

## Overview of LTP3 Compendium

In addition to the main document, the Worcestershire LTP3 is made up of a number of documents, which include transport policies and plans. Each of these documents is described in this section, with a brief overview of its contents and relevance.

## The Evidence Base

The **Essential References Document** outlines the extensive evidence base that was developed to inform the LTP3 compendium documents. This includes a wide range of datasets from a number of sources which have been used to influence the development of the LTP3.

## Transport Policy Documents

A number of topic-specific policies have been developed to provide additional detail and support the outcomes of the LTP3. A brief description of each of the policies is provided below.

The **Cycling Policy** considers the ways in which enhanced use of cycling will be promoted in Worcestershire, through improvements to infrastructure and services to support this mode.

The **Development Control (Transport) Policy** sets out how Worcestershire County Council will work with developers to ensure that new and changed land uses are planned and designed to minimise their impacts on Worcestershire's transport networks.

The **Integrated Passenger Transport Policy** considers rail, bus, community transport and taxi services together. In particular, this policy sets out how Worcestershire County Council and partners will work to improve integration between the various modes, whilst continuing to improve quality of service.

The **Intelligent Transport Systems Policy** sets out Worcestershire's strategic approach to the use of a range of electronic tools that can be used to improve the efficiency of Worcestershire's transport networks. These include traffic lights, signalised pedestrian crossings, Variable Messaging Signs, transport user information systems and on-line journey planners, for example.

The **Motorcycling Policy** considers the potentially valuable contribution that enhanced use of motorcycling could play in Worcestershire's transport networks.

The **Multimodal Freight Policy** sets out how Worcestershire County Council will seek to optimise the expeditious movement of freight around the county, whilst minimising the impacts of freight on local communities.

The **Smarter Choices Policy** refers to the way in which Worcestershire County Council and partners will seek to actively promote sustainable travel choices, by providing enhanced information (such as maps and timetables), developing travel plans with schools, stations and employers and promoting sustainable modes as a viable alternative to solo car use; particularly for short journeys and in congested urban areas. It sets out the ways in which the

authority is undertaking its Bus Information Duty in line with the Transport Act 2000.

The **Transport Accessibility Policy** sets out Worcestershire's policies for enhancing accessibility to health, employment, leisure, educational, retail and transport interchange trip attractors for Worcestershire's residents by a variety of transport modes.

Transport is a major contributor to deteriorating air quality in the county. The **Transport and Air Quality Policy** sets out how Worcestershire will seek to minimise the impacts of transport on local air quality in the county, especially where Air Quality Management Areas have been declared.

Transport and climate change has a complex, interrelated relationship. The **Transport and Climate Change Policy** explores the ways in which climate change can impact on transport and how transport can impact on climate change. In particular, this document identifies policies to minimise these impacts, such that quality of life is maintained and enhanced for Worcestershire's residents.

The **Traffic Management and Parking Policy** sets out Worcestershire's strategic approach to the management of traffic and parking demand, particularly in Worcestershire's urban areas, where congestion and parking demands are prevalent.

The **Walking and Public Realm Policy** identifies how Worcestershire will enhance its public realm (pedestrianised areas, footpaths, squares and open spaces) to promote walking and enjoyment of Worcestershire's attractive natural and built environments. In particular, this policy provides guidance on how Worcestershire will seek to redesign its streets as both attractive and functional places that the residents and visitors of Worcestershire can enjoy.

### **Transport Plan Documents**

In addition to the transport policies set out above, there are a series of plans which relate to a number of transport related areas.

The **Rights of Way Improvement Act** sets out Worcestershire's comprehensive approach to the management of Worcestershire's extensive Rights of Way networks, in line with the duty to prepare one placed on the County Council by the Countryside & Rights of Way Act 2000.

The Worcestershire **Transport Asset Management Plan** sets out the way in which Worcestershire Highways will manage Worcestershire's transport assets over the life of the LTP3 plan period.

The **Network Management Plan** sets out how Worcestershire will seek to optimise the efficiency of Worcestershire's transport networks, such that congestion and delay is minimised, in line with the Network Management Duty placed on the County Council by the Traffic Management Act 2004. The **Sustainable Modes of Travel to School Plan** is a statutory requirement of the Education and Inspections Act 2006. It sets out how Worcestershire

County Council will seek to encourage modal shift, by encouraging school children and their parents to consider more sustainable transport options for accessing education services. This mandatory plan draws from information from a number of the policies, including Smarter Choices, Walking and Public Realm, Cycling and Integrated Passenger Transport.

**Assessment Documents**

A number of mandatory assessments have been undertaken to underpin and validate the Worcestershire LTP3. These are set out below.

The **Strategic Environmental Assessment** scrutinises the LTP3 compendium documents to assess the likely environmental impacts of implementing the LTP3 over its proposed timeframe (from 2011 to 2026).

The **Health Impact Assessment** forms part of the Strategic Environmental Assessment, and considers the impact of delivering the LTP3 on public health over the plan period (2011 to 2026).

The **Equality Impact Assessment** considers the impact of delivering the LTP3 on ensuring Worcestershire County Council and partners maintain equality of opportunity for all residents, by taking into account the (sometimes specific) needs of minority groups.