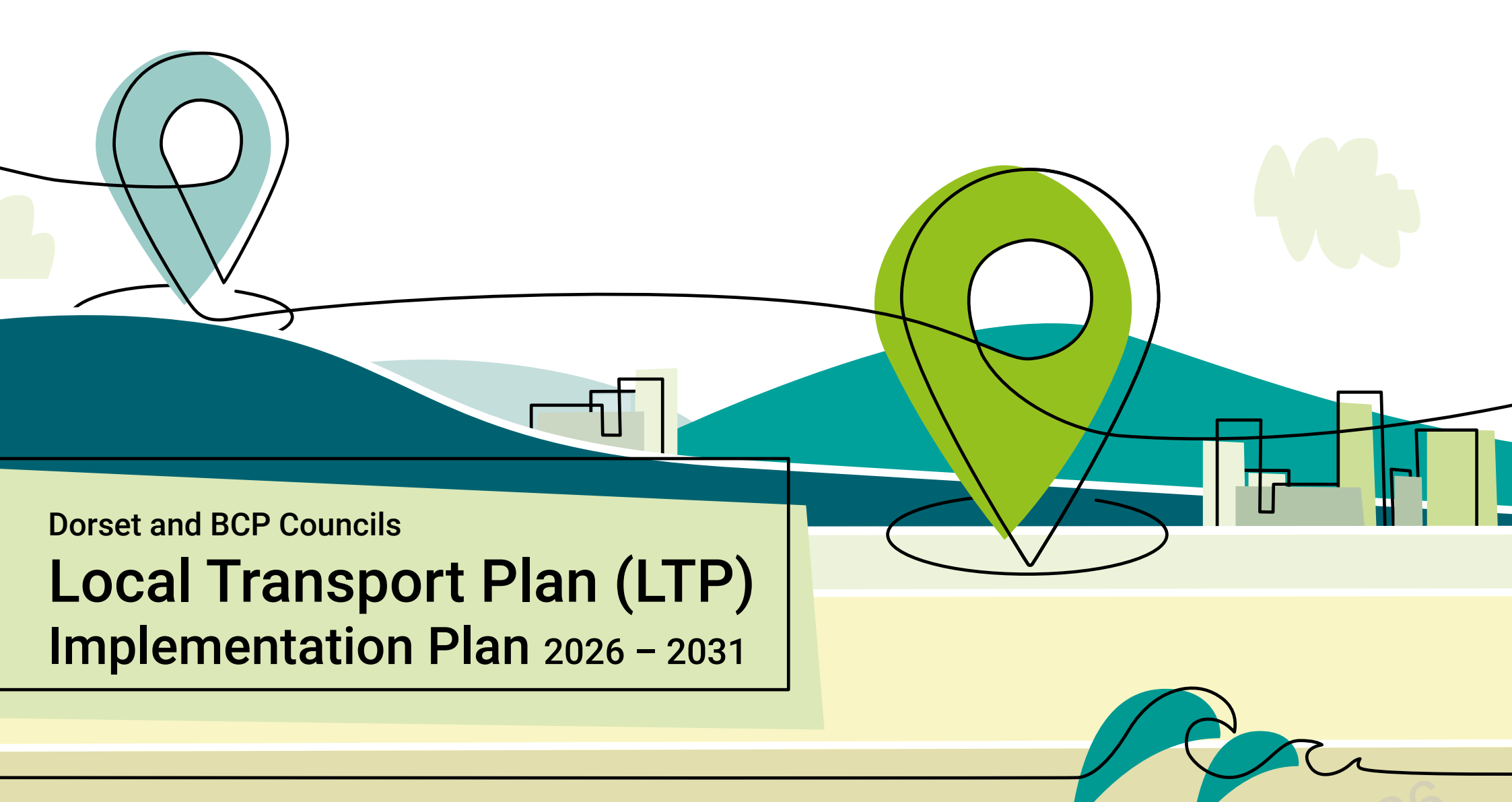




Dorset and BCP Councils

Local Transport Plan (LTP)

Implementation Plan 2026 – 2031



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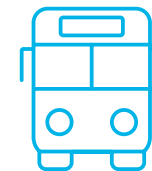
We are proud to present the first joint Implementation Plan as part of our Local Transport Plan (LTP), a shared commitment between Dorset Council and the Bournemouth Christchurch and Poole (BCP) area from 2026 to 2041.

