

Section 1 – About you

Q1. Are you responding...?

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

Select **one** option.

<input type="checkbox"/>	As a Kent resident
<input type="checkbox"/>	As a resident from somewhere else, such as Medway
<input type="checkbox"/>	In a professional capacity, please specify: <input type="text"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	On behalf of a Charity or a Voluntary, Community or Social Enterprise organisation (VCSE)
<input type="checkbox"/>	On behalf of a business
<input type="checkbox"/>	On behalf of a District / Borough / Town / Parish Council in an official capacity
<input type="checkbox"/>	As a Parish / Town / Borough / District / County Councillor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify: <input type="text"/>

Q1a. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please tell us the name of your organisation. Write in below.

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Q2. Please tell us the first 5 characters of your postcode:

Please do not reveal your whole postcode. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please use your organisation's postcode. We use this to help us to analyse our data. It will not be used to identify who you are.

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Q3. How did you find out about this consultation?

Select **all** that apply.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Email from KCC's Transport Strategy team	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Email from Let's talk Kent / KCC's Engagement and Consultation team	
<input type="checkbox"/>	From my Parish / Town / Borough / District Council	
<input type="checkbox"/>	From a friend or relative	
<input type="checkbox"/>	KCC County Councillor	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kent.gov.uk website	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newspaper	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Poster	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social media	
<input type="checkbox"/>	From another organisation, please specify:	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify:	<input type="text"/>

Section 2 – Overall support for the new draft Local Transport Plan

Q4. Do you support our new draft Local Transport Plan?

Select *one* option.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partly
<input type="checkbox"/>	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

Q4a. Please tell us the reason for your answer in the box below:

Vital to have a policy framework to guide the local transport authority's own decisions and also to influence the decisions of other organisations.

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Q5. In 2023 we consulted on our draft Emerging Local Transport Plan and received feedback on the Plan’s ambition, outcomes and objectives. If you wish to make any comment on these aspects, please tell us in the box below.

Please do not include any information that could identify you or anyone else in your response.

Nothing to add to our September 2023 consultation response

<https://www.railfuture.org.uk/display3482>

Section 3 – Strategic network-wide proposals

In this section you have the opportunity to tell us your views on our Strategic network-wide proposals (from page 22 of the draft LTP5). These have been grouped under four themes:

- Strategic Road Network
- Local Road Network
- Public and Shared Transport Network
- Walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorised travel.

You can answer all or as many of the questions on each of these as you like. If you would rather not provide feedback on a question, just move on to the next one.

Q6. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the Strategic Road Network?
Select **one** response option per proposal/row.

Strategic Road Network proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Lower Thames Crossing				X
M2 Junction 1 capacity enhancement				X
A282 (M25) Junction 1A capacity enhancement				X
M2 Junction 4 capacity and local development connections				X
M2 road capacity enhancement				X
M2 Junction 7 capacity enhancement				X
South Canterbury A2 junction access enhancements				X
A2 Dover Access / Duke of York and Whitfield interim improvements				X
International haulage traffic management				X
M25-M26-A21 East-facing slips				X
A21 Kipping's Cross enhancements				X
Trunking: A229 and A249, both between M2 and M20				X

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Q6a. If you would like to make any comments on the Strategic Road Network proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

As an exclusively pro-rail organisation we remain agnostic about other modes.

Q7. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the Local Road Network?
*Select **one** response box per proposal/row.*

Local Road Network proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Maintaining the road network				X
Road Safety Vision Zero				X
A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements				X
North Thanet Link				X
Alkham Valley Spitfire Way junction improvements				X
Sandwich bypass improvements				X
A2 Gravesend local junction improvements				X
A228-A264 corridor improvements – West Malling to Tunbridge Wells				X
Development Management				X
Supporting the shift to electric vehicles through new charging points				X

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Q7a. If you would like to make any comments on the Local Road Network proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

As an exclusively pro-rail organisation we remain agnostic about other modes.

Q8. Do you agree with the proposals identified for Public and Shared Transport Network?

