of our city. The Local Plan is being reviewed to guide development for the next decade and we have produced several Issues Papers for you to comment on (Overall Strategy, Central Gloucester, Shopping, Housing, Employment, Green Areas, Travel and Accessibility). This is your chance to say how Gloucester should be planned over the next ten years.

The government sets the framework for local plans. New development must be sustainable: what we do today should leave our children with a better environment. So we need to protect our green spaces by building on previously developed land as far as possible. We need to put jobs, homes, and shops close together so that people do not have to make expensive trips which cause traffic congestion and pollution. And we need to revitalise central Gloucester as a place open to everyone to live, work and enjoy themselves.

## Issues

T1. A recent idea is to improve housing areas by creating 'home zones' where vehicle speeds are less than 20 mph and traffic calming puts pedestrians first. Gloucester has already introduced traffic calming with the aim of reducing speeds towards 20 mph through the Safer City project - in central Gloucester, Barton and Tredworth, Longlevens, Kingsholm, Tuffley and Matson. Do you think we should have 'home zones'? If yes, where should they be? Should all future housing areas be designed as 'home zones'?

T2. Travelling by bus needs to be made easier and better. The roads that may be improved to give buses priority are shown on the plan. Do you think that these are the right corridors for making improvements to bus routes?

T3. The Council is creating cycle routes around the city. But more needs to be done to encourage people to use them. For example, by providing enough secure cycle parking facilities, as well as changing rooms and showers at work places. How do you think we could encourage more cycling?

T4. Railways could serve a greater role in the future. The railways are also shown on the plan. Some of these have space for additional tracks and, with some former railway land alongside, could be protected for future public transport provision or rail freight use. Studies for RAF Quedgeley showed that a new station is a possibility although unlikely to attract many passengers in the short term. Should current railways be protected for public transport purposes? What other former railway land should be protected? Should we plan for a passenger station at Quedgeley?

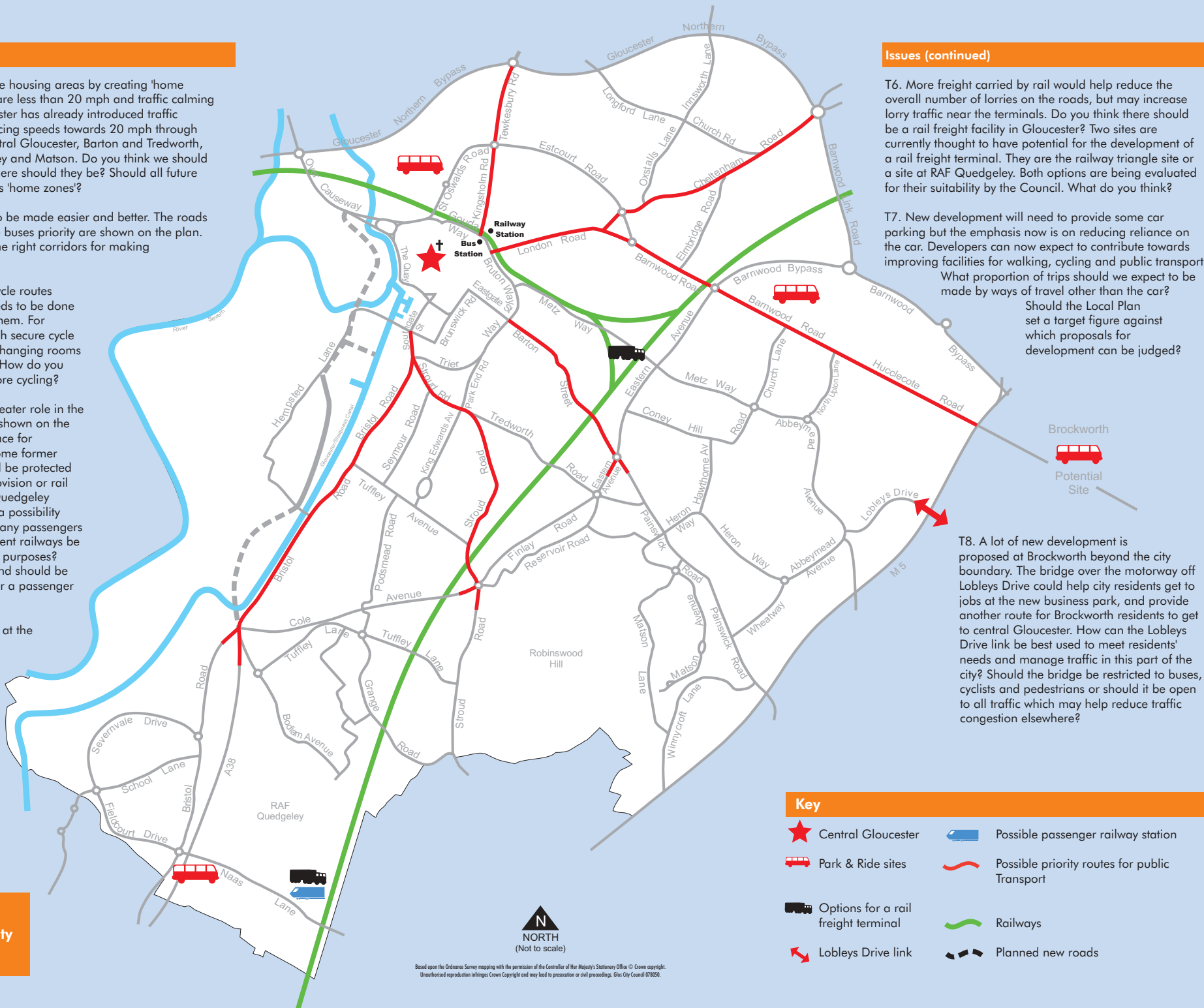
T5. Park and Ride is currently at the Cattle Market, and a Saturday only service runs from Barnwood. A new service from the new site at Quedgeley started this April. A site is also needed at Brockworth. Are these the best locations for Park and Ride to help reduce traffic into the central area?

## Issues (continued)








T6. More freight carried by rail would help reduce the overall number of lorries on the roads, but may increase lorry traffic near the terminals. Do you think there should be a rail freight facility in Gloucester? Two sites are currently thought to have potential for the development of a rail freight terminal. They are the railway triangle site or a site at RAF Quedgeley. Both options are being evaluated for their suitability by the Council. What do you think?

T7. New development will need to provide some car parking but the emphasis now is on reducing reliance on the car. Developers can now expect to contribute towards improving facilities for walking, cycling and public transport. What proportion of trips should we expect to be made by ways of travel other than the car? Should the Local Plan set a target figure against which proposals for development can be judged?

T8. A lot of new development is proposed at Brockworth beyond the city boundary. The bridge over the motorway off Lobeys Drive could help city residents get to jobs at the new business park, and provide another route for Brockworth residents to get to central Gloucester. How can the Lobeys Drive link be best used to meet residents' needs and manage traffic in this part of the city? Should the bridge be restricted to buses, cyclists and pedestrians or should it be open to all traffic which may help reduce traffic congestion elsewhere?



### Key

-  Central Gloucester
-  Park & Ride sites
-  Lobeys Drive link
-  Possible passenger railway station
-  Possible priority routes for public transport
-  Railways
-  Planned new roads