

West Sussex Transport Plan Review Survey

Introduction

The West Sussex Transport Plan (WSTP) is being reviewed to update the County Council's strategic approach to investment in, and management of, the transport network. This is an initial survey to gather information that will help to prepare the draft plan. The draft plan is expected to be published for consultation in summer 2021.

If you have any questions, or would like to get in touch with the team, please contact ltip@westsussex.gov.uk; 01243 642105.

If you would like to view our existing West Sussex Transport Plan 2011-2026, please visit: www.westsussex.gov.uk/ltip

This survey should take 10-20 minutes to complete.

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Non-accessible content

[West Sussex Transport Plan 2011-2026, Sustainability Appraisal for LTP3](#) and [West Sussex Provisional LTP 2011-26 consultation report](#).

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1. Respondent details

Name (Required) _____

Job title (where relevant) _____

Organisation (where relevant) _____

2. What are your contact details?

If you enter your email address then you will automatically receive an acknowledgement email when you submit your response.

Email _____

Telephone number _____

3. Postal Address Details

You only need to complete these address details if it is not possible to contact you by email.

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Address Line 2 _____

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Address Line 4 _____

Postcode _____

Key issues affecting the West Sussex Transport Plan

We consider the [West Sussex Transport Plan 2011-2026](#) identifies issues that are still very relevant today. However, the importance of these issues and potential transport strategies and interventions to address them may have changed. We have summarised some potentially important challenges below. Please click on the headings to read further information.

Tackling Climate Change

In 2019, the UK Government committed to a legally binding target to achieve net zero emissions of all greenhouse gases by 2050. UK domestic greenhouse gas emissions have reduced by 43% since 1990, but transport is now the largest sector contributing 28% of UK domestic greenhouse gas emissions in 2018 ([Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy statistics](#)). In order to tackle climate change, the WSTP review needs to respond to the challenge of transport emissions.

Supporting the Local Economy

The performance of the West Sussex economy is spatially variable; in the north east (Crawley, Horsham and Mid Sussex) the economy performs above the regional and the national average, and the performance gap to the south and west (Adur, Arun, Chichester and Worthing) has been widening ([West Sussex Life: A Prosperous Place](#)). The COVID-19 pandemic is having a major impact on the national, regional and local economy and some business sectors will be more affected than others. The performance and connectivity of the transport network is intrinsically linked to the

performance of the economy as problems can affect business productivity, access to employees and customers. In order to support the local economy, the WSTP review needs to respond to the challenge of network performance and connectivity.

Providing Access For All

The transport network is a means by which people go about their daily lives, accessing employment, education, health care, shopping, services, leisure and recreation. Access to services and facilities can involve using physical transport infrastructure, but also digital infrastructure to find out information about transport services, to order deliveries or to access services online or work from home. Some parts of West Sussex are very well connected to the transport network but others, particularly rural areas where there are fewer public transport options, are less so. In order to provide access for all, the WSTP review needs to respond to the challenge of barriers to accessibility.

Improving Safety, Security and Health

Lower physical activity levels are thought to contribute to health conditions such as obesity and poor mental health - childhood obesity levels in the UK have been identified as amongst the highest in Western Europe (Prevention is better than cure, Department of Health & Social Care 2018). The impacts of transport in the form of air, noise and light pollution have also been identified to have significant impacts on public health.

The long term trend of reducing road traffic accidents has not continued ([West Sussex Life: Strong, Safe and Sustainable Place](#)). Actual and perceived risk can discourage walking, cycling and use of public transport. In order to improve safety, security and health, the WSTP review needs to respond to a range of challenges of public health, pollution, road safety and the perception of risk.

Protecting the Environment and Quality of Life

West Sussex is a desirable place to live and work, with an attractive coastline, and protected landscapes of the South Downs National Park and the High Weald and Chichester Harbour Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Its urban areas offer attractive centres, and a wide range of facilities, attractions and cultural assets, whereas rural settlements can be susceptible to poor access to the transport network. There are pressures on the natural and built environment from population growth and increased transport movements. Careful planning is needed to ensure that the environment and quality of life in West Sussex is protected and where possible enhanced.

