

OBJECTIVE 8: TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

6.70 **To work with the County and District Council to address current traffic management issues and ensure that these are not exacerbated by new development by considering appropriate measures to improve safety and traffic flow at particular locations within the town.**

6.71 **Policy 14 Traffic Management**

To work with Eden District Council and Cumbria County Council:

1. To define a new route to divert through traffic around the town. Including assessing the benefits of introducing a one-way system through the 'New Streets' in order to improve traffic flow and access for Emergency vehicles.
2. To minimise the impacts of traffic from new development.
3. To identify potential improvements in road safety and traffic management.
4. To define and prioritise the use of developer contributions.

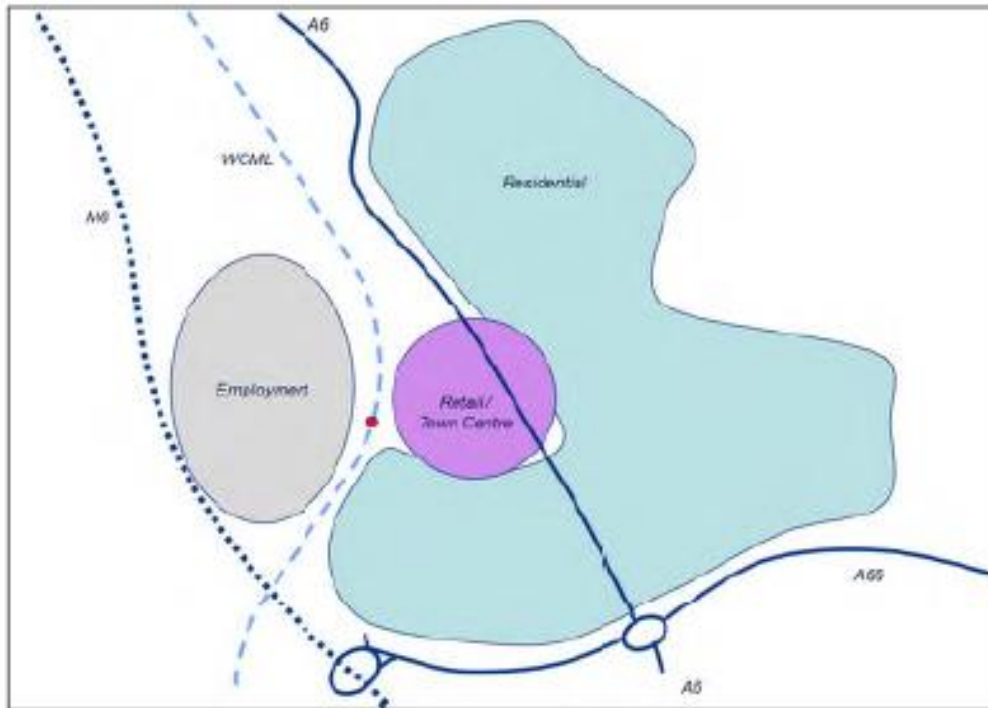
Background/Justification

6.72 Penrith's relationship with the M6 at its junction with the A66 is a major asset that defines the form and function of the town (**Figure 10**). Efficient, free flowing access to and from the M6 is vital to the local economy supporting:

- the promotion of Penrith as a premium business location
- the visitor economy
- the daily travel patterns of residents

6.73 Although there are national aspirations to reduce reliance on the private car, the M6 and A66 will continue to be a primary interface for visitors to Penrith. Therefore, growth needs to take place in a way that maintains strong connections to and from the M6 via well managed routes. This will include maximising opportunities to channel financial contributions from new development into highway improvement and also promoting the use of Junction 41 to take pressure off the overburdened junction 40.

Figure 10. Penrith Key Severances



Relevant District Planning Policies:

Core Strategy:

- CS1 Sustainable Development Principles
- CS5 Transport and Accessibility
- CS18 Design of New Development

Eden Local Plan 2014-2032

- DEV3 Transport, Accessibility and Rights of Way

Penrith Town Council Strategic Priorities: Transport.