

## Local Transport Plan 4 Consultation Questionnaire

To be able to travel easily, safely and quickly to our destinations we need a transport network that can cater for current demand and that enables and supports future growth. By providing real transport choices and a resilient network, journeys will be reliable, which will stimulate regeneration and encourage people and businesses to come to Kent.

Kent County Council's (KCC) Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) articulates what we will do to make sure transport is part of making Kent a great place to live, work and do business, by helping deliver on our very real growth potential.

The LTP is available online at [kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan](http://kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan). Hard copies are available via the Alternative Format contact details below.

We will be consulting on the draft LTP4 for a 12 week period from August 8<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup>. Your responses will help us to develop our policy and subsequently will be presented as a final draft at KCC's Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee in early 2017, as part of the document approval process.

This questionnaire can be completed online at [kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan](http://kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan). Alternatively, fill in this paper form and return it to: Transport Strategy Team, Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX

**Please ensure your response reaches us by the 30th of October.**

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**Q1. Are you completing this questionnaire on behalf of:**

*Please select the option from the list below that most closely represents how you will be responding to this consultation.*

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yourself as an individual
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yourself as a member of KCC Staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	A District/Town/Parish Council
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Charity, Voluntary or Community Sector Organisation (VCS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Business
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify: <input type="text" value="Railfuture"/>

**Q1a. If you are responding on behalf of a Council/Business/VCS Organisation, please tell us the name of the organisation:**

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**Q2. Please tell us your postcode: ME3 7RB**

*We use this to help us to analyse our data. It will not be used to identify who you are.*



The draft Local Transport Plan sets out the following Ambition for Kent:

***To deliver safe and effective transport, ensuring that all Kent's communities and businesses benefit, the environment is enhanced and economic growth is supported.***

**Q3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the overall Ambition set for the Local Transport Plan?**

Please select **one** box.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q3a. Please add any comments on the overall Ambition set for the Local Transport Plan below:**

The transport plan identifies future deadlock that is already occurring on roads across Kent (and Medway). Congestion and air quality is already affected and measures to manage these have not been successful. Predicted growth in housing numbers and a desire to see further growth will need significant interventions by KCC and National Government.

**Q4. This Ambition will be realised through five overarching Outcomes and Supporting Policies. To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the Outcomes and Policies? Please select *one* box per outcome.**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<p><b>Outcome 1.</b> Economic growth and minimised congestion.  <b>Policy:</b> Deliver resilient transport infrastructure and schemes to reduce congestion and improve journey time reliability, to enable economic growth and appropriate development.</p>		X				
<p><b>Outcome 2.</b> Affordable and accessible door to door journeys.  <b>Policy:</b> Promote affordable, accessible and connected transport to enable access for all to jobs, education, health and other services.</p>	X					
<p><b>Outcome 3.</b> Safer travel.  <b>Policy:</b> Provide a safer road, footway and cycleway network to reduce the likelihood of casualties, and encourage other transport providers to improve safety on their networks.</p>	X					
<p><b>Outcome 4.</b> Enhanced environment.  <b>Policy:</b> Deliver schemes to reduce the environmental footprint of transport, and enhance the historic and natural environment.</p>	X					
<p><b>Outcome 5.</b> Better health and wellbeing.  <b>Policy:</b> Promote active travel choices for all members of the community to encourage good health and wellbeing, and implement measures to improve local air quality.</p>	X					

**Q4a. Please add any comments on the five overarching Outcomes and Supporting Policies below:**

**Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Strategic Priorities for the Local Transport Plan?** (Pages 11 to 21 in the LTP)

Please select **one** box.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q5a. Please add any comments on the Strategic Priorities for the Local Transport Plan below:**

Please indicate which **Strategic Priorities** you are commenting on.

**Ashford International Station signalling (Ashford Spurs)**

Railfuture welcome measures to maintain Ashford International's position as an international station and we would like to see more improvements to the domestic service to Hastings and along the south coast to reduce the need to travel into London to connect with international services. *Improvements to Hastings/Bexhill will also improve journey times to/from and through East Sussex to enable economic development in those areas and improved accessibility from Kent.*

**Journey time improvements and Thanet Parkway Railway Station**

Railfuture welcome journey time improvements and better use of the existing rolling stock (more is likely to be required). This will also maximise the benefits of HS1. There is a mixed feel about the benefits of Thanet Parkway Railway Station and the concern that it will generate further car traffic around the Thanet area and lead to more people driving.

