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Dear Cllr Chambers

Lowestoft Town Council – Response to SCC Local Transport Plan 2025 and Lowestoft Area Transport Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your recent draft publications of both the Local Transport Plan 2025 – 2040 and the Lowestoft Area Transport Plan. As the largest Town Council in Suffolk, we welcome these Plans in setting out the long term vision for the County's prioritised transport improvements, and particularly the County Council's recognition of the on-going need for investment in transport infrastructure for Lowestoft town centre.

We have responded to both the consultations via the online survey portal, but would like to take this opportunity to highlight the findings from our recent bus survey across the town, receiving nearly 600 responses – [please see summary report attached here \(linked / PDF etc\)](#)

- It is clear from the responses that if bus usage is to increase in Lowestoft, then it will require continued investment in services to expand routes (*provide stops closer to home / destinations*), run more frequent services and extend service times.
- The recent BSIP investments in expanding the Buzzabout service in the north of Lowestoft are, we understand, delivering improvements but more needs to be done.
- We have not submitted an application for the remaining £300,000 of BSIP funding but are very interested in further discussions with yourself on the previous proposal received for a new service on a south – north route (Pakefield – Pleasurewood Hills), which we understand is on your *Reserve Funding* list.

As noted in your Area Plan, Lowestoft has a high proportion of deprived households in one or more dimensions (59%) with nearly 1 in 4 households not owning a vehicle. With improved bus services there is real potential in Lowestoft to demonstrate what can be achieved through investment in frequency, route coverage, and extended journey times.

While we appreciate the updates that are provided to town and parish councils via the Passenger Interest group meetings, the Council would welcome the opportunity for a focused discussion on the potential for further bus services in Lowestoft as part of the work of the Enhanced Partnership.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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