This Implementation Plan, the first of three, five-year plans; is a delivery framework, grounded in the realities of funding, partnership and ambition. It includes a roadmap for delivery, prioritising schemes that are ready to deliver now, while preparing for longer-term transformation.

It supports our bold strategy to transform how people move around our region, supporting sustainable economic growth, tackling the climate and ecological emergencies and improving access to jobs, education and services.

We are committed to delivering real change. Over the next five years, we will focus on the most mature and influential schemes, those that will reduce carbon emissions, reduce congestion, improve safety and expand travel choices. From new walking and cycling routes to zero-emission public transport, from electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure to safer school journeys, this plan outlines tangible steps that will benefit residents, businesses and visitors alike, however they travel.

We are clear about the scale of the challenge. Delivering this plan will require significant and sustained investment. While we are grateful for core government funding, this will not be enough. That's why we are actively pursuing additional investment from government, developers and private partners and working closely with Network Rail, National Highways, Western Gateway Sub National Transport Body and local transport operators to unlock shared-investment and align our priorities. But the funding landscape is uncertain and the scale of ambition required to meet our net-zero targets and support inclusive growth means we must be bold in seeking new solutions and innovative funding mechanisms.



This plan is a call to action, not just for government, but for businesses, developers and communities. It is a shared responsibility to invest in a transport system that works for everyone. We are committed to delivering the first five year phase of schemes between 2026 – 2031 and to building the case for further investment in the medium and long term.

We invite you to join us in making this vision a reality. Together, we can build a transport future that is sustainable, inclusive and resilient – for today and for generations to come.



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1. Introduction

Dorset and BCP Councils joint Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2026 to 2041 will deliver a **sustainable**, **inclusive** and **accessible** transport network that benefits everyone and supports a **vibrant economy**.

Over the next 15 years, the focus will be on increasing transport options, whilst improving **safety**, **health**, **accessibility**, **connectivity**, **travel experience** and reducing pollution from transport.

Our new **ambitious vision** has been informed by our residents, our local communities as well as local businesses and organisations.

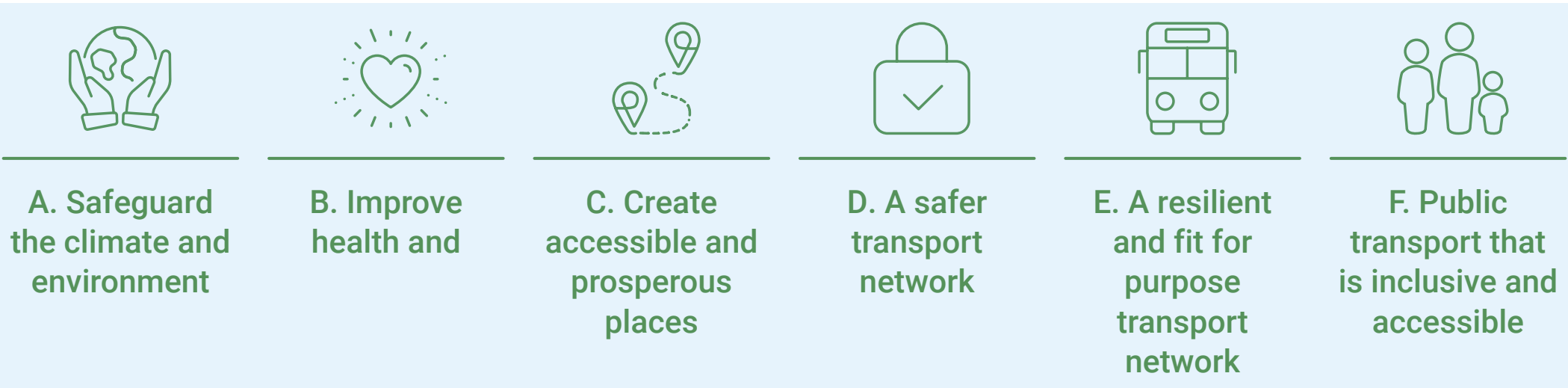
This Implementation Plan should be read alongside our strategy, both of which form a statutory document, which sets out how we will plan, manage and improve transport in, and how this will be delivered.

A glossary is provided at the end of this strategy for clarification of relevant transport terms and abbreviations.

Our travel will be transformed through **innovation** and **digital connectivity**, creating accessible and inclusive travel choices for our residents, workers and visitors. Our transport network will support **sustainable economic growth** in our urban and rural communities, contribute to our **decarbonisation** targets and **protect** our unique local environment.

