

## Other Transport Studies

## CHAPTER 21 - Other Transport Studies

The impact of the following studies will be incorporated in the evolving strategy.

The West Midland Multi-Modal Study is currently underway, which will address congestion and environmental problems in and around Birmingham and in the Black Country by consideration of a wide range of measures including those already being taken forward in the metropolitan package. This study will address the implications of the abandoned Kidderminster - Blakedown - Hagley Bypass (KBH) in this County and the linked County scheme Kidderminster Southern Bypass, the lines of which are to remain protected until the outcome of this study is known.

Studley Bypass / A435 scheme has been abandoned and the line protected. This scheme falls within Warwickshire but includes a link road (the Alcester highway link) which falls mainly within Worcestershire. The decision on the future of this scheme, or alternative measures lies with the local authorities subject to compatibility with Regional Strategy. A joint study is to be led by Warwickshire to consider the options with respect to the scheme.

### **Network Hierachy**

A review of the network hierarchy is currently being undertaken. This will focus on achieving an appropriate balance on the use of the network, paying particular regard to walking, cycling and public transport modes and their priority over the private car in appropriate circumstances.