*Select **one** response option per proposal/row.*

Public and Shared Transport Network proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Rail freight gauge enhancement for international traffic	X			
Maidstone mainline rail journey time improvements	X			
Gatwick access improvements	X			
Dover / Folkestone High Speed rail journey time improvements	X			
International rail passenger services for Kent	X			
Sturry and Canterbury West rail corridor improvements	X			
Local rail services	X			
Bus Service Improvement Plan (county-wide)				X
Thameside Fastrack network growth				X
Dover Fastrack network growth				X

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Public and Shared Transport Network proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Mobility as a Service				X
Cycle Hire trials				X
Shared transport hubs (also known as Mobility Hubs)				X
Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet		X		
Opposition to Gatwick expansion				X

Q8a. If you would like to make any comments on the Public and Shared Transport Network proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

As an exclusively pro-rail organisation we remain agnostic about other modes. Our partial support for Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet is because it is not the only and may not be the best way to enhance rail connectivity for Ebbsfleet.

New proposal: KenEx Tram, championed by Thames Gateway Tramlink Ltd.

New proposal: new Hoo-Higham Chord, as part of revived Hoo Peninsula Railway in collaboration with Medway Council and Network Rail, for existing freight and new passenger services via Strood to and from North Kent Main Line and Medway Valley Line.

Q9. Do you agree with the proposals identified for walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorised travel?

Select **one** response option per proposal/row.

Walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorised travel proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Our 15 initial proposed walking zones we will focus on from our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan				X
Our 15 initial proposed cycling route corridors we will focus on from our Kent Cycling and Walking infrastructure plan				X
Public Rights of Way improvements				X

Q9a. If you would like to make any comments on the walking, cycling and other forms on non-motorised travel proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

As an exclusively pro-rail organisation we remain agnostic about other modes.

Section 4 – District proposals

In this section you have the opportunity to tell us your views on our district specific proposals (from page 58 of the draft LTP5). These have been grouped into each of Kent's 12 districts:

- Ashford
- Canterbury
- Dartford
- Dover
- Folkestone and Hythe
- Gravesham
- Maidstone
- Sevenoaks
- Swale
- Thanet
- Tonbridge and Malling
- Tunbridge Wells

You can answer all or as many of the questions on each of the districts as you like. If you would rather not provide feedback for a question/district, just move on to the next one.

Q10. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Ashford?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Ashford proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
International traffic management improvements				X
Return of international passenger rail services to Ashford International station	X			
International rail freight gauge enhancements	X			
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Junction 10a improvements for local traffic				X
A28 Chart Road improvements				X
Local rail service improvements for Maidstone and Marshlink line	X			
Ashford to Charing corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Ashford to Folkestone corridor cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP				X
Improved local connections to Appledore station	X			

Q10a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Ashford or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. *If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.*

For Network Rail's current East Sussex Coastway and MarshLink Strategic Study we are advocating the infrastructure necessary for a second hourly Southern service to and from Ashford International, running limited-stop and restoring regular through services to and from Brighton.

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Q11. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Canterbury?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Canterbury proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
M2 Junction 7 Brenley Corner improvements				X
A2 junction improvements south and west of Canterbury city				X
A299 Thanet Way renewal				X
A299 Thanet Way Chestfield access improvements				X
Sturry link road				X
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent	X			
Local rail service improvements towards Faversham and Dover	X			
Potential rail service to Gatwick	X			
Sturry and Canterbury West station and surrounds improvements	X			
Cycling corridor improvements southwards out of Canterbury towards Dover, Folkestone and Sandwich as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Cycling corridor improvements eastwards out of Canterbury towards Birchington as set out in our KCWIP				X

Q11a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Canterbury or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

Q12. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Dartford?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Dartford proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
The Lower Thames Crossing				X
M25 (A282) Junction 1A improvements				X
Return of international passenger rail services to Ebbsfleet International	X			
Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet		X		
Kent Thameside Fastrack network expansion				X
Bean Fastrack tunnels				X
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Fastrack interchange hub as part of Ebbsfleet station quarter redevelopment				X
Mobility as a Service pilot				X
Learning from shared transport and any mobility hub pilots in Ebbsfleet Garden City				X
Swanscombe and Stone and Dartford station improvements	X			
Dartford town centre improvements (further phases)				X
Walking improvements for the wider Dartford, Swanscombe and Stone area as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Dartford to Stone and Gravesend cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP				X

Q12a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Dartford or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

As Q8a, our partial support for Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet is because it is not the only and may not be the best way to enhance rail connectivity for Ebbsfleet.

