

Worcestershire's Local Transport Plan (LTP) - 2017 / 2030 Consultation Document Winter 2016/17



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Foreword



Welcome to the consultation on Worcestershire's next Local Transport Plan (LTP4), which sets out transport policies and strategies for Worcestershire from 2017 to 2030.

The Local Transport Plan has been developed at a time of significant political, economic and social change and to reflect national priorities, and local needs, as set out in Worcestershire County Council's Corporate Plan 2017-2022 'Shaping Worcestershire's Future'. The planning and delivery of an efficient, affordable and multimodal transport network is essential if Worcestershire is to be able to achieve its priorities and vision of a prosperous Worcestershire, as set out in this plan:

- Open for Business;
- Children and Families;
- The Environment;
- Health and Wellbeing.



Hoobrook Link Road



Worcester Six highway works

The performance of the transport network influences the Worcestershire economy, environment and the quality of life that people enjoy; enabling residents to access the services and facilities they need to enjoy a high quality of life. Businesses rely on this network to provide access for employees and to enable rapid movement of freight, providing access to raw materials and delivery of finished products. This plan focuses on delivering cost effective improvements which will maximise the efficiency of the existing network, supporting the local economy and the environment.

Worcestershire County Council has a strong record of delivering high quality transport schemes. Recent examples include improvements to the A4440 Southern Link Road, the new Hoobrook Link Road, Bromsgrove Railway Station, and public realm enhancement schemes in Worcester and Tenbury Wells. It is now time to look forward and build on these successes with both public and private sector partners.

Please take time to look at the transport proposals and policies contained within the LTP4 draft documents and let us have your comments by 17th March 2017. The finalised plan will be submitted to Cabinet in Summer 2017 for formal adoption.

Thank you,

**Cllr Dr Ken Pollock, Cabinet Member with
Responsibility for Economy, Skills and Infrastructure**

Introduction

Welcome to the fourth Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Worcestershire which covers the period 2017-2030. During this time our county will see unprecedented change in terms of population growth, housing development, the economy and technological advancement. Transport plays a key role in facilitating and supporting these changes.

Worcestershire is facing significant challenges both in terms of transport pressures, and in terms of its growth. It connects with strategic rail and road networks and is an important link between major cities, such as Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff and London. Transport must be able to respond to future pressures as the national and local environment changes, so that Worcestershire is always an attractive place for people to live, work, visit and invest in.

The Worcestershire LTP sets out the priorities for the county. It identifies the approach to managing the increased transport demand that is fully consistent with projected housing development and economic growth. This must be balanced during a time when we also need to tackle congestion 'hot spots' in urban areas and reduce transport derived carbon emissions.

Within the LTP, the word 'Transport' refers to the following transport modes: walking, cycling, passenger transport (bus and rail) and highways (car, van, freight, motorised two wheelers). The provision of reliable transport choice will be crucial to securing the county's economic resilience, while the promotion and use of viable transport options will help achieve a more reliable transport network and improve our air quality.



Worcestershire's LTP will be delivered during a period of significant financial constraint. Funding for local transport schemes from central government is limited and so Worcestershire County Council needs to competitively seek significant additional funding to deliver the transport schemes it identifies. Worcestershire's transport schemes therefore need to be sensibly prioritised.

What has been delivered during the Local Transport Plan 3 (2011-16)

During the short lifespan of LTP3 many improvement schemes have been delivered across the county of Worcestershire. These include:

- Worcester Transport Strategy: a complete package of measures incorporating:
 - ◇ a refurbishment of Foregate Street Railway Station;
 - ◇ several key corridor schemes in Worcester providing new traffic signals improved highway configuration, new Variable Message Signs detailing car parking availability and bus shelter digital displays;
 - ◇ Southern Link Road enhancements (Phases 1, 2 and 3);
 - ◇ a new station building at Malvern Link Railway Station;
- Hoobrook Link Road, Kidderminster;
- Complete replacement of Evesham Abbey Bridge and Viaduct;
- Tenbury Wells Public Realm improvements (road resurfacing, repaving, new bins, flower containers, benches etc.);
- Teme Bridge repairs, Tenbury;
- Bromsgrove High Street Public Realm improvements;
- Bewdley Public Realm improvements;
- Bromsgrove Railway Station improvements;
- Choose How You Move in Redditch campaign;
- Upton upon Severn Public Realm improvements.

Pull-out Local Transport Plan Consultation Questionnaire



Please pull out and fill in the answers in this questionnaire.
Completed questionnaires can then be returned to:

The Transport Strategy Team
Economy and Infrastructure Directorate
Worcestershire County Council
County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
Worcestershire
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Alternatively, the questions can be completed quickly and easily on line:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/LTP

Please return your response to us, by **17th March 2017**.

