



**PRESS RELEASE**

## **Newbury Market update**

Date: 23 October 2006

Back in June, Newbury Town Council, as managers of the market, issued a press release stating that the Thursday and Saturday Newbury markets will be temporarily relocated to Northbrook Street from Thursday 29 June 2006, until a date yet to be defined in the New Year.

Pressure is now being placed by the Highway Authority (West Berkshire Council) to move the market back to the Market Place on 23 November 2006. The Highway Authority believes that this will enable the freer movement of traffic in Newbury in the lead up to Christmas. The traffic issue has been exacerbated by drivers failing to obey the temporary signs on Parkway Bridge.

It is a great pity that the failure to manage traffic flows on Parkway Bridge seems likely to result in bringing an early end to something completely unrelated, i.e. the successful location of the market in Northbrook Street. This early end, if enforced, will have a direct impact on market traders' livelihoods, it goes against the wishes of citizens and shopkeepers in Newbury and could have an impact on the proposed Christmas ice rink.

Newbury Town Council hope to work with the Highway Authority and other stakeholders to find a solution that is more widely acceptable and ensures that Christmas events such as the ice rink can go ahead as planned.

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