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Dual – Fuel Vehicles

Green fuelled vehicles can significantly contribute towards Local Air Quality Standards. Worcestershire County Council are exploring the use of such vehicles for their own fleet of vehicles and those hired under contract, and are currently undergoing a trial use of these vehicles.

The County Council held a 'Greener way to Travel' seminar in June 2000 for local business representatives. Dual fuel vehicles were featured at this seminar along with a presentation from a Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) supplier.

Powered Two Wheelers

The Governments Integrated Transport White Paper stated 'Mopeds and motorcycles can provide an alternative means of transport for many trips. Where public transport is limited and walking unrealistic, for example in rural areas, motorcycling can provide an affordable alternative to the car, bring benefits to the individual, and widen their employment opportunities.'

Given the many rural environments of Worcestershire, Powered Two Wheelers (PTW) can play an important role in Worcestershire's Transport Strategy. In developing a strategy for PTWs for rural areas, it is important to recognise the role such vehicles can play in reducing social exclusion. In addition, PTWs can contribute towards reduced congestion, and improved environmental conditions in urban areas.

Worcestershire have already undertaken an interchange study, which has identified necessary improvements to access and parking provisions at key transport interchanges. Worcestershire will endeavour to promote the appropriate and safe use of PTWs through the possibility of shared use of allocated road-space, including investigating the shared use of bus lanes within urban settings. A forum undertaken in January 2000, was attended by staff from the County Council, Worcester City Council, Birmingham City Council (to share experience of the use of PTW's in bus lanes) and members of different PTW organisations. The fora concluded that although no suitable pilot sites could be identified at present (largely due to the constrained nature of the urban road networks in Worcestershire), new bus lanes will be designed with consideration of access to PTW's. Each new scheme will be assessed on it's local merits, and a policy review will be undertaken for the County as a whole in 2002.