Your background

1. Who are you expressing views on behalf of? (Please choose one category only)

You as an individual	A district/ town/ parish council	A charity/ voluntary/ community sector organisation	A business	Other

If selected **other** please specify:

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The Overall Proposed Schemes

2. To what extent do you support the overall proposed schemes contained within the LTP4 main document?

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Overall proposed schemes					
Where you have disagreed or strongly disagreed with the overall proposed schemes please using the following box to explain why.					

The Proposed Major Schemes

3. Looking at the schemes proposed in the main LTP4 document, to what extent do you support the proposed three Area Strategies.
(Please choose one category only for each scheme you wish to express an opinion on)

Major Schemes	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
North East Strategy (including Bromsgrove and Redditch). See pages 18-27 of the main LTP document.					
South Worcestershire Strategy (including Droitwich, Evesham, Malvern, Pershore, Tenbury, Worcester and Upton upon Severn). See pages 30-49 of the main LTP document.					
Wyre Forest Strategy (including Bewdley, Kidderminster and Stourport). See pages 52-58 of the main LTP document.					

4. Do you think there are any LTP4 schemes missing? If yes, please give the details of the scheme and why you feel it should be included in the LTP4.

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Please note: if you have any comments on the LTP4 proposed schemes, these can be made in Section 9.

The LTP4 Policies Document and Network Management Plan

5. Looking now at the LTP4 policies, please confirm your level of support.

Please note: The LTP4 policy document and Network Management Plan are separate to the LTP4 main document containing the scheme proposals.

Policies	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Transport and Air Quality					
Cycle Infrastructure					
Transport and Climate Change					
Motorcycling					
Transport Engagement					
Public Realm					
Integrated Passenger Transport					
Network Management Plan					

6. Do you think there are any policies missing? If yes, please give the details of the policy and why you feel it should be included in the LTP4.

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Please note: if you have any comments on the LTP4 proposed policies or Network Management Plan, these can be made in Section 9.

The Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment

This Assessment considers the environmental impacts of the emerging Local Transport Plan and any potential alternatives. This includes, for example, protected species, air quality etc.

7. We have also completed a draft strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and welcome your views. Please add any comments below:

The Draft Habitat Regulations Assessment

This Assessment considers the potential effects of the Local Transport Plan on nature conservation in certain areas.

8. We have completed a draft Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) and welcome your views. Please add any comments below:

Personal questions

Please tell us about yourself to help us ensure that we are taking into account the views of all groups in our community. The information you provide in this questionnaire will only be used by us (Worcestershire County Council) to help us with our future plans as described in the LPT4. Any published survey results will be statistical and will not contain anything that could identify an individual respondent.

Surname: Home Postcode: Male: Female:

- Age:
- Under 20
 - 50-59
 - 20-29
 - 60-69
 - 30-39
 - 70-79
 - 40-49
 - 80+

Do you consider yourself:

- Disabled
- Having a long term health condition
- Not Disabled

Has the way you travel around Worcestershire changed over the last 5 years?

- Yes (please show how in the table below)
- No

Changed From	Changed To				
	Car	Bus	Train	Cycling	Walking
Car					
Bus					
Train					
Cycling					
Walking					

Why?

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Thank you for participating
in this consultation



