CHAPTER TWELVE: TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Information Gathering Tasks

1. Check DfT and other government websites to get up to date figures on numbers of cars, and other vehicles in the UK

2. Find out the modal split in terms of which mode of transport is use in your town or city or local area.

3. Find out what transport planning policies, projects and issues are current in your area

Conceptual Tasks

4. Discuss the extent to which you consider the motorcar still has a future in our towns and cities. Relate your answer to examples of alternatives, the needs of different groups of people and technological change

5. Discuss the influence of transport planning theory on current policy-making. To answer this you may need to consult other chapters for example on the ideas of Buchanon; the influence of American transport planning; and current ideas on shared space, car control and mass transit.

Reflective Tasks

6. How do you get around? By what mode of transport? How far do you travel each day?

7. What are the problems and issues you personally experience on your journey?

8. How do you think this might change for you, and for others for the future?