4. How important do you think each of the following transport issues are in West Sussex?

Theme	Issues/challenges	Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't know
Tackling Climate Change	Greenhouse gas emissions from transport	X				
	Resilience of the transport network to the impacts of climate change	X				
Supporting the Local Economy	Network performance and connectivity (e.g. congestion, journey times)	X				

	Accommodating planned development and regeneration	X				
	Impacts of COVID-19 on the economy and travel behaviour	X				
Providing Access For All	Transport options and interchange facilities (e.g. bus stops and stations) are limited or not available	X				
	Employment, education, healthcare and services are not available locally (i.e. within walking and cycling distance)	X				
	Cost of using the transport system	X				
	Digital connectivity is limited or not available	X				
Improving Safety, Security and Health	Road safety is no longer improving	X				
	Transport network impacts on public health and well-being	X				
	Healthy travel choices are not available	X				
	The perception of risk means that walking, cycling and public transport are not viable options	X				
Protecting the Environment and Quality of Life	The impacts of the transport network on the local natural and built environment	X				

5. Are there any other key issues that you think are missing from the list above? Please provide your comments below.

The list above provides a range of challenges and issues that are all important to the residents, businesses and visitors to Arun District in different ways. Therefore, it has been challenging to answer with anything else but “very important” to the challenges listed.

In terms of additional challenges to consider, the Transport Plan must look to future population growth and housing targets (as proposed by the Government in its latest consultation regarding the Standard Housing Methodology), and consider what the impacts of significant population increase will be on the existing transport network, alongside strategies for reducing car use.

It is highly important to draw out the importance of considering new technologies and planning ahead to ensure that they can be integrated into the whole transport network. For example the future of electric and hydrogen power and how the power supply may come from decentralised sources, to meet demand. This should be considered in relation to planning for a network of electric vehicle charging points that provide equitable and accessible power sources across the county. This must be a high priority given recent announcements by the government to ban the sale of diesel and petrol cars by 2030.

The Transport Plan seems to refer to a pre COVID-19 world and the economy will significantly change as it recovers – will the plan reflect this ? The perhaps over used phrase of ‘reset’, should be thought more carefully about now – should we be more radical in our thinking?

It is likely to take 5 to 10 years for Gatwick to significantly recover (and not back to what it was before) - this will have a ripple effect throughout the economy and it’s very difficult to predict what this will mean to the wider transport network. As you have picked up, people will change how they work and live and we would expect less transport activity as a consequence.

On the other hand, we are expecting, for the short term, more people to holiday in the UK (staycations) so that may increase traffic volumes as certain times. I wouldn’t expect coach travel to increase but I would hope train use would if it became more affordable and reliable.

Level crossings are an issue that should be considered in the Transport Plan in terms of the impact they have on slowing the movement of traffic in the district.

Finally, addressing the challenge of integrating sustainable transport networks into new developments and setting a framework for facilitating the delivery of mobility hubs within existing town centres or new development sites.

6. Please rank the following interventions for *Tackling Climate Change* in order of priority.

The highest priority for addressing the issue should be 1. Please rank as many of the priorities as you wish.

Possible interventions	Rank
Encourage use of sustainable modes of transport	4
Transition to zero emission vehicles	7
Reduce car ownership through car clubs / shared ownership	8
Develop car free urban centres	3
Reduce the need to travel through high quality digital connectivity e.g. home working and online service access	1
Reduce the need to travel by ensuring new developments, places of work, education, facilities and services are located close together	2
Adapt infrastructure to the impacts of a changing climate	6
Support habitat creation to mitigate residual greenhouse gas emissions	5
Maximise the re-use or recycling of materials in construction, and consider the carbon impacts of new materials for construction	9
Other, please detail:	

7. Please rank the following interventions for *Supporting the Local Economy* in order of priority.

The highest priority for addressing the issue should be 1. Please rank as many of the priorities as you wish.

Possible interventions	Rank
Increase highway capacity in towns	8
Increase highway capacity on the main road links between economic centres along the West Sussex coast e.g. the A27 and A259	6
Increase highway capacity on the main road links between economic centres in the north and south of the county i.e. the A23 and A24	7
Improve the capacity, speed, quality and reliability of rail services between West Sussex and London	4
Improve the connectivity, quality and reliability of rail services between towns in West Sussex and other regional economic centres such as Southampton, Guildford or destinations in Kent	5
Improve the quality of bus services to town centres and employment locations	3
Improve the quality and connectivity of cycling and walking connections to increase ease of access to town centres and employment locations	2
Develop a more efficient freight transport infrastructure (including collection centres) to reduce costs to businesses	1
Other, please detail:	

8. Please rank the following interventions for *Providing Access For All* in order of priority.

The highest priority for addressing the issue should be 1. Please rank as many of the priorities as you wish.

