

Development in Relation to the Highway Network

7.11 The classified highways network serving the Plan area comprises trunk roads and motorways, principal (Class A) County roads and numerous Class B and Class C roads.

7.12 The County Structure Plan defines the primary roads which have an important strategic role in carrying traffic between major centres, and linking with other parts of the region and the national motorway network. The primary roads within the Plan area are shown below and comprise the following trunk roads and principal County roads.

Trunk Roads

M62 motorway

A1

A63

A64 A19 (north of Selby) A1041

Principal (Class A) County Roads

A162 A163 A19 (south of Selby)

7.13 Many stretches of trunk roads within the Plan area are already experiencing, or will soon have, capacity problems. Development in the vicinity of these roads, or their junctions, could add significant local traffic movements which may prejudice the ability of the primary network in the area to carry long-distance traffic. It is therefore important to reduce the need to use these routes for short, local journeys and to ensure that traffic in general is served by a satisfactory highway system. Problems of congestion and the risk of accidents will otherwise continue to increase.

7.14 Where existing roads and their junctions cannot cater for forecast traffic generated by individual proposals, there may be scope for developers to undertake improvements to existing highways, or enhancement of proposed new highways, prior to the development, in order to accommodate envisaged flows. This may be achieved through the imposition of appropriate planning conditions or by entering into a legal obligation. In certain circumstances, there may be scope for developers to provide new road links in order to facilitate major proposals. 132 Selby District Local Plan Adoption Draft: Part One (General Policies) February 2005

7.15 In order to ensure that traffic generated by development proposals does not prejudice the maintenance of an efficient and safe road network, the following policy will apply.

T1 Development proposals should be well related to the existing highways network and will only be permitted where existing roads have adequate capacity and can safely serve the development, unless appropriate off-site highway improvements are undertaken by the developer.