

# Joint Lancashire Local Transport Plan (LTP) - DRAFT GOALS, CHALLENGES AND OBJECTIVES

## 1. Supporting Economic Growth

Our draft **Goal** is:

We will secure a strong economic future by making transport and travel more effective and efficient.

We have identified the following **challenges** for the Joint Lancashire LTP:

- Quality of highway network can make travel and transport difficult.
- Cost of delay from congestion to local business.
- Slow delivery and occupation of employment sites.
- Slow delivery of new housing.
- Difficult access between residential areas and employment opportunities.
- Quality of travel and ease of accessibility in the visitor economy.
- Poor quality infrastructure can deter investment.

Our **draft objectives** to meet these challenges are to:

- Maintain and improve the condition of the transport network.
- Reduce congestion and delay by improving network management and promoting alternatives to the car.
- Require good accessibility and effective travel plans for new development.
- Work with partners to develop Local Development Frameworks, Growth Point initiatives and regeneration priorities.
- Work with partners to bring forward commercial and residential development.

## 2. Reducing Carbon Emissions

Our draft **Goal** is:

We will reduce carbon emissions from transport to enable our area to play its role in contributing to UK carbon reduction targets.

We have identified the following **challenges** for the Joint Lancashire LTP:

- High level of carbon emissions from transport
- High dependency on cars for personal travel
- Movement of goods required to meet the population's preferred lifestyles
- The distance travelled to access or deliver goods and services
- Effect of extreme weather patterns on the transport system

Our **draft objectives** to meet these challenges are to:

- Develop and maintain an efficient and sustainable transport system
- Increase use of public transport
- Encourage people to adopt active travel
- Promote the use of more efficient vehicles and vehicle operation
- Adapt the transport system to withstand the impacts of extreme weather

### 3. Contributing to Better Safety, Security and Health

Our draft **Goal** is:

We will enable people to travel safely and reach the services they need and the opportunities that help them succeed.

We have identified the following **challenges** for the Joint Lancashire LTP:

- Road casualties, whilst considerably reduced, remain an ongoing concern
- Road casualties amongst children and in disadvantaged areas are a particular concern
- Passengers using public transport may encounter vandalism and antisocial behaviour
- People feel at risk of crime in some public spaces, particularly at night

Our **draft objectives** to meet these challenges are to:

- Introduce speed management across the highway network to reduce the number and severity of casualties
- Change the behaviour of road users through education, engineering and enforcement to reduce casualties
- Implement projects to reduce child casualties and casualties in areas of deprivation.
- Reduce crime and antisocial behaviour on public transport and in the public realm.

### 4. Promoting Equality of Opportunity:

Our draft **Goal** is:

We will build strong and cohesive communities by enabling people to connect with training, employment opportunities, key local services, social networks and goods through improving accessibility, availability, affordability and acceptability and aim to improve life chances for all and achieve a fairer society.

We have identified the following **challenges** for the Joint Lancashire LTP:

- Travel and accessibility difficulties contribute to inequalities, particularly health
- The needs of different social groups may mean that they do not have equitable access to key services
- There is a growing ageing population with specific transport needs
- People in isolated communities are at risk of poor access to services and social networks
- Limited travel horizons are restricting people's life chances
- People do not possess the skills that are needed to support the future economy

Our **draft objectives** to meet these challenges are to:

- Ensure that people can get the transport information they need and help make transport easier to use
- Work with the health sector to make sure that people can connect with the health provision they need
- Support people living in isolated communities to make sure that they do not miss out on life chances
- Work in partnership with those providing education, learning and training, to make sure that those who need it can connect with appropriate opportunities

- Make sure that the needs of older people are properly addressed so that they are able to continue to take full part in society
- Given that different social groups have particular problems in connecting with things they need, whether through disability or other factors, we will work to break down these barriers

And alongside supporting the economy we will aim to:

- Reduce congestion and delay by improving network management and promoting alternatives to the car
- Require good accessibility and travel plans for new development
- Ensure that major new developments are located where there is good access to public transport, backed by effective provision for pedestrians and cyclists.

## 5. Improve Quality of Life, Health and a Healthy Natural Environment

Our draft **Goal** is:

We will create more liveable communities by making transport less intrusive and more sustainable.

We have identified the following **challenges** for the Joint Lancashire LTP:

- The gap between the most and the least disadvantaged people and communities
- Low quality streets and footways reduce quality of life and make journeys difficult
- Fear of traffic deters modal shift to active travel, particularly cycling
- Impact of traffic, including noise and air pollution, can lower people's wellbeing
- Impact of traffic can reduce community cohesion and social inclusion
- Impact of traffic can damage biodiversity and the natural environment.

Our **draft objectives** to meet these challenges are to:

- Maintain and improve infrastructure to promote better quality of life and sustainable and active travel
- Promote sustainable travel as an alternative to the car
- Promote active travel on trips to local destinations and for leisure
- Manage traffic to reduce its impact, including noise and air pollution, on people's wellbeing
- Manage traffic to reduce its impact on cohesion and social inclusion within the community
- Manage traffic to reduce its impact on biodiversity and the natural environment.

Further information on the above is available on the LTP3 website:

<http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/web/?siteid=5489&pageid=29612>