Possible interventions	Rank
Improve digital connectivity so that there is wide online access to services	1

Improve the provision of services locally (e.g. local libraries, health care facilities, shops and jobs) to enable physical access	2
Improve the coverage of local bus services to enable wide access	3
Improve the coverage of community transport services to enable wide access	3
Reduce the cost of public transport	4
Improving the accessibility to public transport services so public transport is accessible to all	5
Improve facilities for pedestrians	3
Improve facilities for cyclists	3
Improve access to car clubs and mobility solutions (e.g. ride-hailing, ride-sharing)	6
Improve the ease of car access and parking facilities within service centres	7
Other, please detail: N.B I've provided equal priority to provision of improved public transport and cycling and walking because these all represent the same aims.	

9. Please rank the following interventions for *Improving Safety, Security and Health* in order of priority.

The highest priority for addressing the issue should be 1. Please rank as many of the priorities as you wish.

Possible interventions	Rank
Use engineering measures to reduce accidents (e.g. improving junction and road layouts, traffic calming)	1
Promote and enforce traffic laws	7
Give higher priority to cycling and walking facilities (e.g. segregated facilities)	2
Promote active travel such as walking and cycling, and provide training opportunities	3
Use school street closures at drop-off/pick-up times	8
Ensure there is ample space on footways and cycleways to enable social distancing to mitigate the risk from COVID-19	4
Work with local organisations, transport providers and Sussex Police to improve safety by tackling crime and the fear of crime in relation to travel	6
Reduce transport related air, noise and light pollution to reduce health impacts	5
Other, please detail:	

10. Please rank the following interventions for *Protecting the Environment and Quality of Life* in order of priority.

The highest priority for addressing the issue should be 1. Please rank as many of the priorities as you wish.

Possible interventions	Rank
Protect the landscape, biodiversity and green infrastructure	1
Improve access to the countryside	3

Ensure people, wildlife and habitats are protected from the impacts of air pollution	2
Ensure that traffic noise does not impact people or the wider environment	6
Protect dark skies and minimise the impacts of light pollution	5
Improve the 'streetscape' to ensure places are attractive to live in	4
Other, please detail:	

11. Are there any other comments you would like to make about transport priorities for the review of the West Sussex Transport Plan? Please provide your comments below.

The response provided in the prioritisation above indicates that Arun District Council is aiming to reduce the need for residents to travel long distances for employment, leisure and school. The idea of 20 minute neighbourhoods is a principle being considered as part of the future of place making. In particular, this requires improved active travel networks as well as improved digital technology which allows for flexible working to continue into the future.

Where people still need to travel, it is important to give priority in the WSTP to technological enhancements so that the county can deliver transport networks and infrastructure that is relevant into the future. This relates to digital technology as well as integration of decentralised power networks that supply electricity and hydrogen in an accessible and cost effective way, to ensure that transport is accessible for all within new and existing settlements.

12. Are you happy to be included on our stakeholder database to receive further information about the West Sussex Transport Plan review

Yes

No

13. Are you happy to be included on our stakeholder database for further information about future transport scheme consultations related to the West Sussex Transport Plan?

Yes

No

14. Which statement below best describes your response?

I am responding as a representative of an organisation

I am responding as a County, District or Borough or Parish Councillor

I am responding as an individual *(only these respondents are asked to complete the 'About You' questions via the survey skip logic)*

About You *(for individual respondents only)*

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- help us improve our services
- to help us check we are seeking views from a range of people
- to help us meet our duties and legal obligation under the Equality Act 2010.

You do not have to give us this information if you do not wish to do so. Each question also has an option to select “prefer not to say”.

If you are **aged under 13** you will be directed away from answering the questions in this section. If you are aged between 13 and 17, you might like to seek the advice of your parents/carer to help you complete this section.

15. Age

Under 13 *(respondents under 13 are not asked to complete the subsequent questions)*

13-17

18-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75-84

85+

Prefer not to say

16. Sex

Male

Female

Prefer not to say

17 Is your gender the same as the one assigned to you at birth?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

18. Ethnic origin

White - British

White - Other

Mixed

Black

Asian

Chinese

Gypsy/Irish Traveler

Other

Prefer not to say

19. Religion

Buddhist

Christian (all denominations)

Hindu

Jewish

Muslim

Sikh

Any other religion

Unknown

Prefer not to say

No religion

20. What is your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual

Bisexual

Gay or Lesbian

Other

Prefer not to say

21. Are you...

Single

Cohabiting

Married

Civil Partnership

Separated/Divorced/Partnership dissolved

Widowed

Other

Prefer not to say

22. Are you pregnant at this time?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

23. Have you recently given birth (within the last 26 week period)?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

24. Do you consider yourself to have a disability*?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

*The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if s/he has a physical or mental impairment (including illness) which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

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