



IHT & YORnet Seminar on Home Zones

The joint Institution of Highways & Transportation (IHT) and YORnet Evening Seminar on Home Zones was held on Monday 13th November 2006 at Leeds Metropolitan University. The event started off with a buffet kindly sponsored by Integreat Yorkshire – the Regional Centre for Excellence in Regeneration and Renaissance (see www.integreatyorkshire.com for more information).

The evening seminar which attracted over 60 highway engineers, planners and landscape architects was introduced by the Rachel Moss from JMP Consulting and the IHT Committee Member. The first presentation was made by John Palmoski, Senior Transport Planner from Atkins who introduced the site selection and consultation aspects of a home zone commission at Denton in South East Manchester for Tameside Borough Council. John described the various phases of consultation, including inception "educating the residents", developing scheme buy in and scheme development achieved through open events, action days, door to door surveys and a school competitions.

Simon Ward, Principal Landscape Architects from Atkins covered the design aspects of Home Zones and highlighted how the aspirations of residents were converted into a built reality. The presentation also included a 3D computer generated fly through the Denton Home Zones Project in Tameside.

The final presentation was made by Tom Walker, Associate Partner from Gillespies. Tom highlighted key experiences and lessons learned from two Gillespies' home zone projects in Scunthorpe and Gateshead. The presentations were followed by a lively discussion session which brought to an end a very successful evening.

