



Report to THE CHALFONTS LOCAL AREA FORUM

Title: Local Transport 3 – Plan Briefing Note

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Electoral Divisions Affected: All

Summary

1. As the LTP3 project moves forward, Transport for Buckinghamshire need to engage with local stakeholders and members to clarify a number of issues. At this stage we want to send you a pack of information and ask you to:
 - Ensure that the objectives set for LTP3 meet your needs
 - Confirm that the Problems and Issues listed are accurate
 - As you, at local parish level, to help prioritise strategic options
 - To ask local parishes to feed back on the Have Your Say Pages of the Buckinghamshire County Council website.

Local Transport Plan

2. A Local Transport Plan is a transport planning document, required by Government, which sets out the Local Authority's Transport policies, strategies and priorities over the coming years.
3. Although previous LTPs have set out 5 year programmes this third LTP will set out the priorities and strategies covering the 15 years up to 2026, which is in line with the local planning framework
4. The emerging LTP will be based on evidence derived from a range of sources. It will need to describe how the County will incorporate national and regional transport agendas while focusing on local issues to create a plan for Buckinghamshire

The Process for Developing LTP3

5. LTP3 has to be approved and in operation by 1 April 2011. A project has been set up to ensure that the objectives are agreed and the plan is developed, consulted and written taking into account all the local issues and concerns as well as the national and regional agendas

6. To ensure that local people are able to properly contribute we are starting the engagement process at an early stage starting with the Transportation Symposia events in July, October and November. For the purpose of transport planning nine transport areas have been developed from the 19 locality areas. All 19 areas will receive a presentation and be able to contribute to the transport planning process
7. The results of this engagement will help inform the content of Local Transport Plan and help prioritise the initiatives.

LTP3 Objectives

8. The Government priorities are broadly similar to previous LTPs but have been adjusted to bring them in line with the requirement to **Develop a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS)**. The priorities are now:
 - 1 Reduce Carbon Emissions
 - 2 Support Economic Growth
 - 3 Promote Equality of Opportunity
 - 4 Contribute to Better Safety Security and Health
 - 5 Improve Quality of Life and Healthy Natural Environment

Issues and Problems

9. Using a combination of previous consultation responses, transport modelling data and census data we have compiled a list of those specific issues and problems that have been identified in each of the Local Transport Areas. It is intended to build on these to inform the development of local transport strategies to help tackle some of these local issues and problems.
10. Whilst we will not be directly consulting with you regarding issues and problems we will be asking whether we have missed anything from our analysis of existing information.

Option Prioritisation

11. At this stage of our consultation process we are asking you as stakeholders to help us prioritise the strategic options. This will help us to put into context your local issues and problems.

The role of Local Area Forums and Community Engagement Areas

12. The main focus of this process is to gather views on how best to prioritise the options available in your area. This gives you the opportunity to guide future spending and help progress the most important schemes for your area.
13. We will be asking you to circulate this information both within the forum but also to disseminate this information to your local Parishes to gain their views. We will not be holding specific meetings with Parishes therefore your help is vital to enable all views to be gathered.

Development of the LTP3 options over the next 18 months

14. Having worked with you to prioritise the options at this stage a full consultation will be taking place in the summer of next year (2010) which will show the preferred package of options that meet your local needs and meet the technical appraisal undertaken internally.
15. Following this current engagement, we will be in contact with you again with feedback through the next appropriate LAF events and then we will engage with you during the Full Public consultation.
16. Feedback from these early phases of consultation will be available on our website in the new year (details to follow).
17. We would like to thank you, in advance, for your comments, help and support with this major task.