

## **13.0 Local Transport Plan and Air Quality**

### **13.1 Integration of the AQAP and LTP**

As detailed in chapter 11 York's AQAP has now been fully integrated into LTP2. The revised AQAP known as AQAP2 forms Annex U of the local transport plan and is cross referenced throughout with the targets and objectives contained within the main LTP2 document.

The integration of AQAP2 into LTP2 was achieved through the work of a multi-disciplinary internal steering group consisting of officers from a number of different departments within CYC. This group evolved from the original AQAP1 steering group but was expanded for the purpose of LTP2. Expansion of the group was necessary to incorporate issues such as highway safety and accessibility which are also key considerations within LTP2. Chairing of the group was taken over by the Transport Planning Unit.

Alongside the development of the new and updated air quality measures in AQAP2, a new air quality indicator was also included in LTP2. The new indicator (7A) is based on the mean of all the annual average nitrogen dioxide concentrations measured within the AQMA. In 2004 this figure was  $35\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The aim is to reduce it to  $30\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  by 2010/2011. Whilst the indicator does not guarantee that the annual average nitrogen dioxide objective will be met at all locations within the AQMA by 2010/2011, it should encourage continual improvements across the AQMA as a whole.