



Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place

Report to: **Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee**

Date: **29 April 2024**

Subject: **Stamford Transport Strategy**

Summary:

Lincolnshire County Council is seeking to publish a new Stamford Transport Strategy. The strategy provides a place-based vision for the future of transport and travel in and around Stamford up to 2038.

Actions Required:

That the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider and comment on the proposed Stamford Transport Strategy.

1. Background

1.1 Lincolnshire County Council is seeking to publish a new Stamford Transport Strategy. The strategy provides a place-based vision for the future of transport and travel in and around Stamford up to 2038.

1.2 The transport strategy seeks to increase travel choices and improve the transport network for those living, working, and visiting Stamford. It aims to tackle congestion in the town centre, improve accessibility from more rural areas, deliver more sustainable and lower carbon travel options, and help the town grow, adapt and be resilient to wider challenges over the next 15 years and beyond.

1.3 Alongside protecting Stamford's unique character and historic core, it aims to provide a transport network that helps to deliver a vibrant town and thriving high street, improve access to local services and provide the infrastructure that allows the town to grow sustainably.

1.4 The strategy area covers the historic town of Stamford and its wider hinterlands extending to Uffington and Newstead in the east and is bordered by the A1 along the western edge.

2. Consultation

2.1 To ensure that the strategy was developed in a collaborative way, a range of engagement activities were undertaken. Members of the public and stakeholders were invited to comment on the transport and accessibility issues and challenges in Stamford by attending workshops and drop in events and by completing an on-line questionnaire. This process has helped shape what the strategy needs to achieve and has ensured that the key local issues were identified and fully understood. The engagement was undertaken with:

- elected members at key stages of the process to steer decision-making
- stakeholders at a series of workshops to help identify the specific travel needs, challenges and opportunities for improvements
- the general public to identify the transport challenges and to support the development of possible options/solutions - a total of 512 public survey responses were received as well as several hundred members of the public attending two drop-in sessions to provide their views.

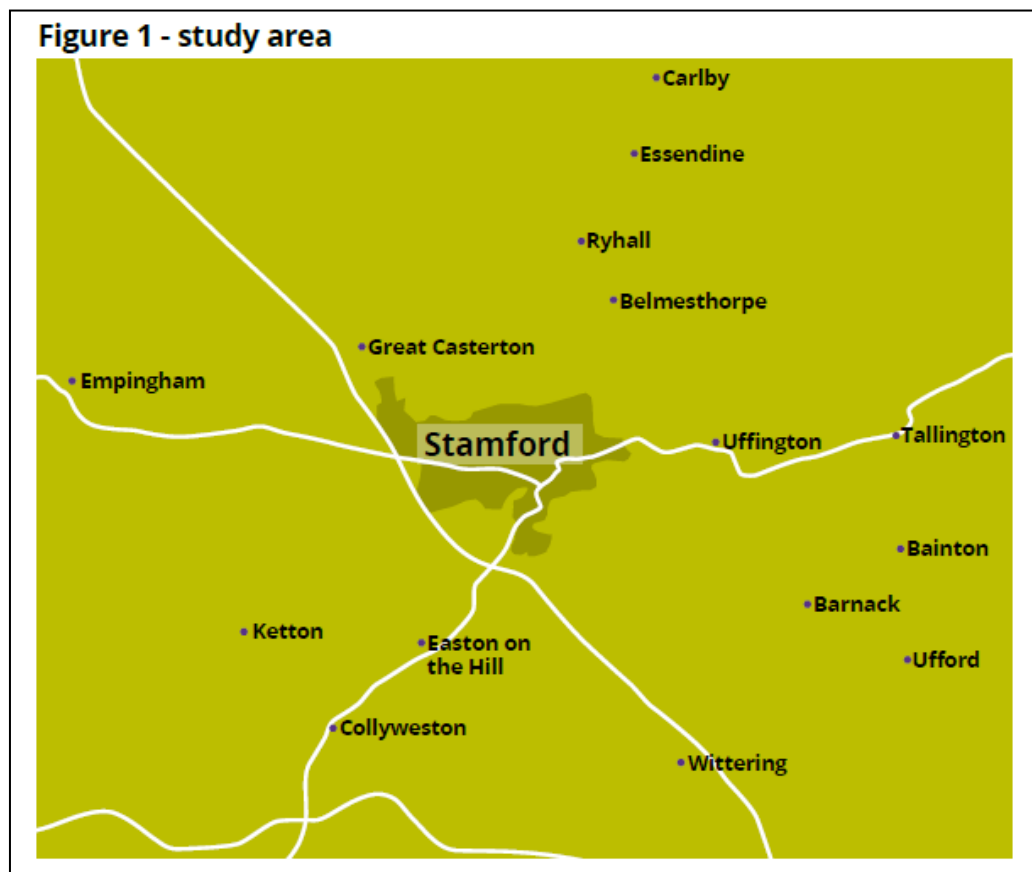
3. Stamford Transport Board

3.1 In addition to the above engagement, the Stamford Transport Strategy is underpinned by the Stamford Transport Board that meets quarterly and has been involved in each stage of the strategy development.

3.2 Moving forwards the Board would review any options that are taken forwards from the strategy.

4. Study Area

4.1 Figure 1 shows the study area for the strategy.



4.2 The final Stamford Transport Strategy attached at Appendix A has been developed by Lincolnshire County Council and South Kesteven District Council.

5. Supporting Slide Pack

5.1 Please see accompanying slide pack that provides an overview of the following aspects of the Stamford Transport Strategy:

- Strategy Process
- Evidence, Engagement and Opportunities
- What are the Challenges
- Vision of the Strategy
- Strategy Components
- Key Pillars
- Supporting Infrastructure

6. Conclusion

6.1 The Stamford Transport Strategy has been developed using an established process that mirrors those across the rest of the county and is grounded in technical evidence and public opinions. It has been delivered in conjunction with the Stamford Transport Board which has representative from Member and Officers from both the County Council and the District Council. The Transport Strategy accurately reflects the challenges identified and then poses a selection of interventions that can assist in helping address those challenges.

6.2 The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee are requested to note the information contained in the paper and offer any views or insights to the development or resultant product.

7. Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

Risks and Impact Analysis activities will be considered at the time that individual proposals within the strategy are progressed.

8. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Stamford Transport Strategy - Summary
Appendix B	Stamford Transport Strategy - Full Report
Appendix C	Stamford Transport Strategy - Presentation

9. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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