

Consultation on the new Local Transport Plan (LTP4)

Frequently Asked Questions

What are we consulting on?

Warwickshire County Council would like your views on our new Local Transport Plan (LTP4). Our current Local Transport Plan (LTP3) covers the period 2011 to 2026, so it still has some time to run. However, we feel that there have been significant developments in recent years including greater emphasis on tackling climate change and new ways we live and work as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. We want to address these changes and create a new Plan (LTP4).

What is a Local Transport Plan?

Local Transport Plans are put together by Highways Authorities in County Councils and Unitary Authorities. They provide information on how the Council intends to manage its transport responsibilities.

What types of transport does it cover?

The County Council has involvement with almost all forms of transport which affect people who live or work in Warwickshire. These include roads, rail, buses, walking, cycling and new modes like electric scooters.

What have you done so far?

Previously, we consulted on the four key themes that we thought should form the foundations of our new LTP – **environment, well-being, economy** and **place** – and you told us that these were the right ones and that they should underpin what goes into the new Plan.

We have also put together a Citizens' Panel of 30 people from across Warwickshire to give us feedback through each stage of the LTP development. We have made the Citizens' Panel as representative of Warwickshire as possible so that it includes drivers/non-drivers; cyclists; walkers; public transport users; rural and urban dwellers.

The Panel adds its views on the developing LTP to those we receive via other consultation routes and helps to provide a full, rounded picture of Warwickshire residents' views.

Why are you consulting again now?

The next stage of the development of LTP4 has been to put together strategies that describe Warwickshire County Council's ambitions for transport in the County and the reasons behind them. We have created seven strategy documents which draw on the four key themes shown above and also reflect public feedback received so far.

We now want to hear your views on the strategies. Do they provide the right way forward for Warwickshire's transport choices? Do they address the key themes and the global, national and regional challenges we face as we move towards the 2030s?

Can I influence what goes into LTP4?

Yes, you already have!

Based on feedback from recent previous consultations and the Citizens Panel, we have now drafted several strategies for your scrutiny. The online survey which can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask provides you with a further opportunity to give us your views. Your feedback will then be used to shape LTP4 until its final publication.

This is a chance for residents, interested groups and organisations, visitors and commuters to look at the proposals and give us your comments.

What is in the consultation?

The consultation contains seven strategy documents and an Indicative Action Plan.

The strategy documents are:

Core Strategy – providing the over-arching aims and rationale and how LTP4 aligns with the County Council's vision in our Council Plan.

Six key strategies:

- Active Travel – providing new and improved facilities to encourage more walking and cycling
- Public Transport – how we will work to improve bus and rail transport facilities in Warwickshire
- Motor Vehicles – providing a modern fit-for-purpose network for motor vehicles
- Managing Space – changing the way we manage towns and villages and the connections between them to make Warwickshire a better place to be
- Safer Travel – working to reduce casualties on roads and to provide safe and secure transport alternatives to road use
- Freight – recognising the value of goods movements in Warwickshire and their contribution to our economy, and minimising impact of freight transport on communities and the environment

Each strategy provides information on why we need to update our approach together with several policy positions that outline what we will do.

In addition, our Indicative Action Plan provides more detailed information on how we could put those policies into actions. The Indicative Action Plan gives timescales, details of work areas, which team is in charge of the work and intended outcomes.

There is a wealth of additional information that can be found at the online survey site including WCC Roads & Transport Design Guide and additional technical information.

We are carrying out an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) of LTP4, which includes equality impacts assessments, a sustainability appraisal, a health impact assessment and habitats regulations assessment. This will be published for consultation alongside the LTP.

How do I get involved?

The best way to get involved is to complete the online survey which can be found at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask which also contains links to all the strategies and Action Plan, and the ISA.

Paper copies of the survey and alternative language formats are available from contactcommunitiesgrp@warwickshire.gov.uk

What happens next?

Once the consultation period ends, we will collate and analyse the responses. These will then be used to shape the final version of our new Local Transport Plan, LTP4.

We hope to publish the new Plan in early 2023.