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To achieve our vision we have outlined six key objectives and defined success for each. The objectives all contribute towards achieving our vision.



To deliver our LTP over the next 15 years, this Implementation Plan (IP) has set out specific and supporting schemes which will be developed and delivered to achieve the LTP vision and objectives.

This IP will cover the period 2026 to 2041. Some schemes are ready to deliver, while others require some development work at the start or early into the LTP period. These schemes feature in the short term, first phase **Implementation Plan (IP1)**.

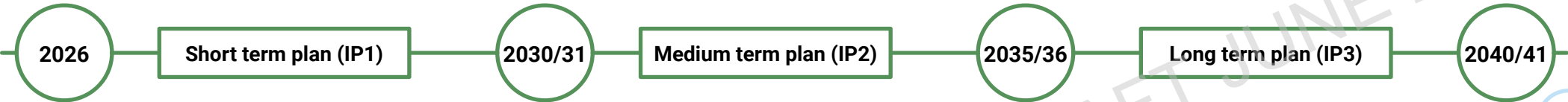
Other schemes will require more detailed/strategic development work to advance planning and secure funding.

Less mature and more complex schemes have been identified for further development and/or delivery in the medium-term Implementation Plan (IP2) and longer-term Implementation Plan (IP3) phasing of LTP. For individual schemes appropriate local consultation (including methods such as randomised sample surveys) will take place at development stage.

The IP is structured in 3 five-year phases:

- Short term plan (IP1) from 2026 to 2031 – this will be a more detailed plan which outlines the schemes which are the most mature and deliverable.

- Medium term plan (IP2) from 2031 to 2036 – a plan outlining schemes to be developed and delivered during the second phase of the LTP from 2031 to 2036. These schemes will require detailed planning and greater certainty in relation to funding.
- Long term plan (IP3) from 2036 to 2041 – a plan outlining the schemes to be developed and delivered during the third phase of the LTP from 2036 to 2041. These schemes have the greatest uncertainty in terms of planning and funding sources.



2. Funding



Funding all the schemes to deliver our transport strategy will be challenging. To meet our vision and objectives we will need to seek funding from central government and a range of other sources.

This may include:

- Financial and infrastructure contributions from future developments that this transport strategy will help to unlock and deliver.
- Mechanisms that enable the LTP authorities to capture some of the uplift in land value resulting from new transport programmes.
- Reinvestment of revenue from innovative measures that could be considered by the councils.

The current potential funding sources available to Dorset and BCP Councils are outlined in this section. These represent the known funding sources at the start of the IP1 period. As we progress through the medium and longer term periods of the plan the uncertainty around funding resource increases.

Core government funding

The government provides an annual funding allocation to Dorset and BCP Councils through the **Local Transport Grant (LTG)**. The LTG comprises of capital funding and resource (revenue) funding spread over 4 years (2026/27 to 2029/30). This funding allows the Councils to support schemes in line with local priorities for transport maintenance enhancements and to deliver more ambitious transport projects.

We have assumed that funding for 2030/31 will be equivalent to 2029/30 levels to estimate the funding resource during the IP1 period.

The councils also receive resource funding to help build capacity and capability to deliver local transport priorities. Following the recent confirmed multiyear settlement this funding is confirmed for the first three financial years of the LTP (2026/7 to 2028/9). The LTG has been confirmed in four-year blocks until 2029/30 which covers the first four years of this IP.

Structural maintenance funding for 2026/7 as part of the funding settlement is set at £25.8 million for Dorset and £7.8 million for BCP, with equivalent levels of funding throughout the IP1 period totalling an estimated £211.6 million of funding for maintaining the road network in the LTP area (refer to annex A, B and C later on the plan on page 39-41).

Funding from bids and grants

To support national transport policies, further funding is provided to councils from central government through competitive bidding processes and grants to progress specific schemes. Funding can be one off amounts, or incremental over several years to deliver a programme of improvements but usually covering a limited time period.

Both Dorset and BCP Councils have been successful at bidding for, securing and delivering transport infrastructure from central government grant funding opportunities over the last decade. More than £100m has been secured from bids/grants and invested in transport infrastructure across the Dorset Council and BCP areas.

Both councils have achieved overall amber ratings for highways maintenance, as determined by the Government. This has maximised access to funding based on proven performance.

For Active Travel England (ATE) funding in 2025 Dorset Council is at level 1, aiming to progress upwards following publication of their **Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP)**. BCP in 2025 has risen to level 3 with aspirations to achieve level 4 (the highest level) as soon as practical.

