

Suffolk County Council – Local Transport Plan 2025 – 2040

Online survey – draft response for Lowestoft Town Council Climate and Ecological Emergency Committee (CEEC)

Introduction

There is a statutory requirement for Suffolk County Council to prepare a Local Transport Plan. This is the 4th plan prepared by SCC, previous one covered 2011 – 2030, this Plan covers 2025 – 2040. The Plan provides:

- A long term vision for transport across the county
- A set of objectives to inform transport policy & investment decisions up to 2040
- Informs local planning authorities' Local Plans for growth & development

The Plan is presented under four priority themes. These are:

- Decarbonisation of transport
- A strong, sustainable and fair economy
- Health, wellbeing and social inclusion
- Creating better places

The LTC Passenger Transport Working Group met on 7th November to consider a response to the Plan. This DRAFT response is recommended to the CEEC for consideration and amendment prior to submission. **The SCC Plan is out for consultation until 25th November 2024.**

Draft Response by Question number

Q.1

Home postcode: use Hamilton House postcode

Q.2

Which Plan is this response for? Local Transport Plan

The following four questions focus on the priority themes for the Plan and ask respondents to rank (first to last in terms of importance) the actions that are included in the Plan.

The tables below provide a suggested DRAFT ranking for the Committee to consider. At the end of each question there is an opportunity to provide free text comments.

Q.3	
Theme 1 - Decarbonisation of transport: travel and transport carbon emissions will be net zero by 2040	
SCC Local Transport Plan Actions	LTC Policies
Enable active travel to be the most convenient for shorter journeys	Environmental policy – reducing unnecessary car travel for governance, admin, meetings and operations Cycling Pledge – cycling is the preferred form of transport in the town...
Enable bus and train services to be convenient travel options	
Transition away from fossil fuel powered vehicles	
Promote rail-freight for journeys beyond Suffolk	
Any further thoughts on this theme or specific actions:	

Q.4	
Theme 2 - A strong, sustainable, and fair economy: secure investment and spread prosperity across the county.	
SCC Local Transport Plan Actions	LTC Policies
Promote transport infrastructure that unlocks inclusive economic growth	Environmental policy – considering neighbourhood planning with due consideration to embedding mandatory consideration of environmental issues in relevant spaces in Lowestoft.
Secure investment to deliver local transport schemes and public realm improvements	Investment Policy -
Collaborate with district and borough councils to secure investment and promote Suffolk’s unique character	
Improve network resilience to support sustainable economic growth	
Any further thoughts on this theme or specific actions:	

Q.5

Theme 3 - Health, wellbeing, and social inclusion: enable Suffolk to be a place where everyone can lead a longer, happier, and healthier life.

SCC Local Transport Plan Actions	LTC Policies
Reduce the levels of social isolation and deprivation, and support individuals to lead independent lives	Open Spaces Strategy...promoting health lifestyles
Increase levels of physical activity through active travel	Open Spaces Strategy...LTC seeking to increase bicycle racks in its parks Declaration of Health Emergency
Enable individuals to have the confidence to travel safely using their preferred mode and not feel restricted by their travel options.	
Improve air quality by decarbonising travel	Declaration of Climate Emergency
Improve road safety by adopting Vision Zero	
Any further thoughts on this theme or specific actions:	

Q.6

Theme 4 - Creating better places: improve public realms and the transport network for communities

SCC Local Transport Plan Actions	LTC Policies
Improve access to passenger transport services and promote projects that improve service punctuality and reliability	
Ensure heavy goods and large vehicles are on the most suitable roads	
Improve urban and rural rights of way and promote access to Suffolk's countryside	
Deliver transport schemes that have a positive impact on our natural and built environments	Environmental Policy - Considering environmental issues where relevant to planning applications and when managing and developing its own assets and services
Reflect road user hierarchy when resourcing maintenance activities	
Any further thoughts on this theme or specific actions:	