

TOWARDS BETTER TRANSPORT IN HERTFORDSHIRE



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Strategic Stakeholder Events for Hertfordshire's Third Local Transport Plan

The Transport Policy Team has started to develop the next Local Transport Plan (LTP3) to be published by April 2011 when the current Local Transport Plan expires.

Changes in transport legislation (Local Transport Act 2008) and national policy means that the Council is taking a completely fresh look at its transport policies and how the policies will be delivered. LTP3 will seek to deliver the 5 goals set out by the Government report 'Delivering a Sustainable Transport System' (DaSTS) which are:

- Support economic growth
- Reduce carbon emissions
- Contribute to better safety and health
- Promote equality of opportunity
- Improve quality of life and a healthy natural environment

For each of these 5 goals the Government has set out specific challenges. With this in mind, we have organised three afternoon workshop events in which stakeholders will be asked to discuss the challenges and potential solutions for dealing with the challenges. Feedback from the Transport Access Partnership conference in April 2009, will also be taken in account.

We need your input to help determine solutions which are relevant to Hertfordshire. Please note that there will be further opportunities to get involved in consultation for LTP3 local issues at a later date.

Goals	Date / Time	Venue
Contribute to better safety, security and health	28 October 2009 2-5pm	Campus West Welwyn Garden City
Supporting economic growth and reduce carbon emissions.	11 November 2009 2-5pm	Campus West Welwyn Garden City
Promote equality of opportunity & improving quality of life	25 November 2009 2-5pm	Campus West Welwyn Garden City



Dates of the appropriate events and details of the challenges as taken from the LTP guidance document follow below:

28 October—Contribute to better safety, security and health

County Challenges

- Reduce the risk of death, security or injury due to transport accidents.
- Reduce social and economic costs of transport to public health, including air quality impacts.
- Improve the health of individuals by encouraging and enabling more physically active travel.
- Reduce vulnerability of transport networks to terrorist attack.

County and National Challenges

- Reduce crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour on city and regional transport networks.

11 November

a) Supporting economic growth

County Challenge

- Ensure a competitive transport industry by simplifying and improving regulation to benefit transport users and providers and maximising the value for money from transport spending.

National and County Challenges

- Reduce lost productive time including by maintaining or improving the reliability and predictability of journey times on key local routes for business, commuting and freight.
- Improve the connectivity and access to labour markets of key business centres.
- Deliver the transport improvements required to support the sustainable provision of housing, and in particular the PSA target of increasing supply to 240,000 net additional dwellings per annum 2016.
- Ensure local transport networks are resistant and adaptable to shocks and impacts such as economic shocks adverse weather, accidents, terrorist attacks and impacts of climate change.

b) Reduce carbon emissions

County Challenge

- Deliver quantified reductions in greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the Climate Change Bill and EU targets.

National and County Challenges

- Deliver quantified reductions in greenhouse gas emissions within cities and regional networks, taking account of cross-network policy measures.

25 November

a) Promoting equality of opportunity

County challenges –

- Manage transport – related noise in a way that is consistent with the emerging national noise strategy and other wider Government goals.
- Minimise the impacts of transport on the natural environment, heritage and landscape and seek solutions that deliver long-term environmental benefits.
- Improve the experience of end-to-end journeys for transport users.
- Sustain and improve transport's contribution to the quality of people's lives by enabling them to enjoy access to a range of goods, services, people and places.

National and County challenges –

- Reduce the number of people and dwellings exposed to high levels of noise from road and rail networks consistent with implementation of Action Plans prepared under the Environmental Noise Directive.
- Support urban and rural communities by improving the integration of transport into streetscapes and enabling better connections between neighbourhoods and better access to the natural environment.
- Improve the journey experience of transport users of urban, regional and local networks, including at the interfaces with national networks and international networks.

b) Improve quality of life and a healthy natural environment.

County challenges

- Enhance social inclusion by enabling disadvantaged people to connect with employment opportunities, key services, social networks and goods through improving accessibility, availability, affordability and acceptability.

