# Public consultation on Local Transport Plan Core Strategy and six Key Strategies

# 24<sup>th</sup> September to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## About this consultation

Warwickshire County Council is carrying out a consultation on a new Local Transport Plan (LTP). The LTP is a document that sets out the transport needs, challenges, priorities and objectives for the County.

An LTP sets out policies to shape future transport schemes and developments within the County. It allows us, as the County Council, to target resources to deliver a transport network that gives people who live and work in Warwickshire access to the facilities they need to go about their daily lives.

Our current local transport plan (LTP3) was intended to run from 2011 to 2026, but we want to update it. Changes to the way we move, work, shop and carry out leisure activities mean we will have to adapt and change if we are to provide a modern transport system for Warwickshire.

Significant global developments also affect Warwickshire and we need to acknowledge and respond to transport challenges brought about by climate change, lifestyle changes as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and emerging new transport technologies.

Previously we have consulted on the direction that our new Plan (LTP4) should take. You told us that the four key themes we identified in September 2021 were the right ones, and that these should underpin all that we do in our new Plan. The four themes are environment, well-being, economy and place.



#### What we are consulting on

#### **LTP Strategies**

To create LTP4, we have produced several strategy documents and we are now asking for your feedback on these documents.

There is one Core Strategy which shows how the four key themes link into the wider aims of Warwickshire County Council taken from our Council Plan. These aims are:

- Thriving Economy and Places the right jobs, training, future skills, education, infrastructure and places
- Best Lives communities and individuals supported to live safely, healthily, happily and independently
- Sustainable Futures adapting to and mitigating climate change and meeting Net Zero commitments

Supporting the Core Strategy are a further six key strategies which each focus on one transport area and are intended to complement each other.

The six key strategies are:

- Active Travel a strategy to promote walking and cycling in Warwickshire to bring the physical and mental health benefits from these forms of transport to more people and protect the environment
- Public Transport how we intend to work with bus and rail companies to improve the existing public transport network in Warwickshire
- Motor Vehicles recognising the role of motor vehicles in the county as we move towards more sustainable transport options such as electric vehicles and hydrogen-fuelled transport
- Managing Space making changes to public spaces to make them more attractive places to be, cleaner and less dominated by vehicles, with the routes that connect them less congested
- Safer Travel reducing the number of people injured on Warwickshire's roads and increasing the safety and attractiveness of all travel options
- Freight managing freight movements across the county to promote and

grow our successful economy.

Our overall aim for LTP4 is for it to provide direction to produce a transport network that is fit for purpose, well-connected, in a good condition, utilises green technology and is safe for users.

Transport users will have more opportunities to make choices that protect the environment. It will be easier to make more sustainable journeys such as cycling, walking or using public transport. The transport choices you will be able to make will support health, well-being and sustainability, to meet Net Zero carbon requirements by contributing to a cleaner, healthier county.

#### **LTP Action Plan**

The strategies provide information on how we want to manage our transport responsibilities and the direction we feel we need to take to provide a first-rate transport system for Warwickshire. These will be further supported by an Action Plan which will contain more information on how we will deliver these strategies.

The Action Plan will provide details on individual work areas and include information on the nature of schemes, timescales, funding, ownership and intended outcomes.

We see the Action Plan as being a live document which will be updated and reviewed regularly to ensure that it remains up to date and relevant and takes into account new funding opportunities which may become available and help us to deliver improvements.

We have supplied an Indicative Action Plan to illustrate the sort of information that could be contained within the future published Action Plan. We are seeking feedback on the Indicative Action Plan to help us to shape the content of the ongoing Action Plan and monitoring process.

Responses are welcome from all residents and interested individuals, groups or organisations.

### **Supporting Information**

The following information has been supplied to enable you to consider your response:

- ∉ Draft versions of the core strategy and supporting strategies
- ∉ Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA)
- ∉ Indicative Action Plan
- ∉ Frequently asked questions
- ∉ Local Transport Plan guidance
- ∉ Warwickshire County Council Design Guide
- ∉ WCC Modelling Protocol
- ∉ Land Use and Transportation framework

The Department for Transport are due to consult on publishing Local Transport Plan guidance for Highway Authorities during 2022. Should the DfT consultation go live during the LTP consultation, we will add a link to it here.

#### How to take part

We welcome your comments on any or all of the strategies we have put together to support the creation of LTP4. You can feed back in the following ways:

- Complete the survey online using your computer, a tablet or an internet enabled mobile phone by visiting <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask</u>.
- Request a paper copy of the survey by telephone (01926 410410) or email (contactcommunitiesgrp@warwickshire.gov.uk) and send it to the postal address below. You can also request an alternative format or language this way.
- Feed back to us directly:
  - By emailing us at: <u>contactcommunitiesgrp@warwickshire.gov.uk</u>
  - By writing to us at: Strategy and Policy Team Warwickshire County Council Shire Hall Warwick CV34 4RL

#### **Closing date**

The consultation will close on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### What will happen after the consultation

Once the consultation has closed, we will collate and analyse the responses and these will be used to assess the suitability of our new LTP, whether it meets our aims and those of Warwickshire's communities and any changes that may be necessary. Our recommendations will be considered by Warwickshire County Council Cabinet.

Information will be posted on the Council's website at <u>www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ask.</u>

We aim to publish the final version of LTP4 in early 2023.

### **Privacy statement**

Survey questions are anonymous. If you complete this survey online the IP address used to submit answers will be automatically collected but will not be used in any analysis of responses. Questions for the purpose of equalities monitoring are included in the survey. You do not have to give us this information.

Following the end of the consultation we shall publish the results and this may include quotes of comments which will be anonymous.

Information you provide in any additional correspondence to the online survey, including personal information, may be disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and/or Environmental Information Regulations. If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential and not shared, including your contact details, please tell us why, but be aware that, under the legislation, we cannot always guarantee confidentiality.

All data will be treated in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's data privacy policy.

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