**Port expansion**

The current road traffic volumes are a concern across Kent and a move to encourage port traffic to other Thames or North Sea ports and/or use of rail to transport the goods is required, if difficult to achieve.

**New Lower Thames Crossing**

The preferred solution does little to improve the reliability and resilience of the existing crossing at Dartford.

**Countywide: Rail and bus improvements**

Passenger numbers and gradual service improvements have shown the success of the railway. HS1 was a step-change in the provision of services to and from East Kent in particular. Access to stations (bus/car/cycle/pedestrian) needs to improve to

encourage more passengers to use the stations. The benefits of rail travel and its connectivity needs to be marketed more. Crossrail and Thameslink will bring further improvements although connections to London Overground and Croydon Tramlink are often poor from Kent and only improve in the Metro areas.

### **Enabling growth in the Thames Gateway**

There is real concern about the ability of the wider infrastructure, services and environment to support the housing and general economic growth forecast (or desired) in the Thames Gateway. New transport infrastructure is likely to put further pressure on existing infrastructure.

The use of the rail network will be important – maximising the use of the Sheerness/Sittingbourne, Medway Valley Line and exploiting the potential of the Grain to Hoo Junction (with a chord towards Strood) would help ease this pressure. An improved connection at Hoo junction could support better use of Thamesport as well as supporting passenger services from the Hoo peninsula to Strood (for onward connections).



**Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the Kent-Wide Priorities for the Local Transport Plan?** (Pages 22 to 23 in the LTP)

*Please select **one** box.*

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Q6a. Please add any comments on the Kent-Wide Priorities for the Local Transport Plan below:**

*Please specify which **Kent-Wide priorities** you are commenting on.*

**Active Travel**

Steps to integrate cycling and walking with off-peak rail services should be encouraged more. The capacity is available off-peak and there is much of Kent and Medway to explore – taking people out of the congested town centres,



**Q7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the District Priorities for the Local Transport Plan? (Pages 24 to 50 in the LTP)**

*Please select **one** box.*

Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
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**Q7a. Please add any comments on the District Priorities for the Local Transport Plan below:**

*Please specify which **district** you are commenting on.*

### **Kent Connected journey planning and Smart Ticketing for public transport**

Further integration into rail services, rail information and ticketing required.

#### **Sevenoaks**

New railway station and guided busway for Swanley.

New pedestrian footbridge over the railway line at Swanley to connect the town centre.

Bat and Ball Railway Station improvements.

All supported, although experience of guided busways elsewhere is not good.

No mention of further benefits that Thameslink service improvements will bring in 2018.

#### **Tonbridge**

No significant mention of the benefits that the existing rail services bring and could contribute further – Medway Valley Line, Maidstone East, Tunbridge Wells to Hastings and the main line to Ashford could provide further relief to congested roads (not just commuter services to London).

No mention of the benefits that Thameslink service improvements will bring in 2018 (Maidstone East and connections in Strood)

#### **Tunbridge Wells**

No significant mention of the benefits that the existing rail services bring and could contribute further – Medway Valley Line, and Tunbridge Wells to Hastings could provide further relief to congested roads (not just commuter services to London).

#### **Dartford**

Infrastructure to support the London Paramount proposals.

Further consideration should be given to public transport connectivity from both sides of the river.

Crossrail extension to Dartford.

Although supported, the current construction to Abbey Wood will provide a significant improvement to connectivity from Dartford. Thameslink services via London Bridge/Blackfriars to Luton will also increase journey opportunities and further journey choices.

Swanscombe and Stone Station replacement - supported

A devolution of current Southeastern Metro services to TfL, if agreed, should also bring significant improvements to Dartford services.

#### **Gravesham**

Improved link between Northfleet and Ebbsfleet stations. – much overdue and strongly supported.

Crossrail extension to Ebbsfleet and Gravesend – welcome, but concern about

timescales for this.

Gravesend transport interchange. – Improved connectivity and integration between bus and rail needed.

### **Maidstone**

Maidstone Integrated Transport Package. - Improved connectivity and integration between bus and rail needed.

No significant mention of the benefits that the existing rail services bring and could contribute further – Medway Valley Line, Maidstone East, and the line to Ashford could provide further relief to congested roads (not just commuter services to London).

