



Leicestershire
County Council

Have Your Say

1 October – 26 November 2010

Local Transport Planning in Leicestershire 2011-2026

Consultation on the DRAFT third Local Transport Plan (LTP3) for Leicestershire



What this consultation is about

Local Transport Plans (LTPs) set out how a local authority will work with others to manage and improve transport provision and planning in their area. Leicestershire County Council is currently developing its third Local Transport Plan (LTP3), which will go live on 1st April 2011. We would like your views on our work to date to help us to produce a transport strategy that meets the future needs of Leicestershire.

This leaflet is a summary of our draft LTP3 strategy and what it will mean in practice. More information is available at www.leics.gov.uk/current_LTP3_consultation or by calling 0116 305 0001.

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Please read the contents of this document and consider the implications for Leicestershire as a whole and for you. Then complete the questionnaire online at www.leics.gov.uk/current_LTP3_consultation

Background

Good transport is a vital factor in our everyday lives. By enabling people to get to work, children to get to school and businesses to receive materials and distribute goods, transport can help to build strong, sustainable, safe and healthy communities and a growing economy. Where transport fails, these aspirations are put at risk.

By “transport” we are referring to how we travel from A to B, and any factors that influence our journeys such as congestion, road safety, environmental impact and the condition of our roads and pavements.

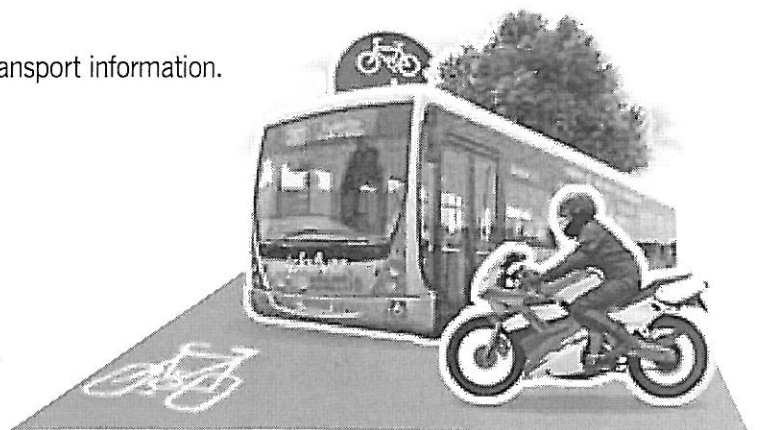
To develop our LTP3, we have gathered extensive evidence and information on Leicestershire and its current transport system. This can be viewed online at www.leics.gov.uk/ltp3_sources_of_evidence. We have also sought some initial views from a range of organisations.

Through the delivery of our LTP1 and LTP2 we have:

- a transport system that is generally in a good state of repair and is safe
- delivered schemes and built new roads, to cut congestion and to reduce the impact of traffic on people's lives and the environment
- reduced casualties on our roads through road safety schemes and driver training courses.
- developed an hourly bus network to improve people's access to services.

We recognise that we still need to continue to address:

- the standard of our footways
- the availability and quality of passenger transport information.



Moving on - an outline of Leicestershire's LTP3

Whilst we intend our LTP3 to achieve the same positive outcomes as LTP2, it will be structured differently.

Our LTP3 will include a high-level, long-term strategy (2011-2026) and we will be providing shorter-term implementation plans detailing how we will deliver the strategy. The first of these will run from 2011 to 2014.

Our strategy will include:

Our Transport Vision for Leicestershire:

"Leicestershire to be recognised as a place that has, with the help of its citizens and businesses, a first class transport system that enables economic and social travel in ways that improve people's health, safety, their environment and their quality of life."

Our long-term strategy has six long-term transport objectives indicating our priorities.

These are:

- to effectively manage and maintain our transport system and its assets
- to enable economic and population growth whilst minimising impacts on our transport system and environment
- to encourage and enable more active and sustainable ways to travel
- to improve the connectivity and accessibility of our transport system
- to continue to reduce road casualties
- to reduce the negative impacts of travel and transport on people, settlements and the natural environment.

We will need to be flexible in our approach to the delivery of our long term strategy so we can take account of changing circumstances. The immediate issue we need to face is the national financial situation and the likely cuts in funds for transportation projects.

But, even in an improved financial situation, ensuring that our transport system operates as efficiently, effectively and safely as possible we need to consider:

- that given the forecast population growth we cannot keep infinitely increasing road space. This would not be affordable and not likely to be acceptable given the impact on people's lives and the environment
- the consequences of traffic on the environment and to minimise the financial and environmental impact of climate change
- promoting healthier ways to travel if we want to minimise the financial costs and social impacts of poor health
- the pressure on local authorities to reduce costs and make efficiency savings.

Our long-term strategy will therefore be determined by wider objectives, our evidence base and a focus on making best use of our funds.



What will the LTP3 long-term strategy mean in practice?

