

REPORT FOR THE MARKET DRAYTON JOINT LOCAL MEETING

EXPERIMENTAL ONE-WAY SYSTEM – GREAT HALES STREET

1. There have been long-standing concerns expressed by the community regarding the safety and volume of traffic using Great Hales Street as a 'rat run' between Phoenix Bank and Stafford Street to avoid Market Drayton town centre.
2. The County Council consulted on a number of options to address these concerns in 2003 and 2005. However, no consensus could be reached as to the community's preferred option, and the local County Councillors did not favour the road hump scheme put forward by officers.
3. Following a site meeting between the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, local County Councillors and officers, it was agreed to investigate an experimental one-way scheme to restrict traffic to an easterly direction between Phoenix Bank and Berrisford Road.
4. Consultation was undertaken through a letter-drop to all residents of Great Hales Street. 71% of those who responded supported the proposal.
5. Detailed design is currently being undertaken and it is anticipated that the scheme will be implemented in July 2007.