National and County challenges

- Enhance social inclusion and the regeneration of deprived or remote areas by enabling disadvantaged people to connect with employment opportunities, key local services, social networks and goods through improving accessibility, availability, affordability and acceptability.
- Contribute to the reduction in the gap between economic growth rates for different English regions.

If you would like to attend any of the LTP3 workshops please indicate on the last page:

- A) Which of the afternoon events you would like to attend.
- B) Which challenges within your choice workshop, you would prefer to discuss. We cannot promise to satisfy everyone, but we will do the best we can.

Please return the booking form at the end of the bulletin to Judy Cameron-Rollo by Friday 9th October, or alternatively send an e-mail to Judy.Cameron-Rollo@Hertscc.gov.uk

The Herts Integrated Transport Partnership (HITP)

The Council continue to work closely with the Primary Care and NHS Hospital Trusts in Hertfordshire to improve transport and access to healthcare. The joint working is known as Hertfordshire Integrated Transport Partnership (HITP), which continues to deliver against five priorities set by stakeholders at summits in 2007 and 2008. These are:

- a. Strategic co-ordination of transport across the county, working with local authorities and the voluntary sector
- b. Improved communication and promotion of transport available to health facilities
- c. Develop and invest in equitable and sustainable access to health services
- d. Improve passenger transport links to hospitals
- e. Address parking at both primary care and hospital sites.

The partnership which includes the County Council, continues to drive forward a programme of work some of which is showcased in a short newsletter available on line at : <http://www.enherts-pct.nhs.uk/>

Furthermore, the ongoing success of the Travellink call centre arranging transport to healthcare for Hertfordshire's residents is being promoted widely through new publicity material which will be distributed through GPs practices and hospital clinics.

Business TravelWise

Business TravelWise is starting a new e-bulletin which will be published two or three times a year. It will contain information about local travel initiatives, case studies and update businesses on travel and transport matters around the county. It will also contain updates about national issues, such as legislation and tax breaks.

To subscribe to the bulletin please send an email to travelwise@hertsc.gov.uk with 'subscribe to business bulletin' in the subject.

Businesses can also become members of Hertsiftshare and help their staff find car sharers for the commuting journey. For more information about business membership please contact travelwise@hertsc.gov.uk.

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Booking form for stakeholders consultation event.

	Date and Time	Venue	Please indicate below the workshop(s) / and challenges to which you wish to contribute.
Contribute to better safety, security and health.	28 October 2009 2-5pm	Terrace Suite Campus West Welwyn Garden City	A Reducing the risk of death, security or injury due to transport accidents. B Reducing social and economic costs of transport to public health, including air quality impacts. C Improving health—encourage & enable more active travel. D Reducing vulnerability of transport networks to terrorist attack E Reducing, crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour on transport.
Supporting economic growth and reduce carbon emissions	11 November 2009 2-5pm	Council Chamber Campus West Welwyn Garden City	A Reducing greenhouse gas emissions within the transport network. B Ensuring a competitive transport industry including freight. C Improving reliability and predictability of journey times that is resistant to shocks and impacts. D Improving connectivity and access to labour markets E Deliver transport improvements to support additional housing provision.
Promote equality of opportunity and improving quality of life and a healthy environment	25 November 2009 2-5pm	Terrace Suite Campus West Welwyn Garden City	A. Enhance social inclusion and accessibility B. Reduction in the gap between regional economic growth rates C. Manage road and rail noise. D. Minimising transport impacts on natural environment E. Improving the journey experience F. Improving transports' contribution to Quality of Life by enabling access. G. Improving streetscapes/urban environment in regard to transport, and enabling better access to natural environment.

Please return to Judy Cameron-Rollo, Transport Planning and Policy, Hertfordshire County Council, Pegs Lane, Hertford SG13 8DN (keep the top half to remind you of your choices)

I wish to attend (please circle those you are interested in):

- 28 Oct ~ A B C D E
 11 Nov ~ A B C D E
 25 Nov ~ A B C D E F G

Name

Organisation represented.....

Telephone Number and E-Mail address.....

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