

## Suffolk County Council – Lowestoft Area Transport Plan

### 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. The 2025 – 2040 Plan is currently out for consultation. For this Plan SCC have also prepared a suite of Area Plans (15 have been prepared), including one for Lowestoft.

There are five objectives for Lowestoft Plan, these are:

- Enable active travel to be the default choice for shorter trips
- Improve bus punctuality and reliability
- Improve the integration of modes
- Maximise growth opportunities
- Support town centre economies

The Area Plan also includes an Implementation plan for Lowestoft, outlining the county council's priorities for investment over the next five years. For Lowestoft these priorities are:

- i. Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) High Priority routes = £1m
- ii. Modal integration at transport hubs = £300k
- iii. Town centre walking & cycling improvements = £400k

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

#### Draft Response by Question number

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ATPLowestoft/>

#### Q.1

Home postcode: use Hamilton House postcode

#### Q.2

Which of the following best describes you? *Responding on behalf of a business or organisation in the area*

### Q.3

#### Which modes of transport do you prefer to use for certain distances in the area?

Respondent can select one answer per distance. *Given LTC Cycling Pledge recommend Cycle for Short / Medium distance & Public Transport for distances of 3+ miles.*

Short distance (less than 1 mile)

- Walk/wheel (using a wheelchair, pushchair, scooter, mobility scooter)
- **Cycle**
- Public transport e.g bus or train
- Motor vehicle
- Motorbike
- Other (please specify in the box below)

Medium distance (1 -3 miles)

- Walk/wheel (using a wheelchair, pushchair, scooter, mobility scooter)
- **Cycle**
- Public transport e.g bus or train
- Motor vehicle
- Motorbike
- Other (please specify in the box below)

Long distance (more than 3 miles)

- Walk/wheel (using a wheelchair, pushchair, scooter, mobility scooter)
- Cycle
- **Public transport e.g bus or train**
- Motor vehicle
- Motorbike
- Other (please specify in the box below)

Comment:

**Q.4 How satisfied are you with the following in each area? (1 is very dissatisfied – 5 is very satisfied) Suggested responses to be confirmed by CEEC.**

Mode	1	2	3	4	5
Walking / wheeling network			3		
Cycling network				4	
Public transport services in the area		2			

**Q.5 What would encourage you to walk/wheel, cycle and use public transport more in the area? (1 is no encouragement – 5 is high encouragement) Suggested responses to be confirmed by CEEC.**

	Walk / Wheel	Cycle	Public transport
Have more routes that are connected and simple to navigate and to use (and consistent high quality – cycling)	5	5	
Have more routes that are directly linked to key locations	5	5	
Routes that feel safe to use	5		
Routes that are attractive and in places that people want to spend time	5		
Routes that are good quality, well-maintained, with minimal stopping and starting, and avoid steep gradients		5	
Routes that are well designed, finished in attractive materials and in places that people want to spend time		5	
			Note these responses are based on bus survey
Journey time			5
Reliability of service			5
Feeling safe			5
Frequency of service			5
Coverage of service			5
Price			5
Waiting facilities			5
Mobility integration (connections to other modes of sustainable travel)			5

**Q.6**

Do you think this area would be a better place to live, work or visit if more people walked, cycled and used public transport?

YES

**Q.7**

In built-up locations, are you in favour of the highways space being more equally used for all modes of travel?

YES

**Q.8**

Any further comments:

**Q.9 – Q.12**

Demographic / ethnicity questions, not applicable as responding as an organisation covering all