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New proposal: KenEx Tram, championed by Thames Gateway Tramlink Ltd

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Q13. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Dover? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Dover proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A2 Dover Access improvements and improvements to Duke of York and Whitfield roundabouts				X
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Dover and Folkestone High Speed rail journey time improvements	X			
Local rail service improvements for Dover to Canterbury East	X			
Dover to Canterbury and Deal corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Improvements to walking in Dover as set out in our KCWIP				X
Improvements to walking in Deal as set out in our KCWIP				X
International traffic management improvements				X
International rail freight gauge enhancements	X			
Sandwich bypass improvements				X
Dover Fastrack network development				X

Q13a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Dover or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

Q14. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Folkestone and Hythe? Select **one response box per proposal/row.**

Folkestone and Hythe proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
International traffic management				X
International rail freight gauge enhancements	X			
Alkham Valley Spitfire Way junction improvements				X
Folkestone and Dover High Speed rail journey time improvements	X			
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent via Ashford International station	X			
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Westenhanger station upgrade for High Speed services	X			
Learning from shared transport and any mobility hub pilots in Otterpool Park Garden Town				X
Folkestone to Canterbury corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Hythe to Ashford corridor cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP				X
Sub-regional walking and cycling corridor from Hythe towards Rye in East Sussex				X

Q14a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Folkestone and Hythe or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q15. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Gravesham?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Gravesham proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
The Lower Thames Crossing				X
Improvements to the local junctions for the A2				X
Kent Thameside Fastrack network expansion				X
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent via Ashford International station	X			
Mobility as a Service pilot				X
M2 Junction 1 enhancements				X
Gravesend to Stone and Dartford cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Gravesend to Meopham cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP				X
Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet		X		

Q15a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Gravesham or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

New proposal: new Hoo-Higham Chord, as part of revived Hoo Peninsula Railway in collaboration with Medway Council and Network Rail, for existing freight and new passenger services via Strood to and from North Kent Main Line and Medway Valley Line.

New proposal: KenEx Tram, championed by Thames Gateway Tramlink Ltd.

Q16. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Maidstone?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Maidstone proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements				X
M20 Junction 7 improvements				X
M2 Junction 4 improvements to support bifurcation strategy, given local growth pressures				X
International traffic management improvements				X
International rail freight gauge enhancements	X			
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Step free access improvements e.g. Maidstone West, Yalding, Marden	X			
Maidstone town centre improvements including Maidstone West urban realm, river crossings, town centre congestion, junctions' performance				X
Maidstone to Sittingbourne corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Extending cycling corridor improvements from Ashford to Charing into the district towards Lenham and Bearsted				X

Q16a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Maidstone or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q17. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Sevenoaks?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Sevenoaks proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
M25-M26-A21 – slips for journeys eastwards on M26 to avoid Sevenoaks town centre				X
Opposition to Gatwick expansion due to noise disturbance from flight paths				X
Bat and Ball junction improvements				X
Improved rail stations in Edenbridge	X			
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Improvements to walking in Swanley as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Improvements to cycling corridors in Sevenoaks.				X

Q17a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Sevenoaks or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q18. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Swale? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Swale proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
M2 Junction 7 Brenley Corner improvements				X
M2 corridor capacity enhancement junction 4 to junction 7				X
Key Street junction improvements				X
Local rail service improvements Sheerness to Sittingbourne and Faversham to Medway	X			
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Sittingbourne town centre improvements including walking journeys as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP) and consideration of approaches to congestion relief including potential new highways routes between the A2 and M2				X
Sittingbourne to Faversham cycling corridor improvements as set out in our KCWIP, along with associated opportunities from the M2 Junction 7 improvements				X
Sheerness to Leysdown cycling corridor improvements as set out in our KCWIP				X