The councils will continue to be proactive in bidding for central government funding opportunities to secure additional resource to deliver large transport schemes/projects to meet the LTP vision and objectives and support any devolution opportunities from local government re-organisation during the lifetime of the LTP.

With a 15-year LTP timeframe and changes to national government leading to shifting transport priorities there are uncertainties over the amounts and nature of bids and grants that will be available to support LTP delivery in the medium and longer term.

The likely funding resource to develop and deliver LTP IP schemes (2026/27 to 2030/31) is £203.5 million for Dorset Council (see Annex A) and £112.3 million for BCP (see Annex B) totalling an estimated funding resource of £315.8 million to progress the IP1 period schemes across the joint LTP area (Annex C). This is based on the updated settlement from central government and supporting assumptions as outlined in the annex footnotes. It should be noted that the estimated funding figures in Annex A to C, are based on the most up to date information from central government at the time of writing and supporting assumptions as outlined in the Annex footnotes.

Partnership working

The progress of the LTP will rely on support from transport partner contributions to jointly fund improvement schemes. We will work in partnership with:

Network Rail (Great British Railways) to enhance rail connectivity and accessibility, with priority schemes including the Heart of Wessex Line business case to improve services between Weymouth and Bristol, including better access to destinations further west relating to the Yeovil Chord and the Dorset Metro

business case for a more frequent and integrated rail service between South Eastern Dorset, the BCP conurbation and southern Hampshire. Additionally, both councils are committed to station accessibility improvements, ensuring that rail travel is inclusive and convenient for all users. Through liaison, railway industry funding streams including **Rail Network Enhancement Pipeline (RNEP)** and **Access for All** will be reviewed to scope schemes.

National Highways to support strategic road improvements that enhance freight access to ports, support economic growth and improve safety and journey times, including delivery of the **M4 to Dorset Coast Strategic Study** recommendations to achieve a more resilient and efficient north-south route. We are prioritising upgrades to the A31 and A35, which are vital east-west corridors for regional connectivity. Both Dorset and BCP Councils will work with NH to develop improvements on the Major Road Network (MRN) that connects into the Strategic Road Network (SRN).

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, the national charity promoting active travel, to enhance the National Cycle Network (NCN). This collaboration will secure funding to upgrade key sections of NCN to make the routes more accessible for all users, including those with mobility aids and adapted cycles. The partnership with Walk Wheel Cycle Trust is central to delivering a more connected and inclusive active travel network across Dorset, encouraging more people to walk, wheel and cycle for everyday journeys.

Local public transport operators (bus, rail, coach, micromobility) to deliver improvements to the transport network and services across Dorset and BCP. Examples include new buses and routes provided commercially by bus operators and provision of cycle and scooter hire schemes. Investment in train stations, including improving

making stations accessible for all are developed by the rail industry but often with local contributions.

Ports to strengthen transport links that support economic growth, freight efficiency and sustainable development. Key priorities include enhancing freight access, reducing congestion on key corridors such as the A35, A31, A37 and A350 and supporting the transition to low-carbon logistics.

Bournemouth International Airport to enhance transport links and travel choice to support economic growth, freight efficiency and sustainable development. We will focus on connectivity to key road links like A338, B3073 and the A347 providing more transport options, supporting employment growth, active travel opportunities for employees and facilitating freight access and transfer.

Distribution System Operators (DSOs), including Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks (SSEN) and National Grid, to support the transition to low-carbon transport, particularly the rollout of EV charging infrastructure and the electrification of public and freight transport. Through joint engagement on Local Area Energy Plans and network capacity mapping, the councils and DSOs are identifying priority areas for grid reinforcement and smart energy solutions.

Western Gateway Sub National Transport Body

We will continue to work in partnership with the Western Gateway Sub National Transport Body (and any replacement regional transport body) to secure development funding for feasibility schemes and to make the case to government for investment in strategically important regional transport schemes identified in the **Western Gateway Strategic Investment Plan (SIP)**. At the time of writing, it is unclear if delivery funding will be made available through the DfT for SIP schemes.

Developer contributions

Financial contributions from developers will continue to be essential to mitigate the impact of developments on the transport network through the lifetime of LTP.

