

## Working Towards the 4th Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan

### Have Your Say on the Future of Transport in Lincolnshire

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Here in Lincolnshire, we are in the process of producing our 4<sup>th</sup> **Lincolnshire Local Transport Plan** (known as LTP4). The Plan will run from April 2013 and will set out the general transport strategy for the county for the next 10-15 years. It will also outline some of the transport projects to be delivered in the short term. **This consultation is your opportunity to influence the development of LTP4 and the priorities for transport in the future.**

Much good work has been done during the first 3 Local Transport Plan periods and LTP4 will look to build on this. Several of the strategies and plans developed in recent years are still relevant and will continue to be pursued. These include the transport strategies adopted for our bigger urban areas (Lincoln, Boston, Grantham and Gainsborough), the Road Safety Forward Strategy, together with the successful InterConnect, CallConnect and IntoTown bus services.

The Local Plans being prepared by the District Councils earmark many parts of Lincolnshire for substantial further housing growth. This will inevitably lead to increasing pressure on our transport networks. However, in the current economic climate, securing funding for transport will be more difficult in the years ahead. As a result, difficult decisions will need to be made about what we can and cannot afford in the future.

This consultation outlines some of the major challenges we face. Please read the information and complete the attached questions as indicated before returning your views to us **by 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012**.

Further copies of this questionnaire are available on request by phoning **01522 782114**. Alternatively, it can be downloaded from [www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ltp4](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/ltp4).

### What We Spend

Setting aside major highway schemes such as bypasses and relief roads, each year we spend some £68.7m maintaining and improving the highway and transport networks in Lincolnshire. Typically, this is broken down as follows :

Area	Covering	Typical Annual Spend	%
Maintaining the existing transport networks	e.g. Repairing roads, bridges, traffic signals, footways, cycleways and routine maintenance (such as grass cutting and sign cleaning), winter maintenance	£47.2m	68.7%
Improvements in Lincoln, Boston and Grantham	e.g. Junction improvements, enhancements for walking and cycling, traffic calming and environmental enhancements, etc	£1.2m	1.7%
Improvements across the rest of the County	e.g. Junction improvements, enhancements for walking and cycling, traffic calming and environmental enhancements, etc	£1.7m	2.5%
Road Safety	e.g. Local safety schemes, speed enforcement and road safety education	£3.2m	4.7%
Public Transport	e.g. Subsidy support for important non-commercial bus services, concessionary fares scheme, improvements to vehicles, stops and timetable information	£15.4m	22.4%



## Q1 Overall Aims

Travel and transport are important to us all in our daily lives, whether going shopping or to work, attending school or accessing health services. Good transport links are also vital to businesses and local industry, and in encouraging visitors to the county.

**What do think should be the main aims for transport in Lincolnshire in the next 10-15 years ? Please rank the following in order of importance (with 1 = most important, then 2 , etc )**

Area	Rank (1, 2, ....)
Supporting the local economy by providing a reliable and efficient transport network	
Enabling the housing growth necessary to cope with the forecast increase in population	
Improving access to jobs and services, thereby achieving a fairer society for all	
Contributing to a safer and healthier society by improving transport safety and encouraging walking and cycling	
Reducing the impact of transport on the natural and built environment, in particular to reduce carbon emissions	
Other (please state and rank along with others) :	

## Q2 Transport in the Larger Urban Areas

One of the public's main concerns in the larger urban areas of Lincolnshire is growing levels of congestion and associated delays. In Lincoln, Boston, Grantham and Gainsborough, we have developed specific transport strategies in partnership with the District Councils to help support the proposed growth in these areas. These include a wide range of transport improvements and initiatives aimed at addressing the problems in each area. Many of these ideas are also being applied in the other towns across the county.

**What do you see as the best ways of improving transport in our larger urban areas ? Please rank the following in order of importance (with 1 = most important, then 2 , etc)**

Initiative	Rank (1, 2, ...)
<b>Minor highway improvements</b> - e.g. at key locations to reduce congestion and improve flow and safety	
<b>Cycling improvements</b> – e.g. cycleways, parking, crossing facilities, etc	
<b>Walking improvements</b> – e.g. new routes, crossing facilities, etc	

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<b>Public Transport improvements</b> – e.g. new or improved bus services, bus priority measures, better stops/timetables, rail station improvements, park and ride, etc	
<b>Smarter Choices</b> – e.g. encouraging less car travel through travel planning, car sharing, etc	
<b>Demand Management</b> – e.g. actively discouraging car travel, mainly through stricter parking controls	
<b>Traffic Management measures</b> – e.g. one-way systems, signing, speed limits, traffic calming	
<b>Other</b> (please state and rank along with others) :	

### Q3 Transport in the Rural Areas

Not surprisingly, another major concern in a large, rural county such as Lincolnshire is access to jobs, education, shops and other key services, particularly for those who do not have a car available. We have been tackling this problem in a variety of ways, most notably through the award-winning InterConnect and CallConnect bus services.

