

## Local Transport Plan 3 – Stakeholder consultation

### Introduction

The Local Transport Plan (LTP) sets out the transport strategy for Warwickshire and outlines a programme of transport schemes and initiatives to be delivered over the short to medium term. Targets are set within the Plan so that progress towards meeting objectives can be measured. The Plan covers all modes of transport – including walking, cycling, public transport, car based travel and freight- and the effect of transport on the economy, environment and social inclusion.

The first Local Transport Plan for Warwickshire was published in 2000, which was followed by a second plan in 2006. This Plan covers the period up to 2011.

The County Council is seeking the views of the public and transport interest groups to help inform the review of the Plan. The results presented in this briefing note summarise the questionnaires sent to stakeholders, there were 17 responses in total.

### Results – Overall goals for transport in Warwickshire

The Government has set five national transport goals for the development of the UK's future transport policy and infrastructure. Warwickshire's transport plans and proposals need to reflect these goals whilst at the same time considering whether there are additional local objectives which are relevant.

The first part of the questionnaire asked respondents for their views on the five national transport goals. Respondents were asked to rank the five goals in order of importance, and add any additional issues if appropriate. Figure 1 shows the average rank attributed to each goal, the lower the average, the greater importance that was attached to the goal.

Goals 1 and 2 were considered the most important, 14 of the 15 stakeholders ranked one of these two goals as the most important issue. Goal 1 was ranked as the most important issue by four stakeholders and the second most important issue by seven stakeholders. Only one further comment was received, about providing better overall information about public transport in the County.

**Figure 1: Rank of each goal**

	Average rank
Goal 1: To reduce transport's emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouses gases, with the desired outcome of tackling climate change	<b>2.07</b>
Goal 2: To support economic competitiveness and growth, by delivering reliable and efficient transport networks	<b>2.20</b>
Goal 3: To promote greater equality of opportunity for all citizens, with the desired outcome of achieving a fairer society	<b>3.40</b>
Goal 5: To improve quality of life for transport users and non-transport users, and to promote a healthy natural environment	<b>3.40</b>
Goal 4: 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	<b>3.93</b>

## Results –Transport issues in Warwickshire

The second part of the questionnaire asked respondents what the most important issues are in Warwickshire to help achieve the goals identified in the first section of the questionnaire.

### Goal 1: Tackling climate change

Figure 2 shows the average rank for each of the issues; improving public transport provision and services was considered the top priority by 12 of the 17 stakeholders, and ranked second priority by the other five stakeholders. Only one further comment was received, about better integrated transport systems, especially train / cycle and bus / cycle.

**Figure 2: Importance of each issue to achieve Goal 1**

	Average rank
Improving public transport provision and services	<b>1.29</b>
Improving facilities for walking and cycling	<b>1.94</b>
Improving car based alternatives e.g. car sharing, provision of car clubs	<b>2.76</b>

### Goal 2: Supporting economic growth

Figure 3 shows the average rank for each of the issues; the results indicate that opinion was split between the first three of these issues, each receiving a relatively close average rank. Seven of the stakeholders considered managing congestion on key local routes as the top priority. Two further suggestions were received to this section, both related to improving access to housing and key employment sites using sustainable travel.

**Figure 3: Importance of each issue to achieve Goal 2**

	Average rank
Managing congestion on key local routes	<b>2.12</b>
Ensuring new housing can be fully integrated into the local transport network in ways which minimise congestion	<b>2.12</b>
Improving access to key employment sites	<b>2.29</b>
Ensuring Warwickshire's transport networks are resistant and adaptable to incidents such as adverse weather, terrorist attacks and the impacts of climate change	<b>3.47</b>

### Goal 3: Promoting equality of opportunity

Figure 4 shows the average rank for each of the issues; helping people to get to places of work was ranked as the most important issue by ten of the 17 stakeholders, and ranked second by a further six organisations. Helping people get to key local services was ranked as the top priority by four stakeholders.

**Figure 4: Importance of each issue to achieve Goal 3**

	Average rank
Helping people, especially those without a car, to more easily get to places of work	<b>1.53</b>
Helping people, especially those without a car, to more easily get to key local services, including food shopping	<b>2.47</b>
Helping people, especially those without a car, to more easily get to education and training destinations	<b>2.82</b>
Helping people, especially those without a car, to more easily get to health destinations e.g. GPs, hospitals	<b>3.18</b>

### Goal 4: Contributing to better safety, security and health

Figure 5 shows the average rank for each of the issues; reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on roads in Warwickshire is considered the top priority by six stakeholders, whilst encouraging and enabling more physically active options was selected as the top priority by five stakeholders. The results to this section were also close, with the lowest ranked issue, improving local air quality, being ranked as the top priority by two stakeholders.

**Figure 5: Importance of each issue to achieve Goal 4**

	Average rank
Reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on Warwickshire's roads	<b>2.18</b>
Encouraging and enabling more physically active travel options e.g. more opportunities for walking and cycling	<b>2.41</b>
Helping to reduce crime and fear of crime when travelling on Warwickshire's transport networks e.g. CCTV at rail stations	<b>2.47</b>
Improving local air quality	<b>2.94</b>

## Goal 5: Improving quality of life

Figure 6 shows the average rank for each of the issues; minimising the impact of traffic in towns and villages was ranked as the top priority overall, despite only four organisations stating it was their own top priority. Improving the journey experience of transport users was ranked as the top priority by nine organisations, but also the least important issue by five stakeholders.

**Figure 6: Importance of each issue to achieve Goal 5**

	Average rank
Minimising the impact of traffic in towns and villages	<b>2.06</b>
Improving the journey experience of transport users e.g. appropriate signing and provision of better interchange facilities	<b>2.18</b>
Minimising the impact of traffic on the natural environment	<b>2.82</b>
Minimising the impact of traffic on people e.g. noise	<b>2.94</b>

### Next steps

The analysis presented in this briefing note forms the first part of the of the LTP 3 consultation, the second part will consist of analysis of responses made by the public and parish councils. Together, both reports will be used to prioritise goals and issues for the new LTP.

### Appendix A – Responding organisations

Arriva Midlands	Nuneaton Town Management Partnership
BUS Users UK	Road Haulage Association Ltd
Centro	Rugby Borough Council
Cotswolds Conservation Build	Shakespeare Line Promotion Group
Cycleways	Stratford Town Management Partnership
London Midland	Stratford-on-Avon District Council
North Warwickshire Borough Council	Sustrans
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council	Warwick District Council
Nuneaton & Bedworth Cycle Forum	

### Further Information

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