No mention of the benefits that Thameslink service improvements will bring in 2018 (Maidstone East and connections at Strood)

Public transport improvements (redevelop Maidstone East, refurbish Maidstone bus station, and bus infrastructure improvements). Supported.

### **Swale**

Improve public transport between Isle of Sheppey, Sheerness and Sittingbourne. – welcomed, although better integration with rail required, it often seems it is in competition with bus services (and free passes)

### **Medway**

Rail Improvements at Strood and Chatham Stations.- supported, although much better integration between bus and rail is required at BOTH stations (with some service diversions from Canal Road at least, to Strood Station forecourt).

### **Ashford**

Ashford town centre project – including Ashford Station access and junction improvement – Station Approach/Elwick Road and Victoria Way. – supported  
Ashford International (mentioned earlier)

Park Farm Rail Halt feasibility assessment. – would welcome this study as it may help reduce road traffic from the area.

### **Canterbury**

No significant mention of the benefits that the existing rail services bring and could contribute further – Canterbury East and West could provide further relief to congested roads (not just commuter services to London).

### **Dover**

Whitfield Bus Rapid Transit (including improvements to York Street, Dover BRT hub, and Dover Priory Station – supported

Improvement of Sandwich Station. – supported

### **Shepway**

No significant mention of the benefits that the existing rail services bring and could contribute further especially via HS1 could provide further relief to congested roads (not just commuter services to London).

**Thanet**

Rail journey time improvements and connections to London. – Supported Thanet Park railway station. – mixed feelings about this, mentioned earlier.

**Q8. We have completed an initial Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) for the draft Local Transport Plan 4.** An EqIA is a tool to assess the impact any policies or strategies would have on the following protected characteristics: race, age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, religion or belief and carer’s responsibilities. The EqIA is available at [kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan](http://kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan) or in hard copy on request.

**We welcome your views, please add any comments below:**

**Q9. We have completed a draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).** A SEA is a process to ensure that significant environmental affects arising from policies, plans and programmes are identified, assessed, mitigated, communicated to decision makers and monitored. The SEA is available at [kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan](http://kent.gov.uk/localtransportplan) or in hard copy on request.

**We welcome your views, please add any comments below:**

**Q10. Please add any final comments you have on the Local Transport Plan below:**

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**You only need to answer these questions if you have responded as an individual. It is not necessary to answer these questions if you are responding on behalf of an organisation.**

### About You

We want to make sure that everyone is treated fairly and equally, and that no one gets left out. That's why we're asking you these questions. We won't share the information you give us with anyone else. We'll use it only to help us make decisions, and improve our services. If you would rather not answer any of these questions, you don't have to.

**Q11. Are you.....?** Please select **one** box.

X	Male
	Female
	I prefer not to say

**Q12. Which of these age groups applies to you?** Please select **one** box.

0-15	25-34	50-59	65-74	85 + over
16-24	35-49	X 60-64	75-84	I prefer not to say



The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if they have a longstanding physical or mental condition that has lasted, or is likely to last, at least 12 months; and this condition has a substantial adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities. People with some conditions (cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV/AIDS, for example) are considered to be disabled from the point that they are diagnosed.

**Q13. Do you consider yourself to be disabled as set out in the Equality Act 2010?**

Please select **one** box.

Yes

No

I prefer not to say

**Q13a. If you answered 'Yes' to Q12, please tell us the type of impairment that applies to you.** You may have more than one type of impairment, so please select **all** that apply. If none of these applies to you, please select 'Other', and give brief details of the impairment you have.

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Physical impairment

Sensory impairment (hearing, sight or both)

Longstanding illness or health condition, or epilepsy

Mental health condition

Learning disability

I prefer not to say

Other (please specify)





**Q14. To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong? (Source: 2011 census)**

Please select one box.

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|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White English        | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British Indian      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Scottish                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British Pakistani   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Welsh                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British Bangladeshi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Northern Irish            | <input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Asian British other*      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Irish                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British Caribbean   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Gypsy/Roma                | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British African     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White Irish Traveller           | <input type="checkbox"/> Black or Black British other*      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White other*                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Arab                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed White and Black Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed White and Black African   | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer not to say                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed White and Asian           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Other*                    |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other ethnic group*             |   |

\*If your ethnic group is not specified in the list, please describe it here:

**Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.**