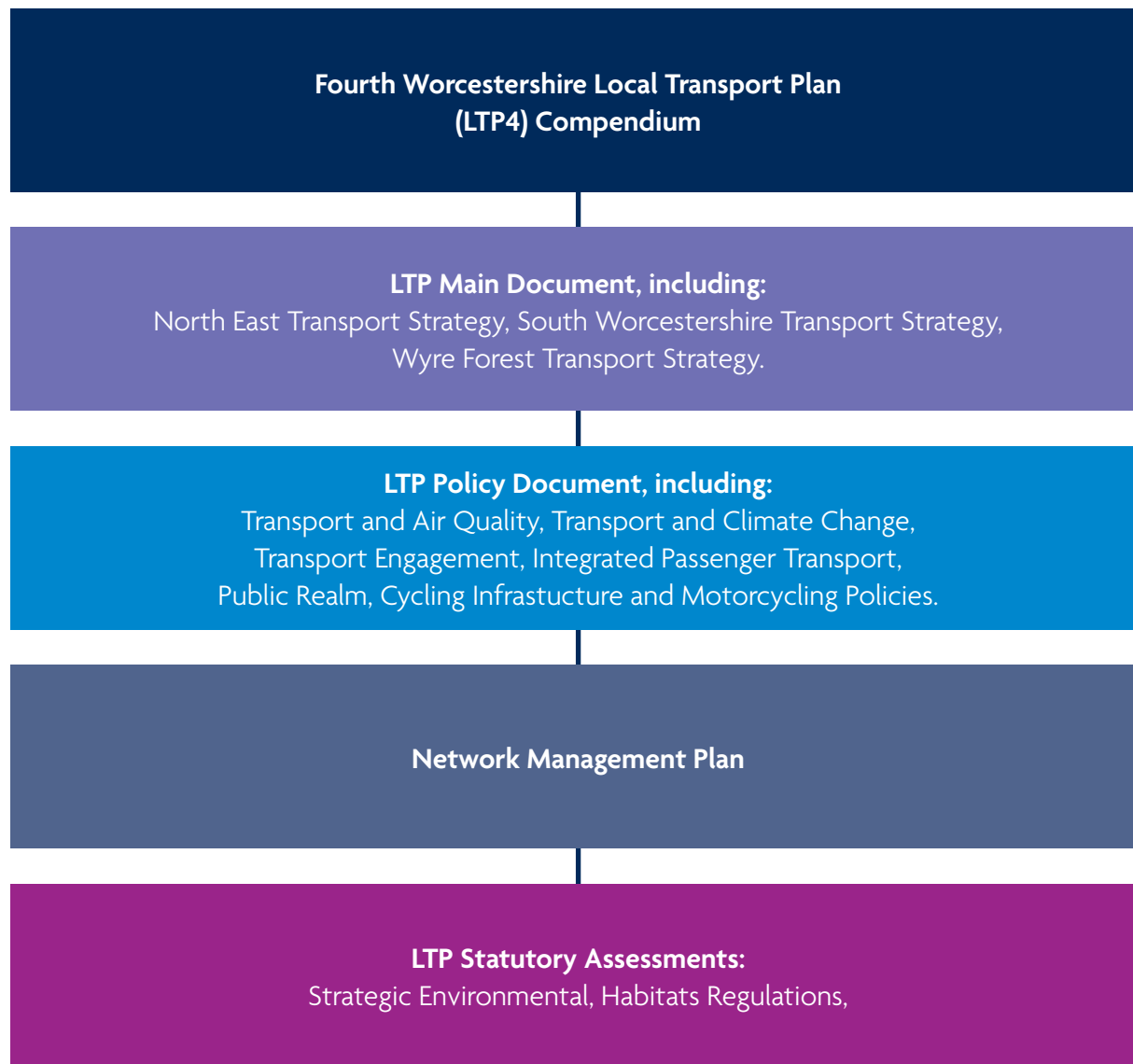
National and Worcestershire Transport Objectives

National Transport Objectives	Shaping Worcestershire's Future Worcestershire County Council's Corporate Plan – areas of focus	Worcestershire Fourth Local Transport Plan (LTP4) Objectives
To support national economic competitiveness and growth, by delivering reliable and efficient transport networks.	Open for Business	To support Worcestershire's economic competitiveness and growth through delivering a reliable and efficient transport network. The Economic Objective
To reduce transport's emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, with the desired outcome of tackling climate change.	The Environment	To reduce the impacts of transport in Worcestershire on the local environment with the desired outcomes of tackling climate change and reducing the impacts of transport on public health. The Environment Objective
To contribute to better safety, security and health and longer life-expectancy by reducing the risk of death, injury or illness arising from transport and by promoting travel modes that are beneficial to health.	Health and Wellbeing Children and Families	To contribute towards better safety, security, health and longer life-expectancy in Worcestershire, by reducing the risk of death, injury or illness arising from transport and promoting healthy modes of travel. The Health and Safety Objective
To promote greater equality of opportunity for all citizens, with the desired outcome of achieving a fairer society.	Health and Wellbeing Children and Families	To optimise equality of opportunity for all of Worcestershire's citizens with the desired outcome of creating a fairer society. The Equality Objective
To improve quality of life for transport users and non-transport users, and to promote a healthy natural environment.	The Environment Health and Wellbeing Children and Families	To enhance the quality of life for Worcestershire's residents by promoting a healthy, natural environment, conserving our historic built environment and preserving our heritage assets. The Quality of Life Objective



What Documents are Being Consulted Upon as Part of the Fourth Local Transport Plan?

There are a number of documents being consulted upon as part of the LTP4 consultation. These are summarised in the table below:





The public consultation will finish on 17th March and the responses will be published in May 2017 on the website: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/LTP4

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