Q18a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Swale or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

Q19. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Thanet? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Thanet proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A28 North Thanet Link				X
Supplemental local development delivered link roads to maximise connectivity and capacity benefits from the North Thanet Link				X
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Ramsgate and Margate town centre improvements as part of funded Town Deals				X
Broadstairs station step free access	X			
Birchington walking improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X
Westwood walking zone improvements as set out in our KCWIP				X
Birchington to Canterbury and Ramsgate cycling corridors improvements as set out in our KCWIP				X

Q19a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Thanet or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. *If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.*

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Q20. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Tonbridge and Malling? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Tonbridge and Malling proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements				X
A228-A264 corridor improvements				X
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
Rail journey time improvements to the Maidstone mainline	X			
Potential rail service to Gatwick	X			
Improving journeys in the Medway gap including walking and cycling network connections				X
Tonbridge walking zone improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				X

Q20a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Tonbridge and Malling or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

Q21. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Tunbridge Wells? Select **one response box per proposal/row.**

Tunbridge Wells proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A228-264 corridor improvements				X
Bus Service Improvement Plan				X
A21 Kipping's Cross junction and corridor improvements				X
Reinstatement of services from Maidstone to Tonbridge via Paddock Wood	X			
Southborough walking zone improvements				X
Improvements in Paddock Wood to improve walking, wheeling and cycling journeys				X

Q21a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Tunbridge Wells or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

New proposal: to benefit both the Spa Valley Railway's heritage operations and traffic using the A26 by preventing collisions involving over-height road vehicles, instal sacrificial collision protection beams over the carriageway free-standing on each side of the bridge to the west of Tunbridge Wells West station.

Section 5 – Any other comments on the draft Local Transport Plan

Q22. If you have any remaining comments on any other aspect of the draft Local Transport Plan, please provide these in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific section, please make this clear in your answer.

Section 6 – Supporting evidence base and assessments

Q23. If you have any comments on our Supporting Evidence Base for the draft Local Transport Plan, please provide these in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific section, please make this clear in your answer.

To help ensure that we are meeting our obligations under the Equality Act 2010 we have prepared an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of our Local Transport Plan.

An EqIA is a tool to assess the potential impact any proposals could have on the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. At KCC we also include carer's responsibilities. The EqIA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5 or in hard copy on request.

Q24. We welcome your views on our equality analysis. If you think there is anything we should consider relating to equality and diversity, please add your comments below.

Please do not include any personal information that could identify you within your response.

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We are required to develop a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to support the full final plan. We have prepared a HIA of our draft Local Transport Plan.

The HIA is used to identify the health and wellbeing impacts of the proposed plan to help us with our planning. The HIA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5 or in hard copy on request.

Q25. We welcome your views on our Health Impact Assessment. If you think there is anything we should consider relating to health and wellbeing, please add your comments below.

Please do not include any personal information that could identify you within your response.

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We are required to develop a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to support the full final plan. We have prepared a SEA of our draft Local Transport Plan.

The SEA is used to identify the potential impacts of the proposed plan on environmental factors to help us with our planning. The SEA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5 or in hard copy on request.

Q26. We welcome your views on our Strategic Environmental Assessment. If you think there is anything we should consider relating to the environment, please add your comments below.

Please do not include any personal information that could identify you within your response.

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We are required to develop a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) to support the full final plan. We have prepared a HRA of our draft Local Transport Plan.

The HRA is used to identify the potential impacts of the proposed plan on areas of Kent with particular environmental protections (Specifically Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Ramsar sites and areas secured as sites compensating for damage to a European site) to help us with our planning. The HRA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5 or in hard copy on request.

Q27. We welcome your views on our Habitats Regulation Assessment. If you think there is anything we should consider relating to the findings of our assessment, please add your comments below.

Please do not include any personal information that could identify you within your response.