**What do you see as the best way of improving transport in the more rural parts of the County ? Please rank the following in order of importance (with 1 = most important, then 2, etc)**

Initiative	Rank (1, 2, ...)
<b>Public Transport improvements</b> – e.g. new and improved bus services, better stops and timetable information, rail station enhancements	
<b>Community transport</b> – e.g. support for voluntary car schemes and other forms of community transport	
<b>Walking improvements</b> – e.g. new routes, crossing facilities, public rights of way enhancements	
<b>Cycling improvements</b> – e.g. new cycleways, parking facilities, crossings	
<b>Traffic Management measures</b> – e.g. traffic calming, speed limits, signing, weight restrictions	
<b>Maintaining Local Services</b> – e.g. grants to keep and improve a range of local services	
<b>Other</b> (please state and rank along with others) :	



## Q4 Safer Roads

Road safety in Lincolnshire is co-ordinated through a wide group of organisations (including the County Council) who work together through the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership. The Partnership has developed a Forward Strategy based on the evidence provided by its comprehensive accident database. This Strategy focuses on the 3Es of Education, Engineering and Enforcement.

**What do you see as the best way of improving road safety in Lincolnshire ? Please rank the following in order of importance (with 1 = most important, then 2, etc)**

Initiative	Rank (1, 2, ...)
<b>Local Safety Schemes</b> – small scale engineering works at sites with a history of accidents	
<b>Safety Cameras</b> – speed enforcement using both fixed and mobile cameras	
<b>Reactive Speed Signs</b> – to reduce speeds in communities where concerns have been raised	
<b>School and College Training</b> – walking, cycling and driving training across all ages	
<b>Targeted Campaigns</b> – aimed at groups with a history of accidents e.g. young drivers, elderly drivers, motorcyclists	
<b>Traffic Policing</b> - high profile Policing on roads with poor accident records	
<b>Driver Rehabilitation Courses</b> – to re-educate those drivers committing for minor offences	
<b>Other</b> (please state and rank along with others) :	



## Q5 Maintenance

With almost 9,000 km of road, 3,300 km of footways and cycleways, over 3,500 bridges, culverts and other structures, and more than 72,000 street lights and other illuminated signs, maintaining the highway network in Lincolnshire is a major task. Each year, we spend some £47.2m looking after the highways, ranging from major road and bridge reconstruction schemes through to more routine work such as verge cutting and sign cleaning.

Where do you think maintenance expenditure should be focussed ? Please rank the following in order of priority (with 1 = most important, then 2, etc)

Area	Rank (1, 2, ...)
Major roads	
Minor rural roads	
Residential roads	
Footways and cycleway	
Bridges and other structures	
Street lighting	
Winter maintenance - e.g. gritting and snow clearing	
Routine maintenance – e.g. grass cutting, sign cleaning, gully emptying	
Other (please state and rank along with others) :	



## Q6 Overall Priorities

As highlighted earlier, securing funding for transport is increasingly difficult in the current economic climate. As a result, we will not be able to do everything we want to as soon as we would like. With this in mind, we would like to know your priorities for future spending on transport.

How would you spend £100 across the issues identified below ?

There are just 2 rules :

1. No more than £50 to be spent on any one issue
2. You must spend a minimum of £5 on each issue

Area	£s
Tackling transport problems in the larger urban areas	
Tackling transport problems in the rural areas	
Improving road safety	
Maintaining the existing transport network	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£100</b>

## General Comments

If you have any other general comments you would like to make about transport in Lincolnshire, please include these below.



## About You

All details you provided are confidential and will not be passed to third parties. All information will be held in line with Data Protection Regulations

### Organisations and Businesses

If you are replying on behalf of an organisation or business, please provide details below. If you wish to provide full contact details, then we will be happy to include you in any future consultations.

Organisation/Business	
Contact Name	
Position (if appropriate)	
Address	
Post Code	
E-mail (if available)	

### Individuals

If you are replying as an individual, it would be helpful if you could provided us with the following details to help us with our understanding of the issues. However, this is not mandatory.

Your postcode	
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Are you ?	Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your age ?	Under 16	<input type="checkbox"/>	16 - 25	<input type="checkbox"/>	26 – 40	<input type="checkbox"/>
	41-55	<input type="checkbox"/>	56 - 65	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over 65	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you consider yourself to have a disability ?	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Which of these best describes your most common means of travel ?	Car (as driver)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Car (as passenger)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bus	<input type="checkbox"/>	Train	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Walking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cycling	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Other (please state)			



## Major Highway Schemes

Major highway schemes are generally funded outside of the Local Transport Plan process itself. In addition, the Government is currently consulting on new proposals on how to allocate future funding for major schemes to local authorities which may involve the setting up of new local transport bodies.

In the meantime, we have been successful in securing some funding from the Department for Transport for the proposed Lincoln Eastern Bypass and we are progressing the necessary statutory procedures. In addition, we have identified the Spalding Western Relief Road, Grantham East-West Link and the Lincoln East-West Link as the priorities for taking forward in the short to medium term.

However, if you have any comments to make on major schemes, please feel free to include these in the box for General Comments within this questionnaire.

## What Next ?

Thank you for completing this questionnaire. Please return your response to :

Lincolnshire County Council  
Transportation  
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City Hall  
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LN1 1DN

Or use the pre-paid envelope if you were provided with one. Electronic copies can be e-mailed to [ltp@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:ltp@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

This questionnaire can be made available on request in alternative formats and languages. Please telephone 01522 782070 for details.

**Please return your questionnaire to us by no later than 27<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

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- Area for inputting your answers are shaded grey.
- You can move from answer to answer by pressing the **Tab** key (or **Shift** and **Tab** to go backwards) or by pointing and clicking with your mouse.
- When you click on rating question, a drop down box will appear from which to select your rating. Please use each number only once.
- Where Tick boxes are included, just use your mouse to select the appropriate answer. This will put a cross in the small box. Clicking again will remove the cross, should you wish to change your answer.

