

6.2 ROAD SCHEMES (TRANS. 1A)

6.2.3 Policies T12 and T13 were included in the Structure Plan on the advice given in PPG12. These policies list the DTLR'S proposed motorway and trunk road schemes and schemes included in the former County Council's Transport Programme. The schemes in West Berkshire are set out in the table below, together with their status as at October 2000.

Scheme	Status
A34 Newbury By-Pass,	Opened November 1998
A34/A4 Junction 13, Additional Grade Separation	Highways Agency, public inquiry started in September 2000
A4 Thatcham, Hambridge Road/Lower Way,	Opened March 1999
A4 Newbury/Thatcham Corridor Integrated Transport Measures	Included in Local Transport Plan
Thatcham Northern Distributor Road	Opened March 1999
Park Way Bridge	Reconstruction scheme agreed by council July 2000, opened July 2001
B3421 Kings Road	Included in the Local Transport Plan as "B3421 Kings Road Improvement Link". Involves the construction of a new section of road linking the Sainsbury's Roundabout to Kings Road. Earlier proposal for a new link across the railway to Queens Road not being proceeded with.
Thatcham Southern Crossing	Subject to a further study outlined in the Local Transport Plan.
West Reading A4 Corridor, Including Park And Ride, Bus Priority Measures And Area Studies	Phases 1 and 2 of improvements to the A4 east of M4 Junction12 completed. Further phases are under review

POLICY TRANS.1A The Council will protect from development land shown on the Proposals Map required for the following schemes:

- A4 Newbury Thatcham Corridor Integrated Transport Measures
- B3421 Kings Road/ Improvement Link
- A4 West Of Reading Integrated Transport Measures
- Thatcham Southern Crossing.

6.2.4 West Berkshire Council is supportive of the principle of Park and Ride to serve both Newbury and the West Reading A4 corridor and is committed to working jointly with adjacent authorities to provide appropriate facilities. A joint study with Reading Borough Council has been commissioned to investigate and to prepare proposals for possible park and ride facilities in the area together with a further study to propose a park and ride strategy for Newbury.