Our short-term (2011-2014) approach is in three parts:

- 1 To get the most out of what we already have, we intend to:**
 - concentrate on addressing issues at peak travel times
 - work with others to provide for the efficient, effective movement of freight
 - reduce the impact of traffic by influencing how people travel and encouraging more environmentally-friendly means of transport, by spending proportionally more on improving facilities for walking, cycling and public transport
 - maintaining elements of our transport system that are currently below the standards of others, e.g. footways, cycle ways and bridges
 - not build any new roads ourselves (except for schemes already submitted to Government)
 - maximise use of existing park and ride sites
 - support greater use of the existing rail network, for example by working with others to influence national policy and seeking to improve travel to existing railway stations on foot, by bike and public transport
 - focus on reducing the number of road casualties, on the management of speed (using enforcement, e.g. speed cameras), and to place a greater emphasis on driver/rider training as opposed to building schemes
 - continue to work with district councils to monitor air quality and review air quality action plans
 - continue to develop our understanding of the transport impacts of population growth and climate change.
- 2 To place an even greater emphasis on value for money and to reduce future maintenance costs, we intend to:**
 - make sure our road developments are effective
 - not investigate proposals that compare poorly against our LTP3 strategy or are poor value for money
 - undertake a full review of the hourly bus network
 - reduce the appearance or finish of schemes, to be more cost-effective e.g. less use of coloured surfacing
 - focus our resources, concentrating on planned programmes of work and less on reactive requests
 - focus on delivering a range of co-ordinated measures in specific geographical areas in support of economic development priorities rather than spreading resources thinly across the county.
- 3 To seek to minimise the future transport impacts of population growth, we intend to work through the planning system to:**
 - deliver new developments that are well-served by walking, cycling and public transport
 - ensure that new housing developments are supported by the appropriate range of local work opportunities and essential facilities.

Our medium to long-term (2014-2026) approach:

Our current view is that we will build on our short-term approach by:

- only building new roads where there are clear benefits in terms of delivering our transport and wider objectives and it is affordable to do so
- considering whether there is a need for further park and ride sites to increase travel choices
- investigating and as necessary implementing more pro-active ways of changing travel behaviour
- relying on improvements in vehicle technology and influencing people's travel choices to deliver air quality improvements.

Development of our programme for next year (2011/2012) is dependent on Government announcements on what money we will have available. As and when we know what money we have, we intend to develop our programme following a broadly similar process to previous years, but reflecting our LTP3 short-term approach.

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Leicestershire's Transport Plan (2011-2026) - Tell us what you think

Our Transport Vision for Leicestershire is: "Leicestershire to be recognised as a place that has, with the help of its citizens and businesses, a 'first class transport system' that enables economic and social travel in ways that improve people's health, safety, their environment and their quality of life."

Please answer the following questions:

Q1. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

'We all (Leicestershire County Council, the county's residents, businesses and organisations) share responsibility for delivering the Transport Vision for Leicestershire'

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q2. Your comments:



Q3. To what extent do you agree or disagree that the objectives outlined below are the most important 'long term' (to 2026) priorities for transport in Leicestershire?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
To effectively manage and maintain our transport system and its assets	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To enable economic and population growth whilst minimising impacts on our transport system and environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To encourage and enable more active and sustainable ways to travel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To improve the connectivity and accessibility of our transport system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To continue to reduce road casualties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
To reduce the negative impacts of travel and transport on people, settlements and the natural environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q4. Your comments



Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the focus of our 'short term' approach (2011-2014) outlined below?

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
To get the most out of what we already have	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Place an even greater emphasis on value for money and to reduce future maintenance costs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seek to minimise the future transport impacts of population growth	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q6. Your comments

Q7. How often have you used the following methods of transport in the last 12 months?
Please tick one box per row.

	Almost every day	At least once a week	About once a month	Within last six months	Within the last year	Longer ago	Never	It does not apply / Don't know
Walking	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cycle	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Car or van	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Motorcycle or moped	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taxi or minicab	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Train	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wheelchair or mobility scooter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community Transport, e.g. Dial-a-Ride, volunteer car scheme	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
'Demand Responsive Transport' i.e. flexible bus services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Park & Ride	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify in the space below)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

About You

Q8. Which of the following applies to you? Tick as many as appropriate.

- I am a Leicestershire resident
- I work for Leicestershire County Council
- I am responding as a Leicestershire organisation
- I am responding as a Leicestershire business/employer

Leicestershire County Council is committed to ensuring that our services,

policies and practices are free from discrimination and prejudice and that they meet the needs of all sections of the community.

To enable us to check that what we are providing is fair and effective, we would be grateful if you would answer the questions below. You are under no obligation to provide the information requested, but it would help us greatly if you did.

Q9. What was your age on your last birthday? Please write in below:

Q10. Are you male or female?

Male Female

Q11. Do you have any long-standing illness, disability or infirmity?

Yes No

Q12. What is your ethnic group?

	Mixed (e.g. White and Asian)	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Other ethnic group
White				
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q13. What is your postcode?

Data Protection

Personal data supplied on this form will be held on computer and will be used in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. The information you provide will be used for statistical analysis, management, planning and the provision of services by the County Council and its partners, Leicestershire County Council will not share any personal information collected as part of this survey with its partners. The information will be held in accordance with the Council's records management and retention policy.

Thank you for your time. Please click the button below to submit your response.

Please note that once you have clicked Submit it may take a few seconds for your information to be sent.

Please do not click Submit more than once.

