

Leicestershire County Council
Liberal Democrat Group



Cabinet – 16th September 2016

**Liberal Democrat Comments on the
Market Harborough Transport Study**

I welcome this report and believe it is long overdue. I have felt for some time that something of this nature was needed for the town, but previously there has been an unwillingness to use modelling to inform Highways planning.

I would like Cabinet to note that recent indications from the District Council mean that housing numbers are likely to be greater than the projection to 2031 figures used in the report. This means that the measures outlined in this report are even more needed.

I would like Cabinet to also note that the work done by the County Council shows that there are significant capacity issues in the town centre. This impacts on Northamptonshire as traffic diverts away from a congested town centre. This does not agree with the Jacobs report, commissioned by Harborough District Council, which claimed that there would be “*Negligible impact on Market Harborough town centre*” regarding link capacity.

As the LCC work is more detailed, I would urge the District Council to use the findings of the LCC study in preference to the Jacobs work in evidencing future highways improvements.

I will await the outcome of the public consultation with interest.

Dr Sarah Hill

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