General funding will be secured through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions and site specific funding by:

- Section 106 (S106) agreements – legal agreements between the developer and the local authority. Funding is directly linked to planning permission and is used for mitigation of unacceptable impacts of development on the highway network, agreed on a site by site basis.
- Section 278 (S278) agreements – legal agreements between the developer and the local authority which allow the developer to make amendments to the public highway as part of planning approval to facilitate the development.

CIL contributions are collected from developers for general infrastructure and could be ring fenced for highways and strategic transport infrastructure.

Other-non transport sources

Our LTP, as a longer-term transport strategy covers travel for all, awareness and sharing of the vision encourages support from businesses, organisations and the wider community. Financial investment to increase travel choices to private sites through organisational travel plans and specific interventions will play an important role in helping to deliver our LTP vision and objectives. We will seek to work with local organisations and support them to deliver complementary travel infrastructure (e.g. provision of

electric vehicle charging and cycle facilities) and services (e.g. provision of private bus services or contribution to public bus services) and when the opportunity arises, to identify sources of funding.

Long-term revenue and capital funding

In the longer term, revenue funding is needed to keep our infrastructure and services operating. We will continue to seek an increased and fairer funding award for Dorset and BCP without which there cannot be a significant improvement in our transport services.

To achieve the LTP vision and objectives, the councils will need to explore opportunities to drive change some of which could generate additional revenue to bridge anticipated funding gaps. Best practice from other parts of the UK demonstrates how this can be achieved.

Some recent examples include lane rental permit schemes (Kent County Council) and moving traffic regulation orders (Bristol City Council) to improve network performance and safety; a workplace parking levy (Nottingham City Council) to deliver transformational public transport infrastructure; Clean air zones (CAZs) (Bath and North East Somerset Council) to provide cleaner and healthier air; and the use of parking charge revenue to fund improved and more effective traffic enforcement (Brighton and Hove City Council).

We will explore and secure other funding sources once they become available as we go through the lifecycle of the LTP and this funding list will then be updated.



Rail connectivity – platform and footbridge at a busy Bournemouth station.



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Rail Departures

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13:45	Weymouth	Plat. 2	On time
13:45	Bournemouth	Plat. 1	On time
13:45	London Waterloo	Plat. 1	On time
13:45	Bournemouth	Plat. 2	On time



Christchurch



Christchurch train station entrance with wayfinding and real time information totem.

3. Prioritisation

We have had to prioritise the delivery of new schemes in the IP because the funding and resource requirements exceed the current provision. The process that we have followed to prioritise new schemes for development and delivery is outlined in this section.

Scheme longlisting

The first step in the prioritisation process, was to develop a provisional pipeline of interventions by identifying schemes from our existing transport plans, policies and studies as outlined in Annex D. A comprehensive and inclusive approach was taken when compiling the long list through engagement with internal BCP and Dorset Council stakeholders.

A provisional list of 500 interventions across the BCP and Dorset area was then consolidated by sifting each scheme through an assessment by deliverability, scheme maturity and clarity of definition. The sift process identified and removed schemes that were duplicated or did not meet the following criteria:

- Not part of a committed intervention
- Sufficient detail for assessment
- Be within the sphere of influence of either (or both) BCP Council and Dorset Council
- Alignment with the LTP Vision.

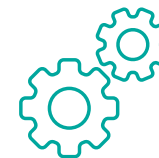
Scheme shortlisting and prioritisation

The remaining 380 schemes were then assessed against the LTP vision and six objectives, using a formal assessment matrix to ensure scoring was undertaken in a robust and consistent way. Each scheme was scored against each objective and then a total score calculated in terms of total impact to provide clarity and consistency when assessing each scheme. The schemes were then ranked by overall score from highest to lowest. The top 80 schemes (by overall score) were then identified as priority short listed schemes.

Refining the short list

The 80 short listed schemes were then reviewed to consider the balance and the mix of scheme types. This review concluded that a greater balance of schemes was required, with the initial short-list heavily skewed towards 'shift' type interventions e.g. active travel schemes, with too few 'avoid' and 'improve' interventions making the short-list.

The review also highlighted a gap between the 80 shortlisted schemes and the scale of ambition required to efficiently deliver against decarbonisation objectives.



A technical note was produced to identify scheme themes that could be used to address the identified gaps. The following scheme types were recommended:

- More 'avoid' interventions such as public transport incentives e.g. fare subsidies and disincentives e.g. a Workplace Parking Levy (WPL).
- Examine more 'improve' interventions e.g. schemes to decarbonise freight movements.

In total 15 schemes were identified to be added to the refined priority short list (95 schemes in total).

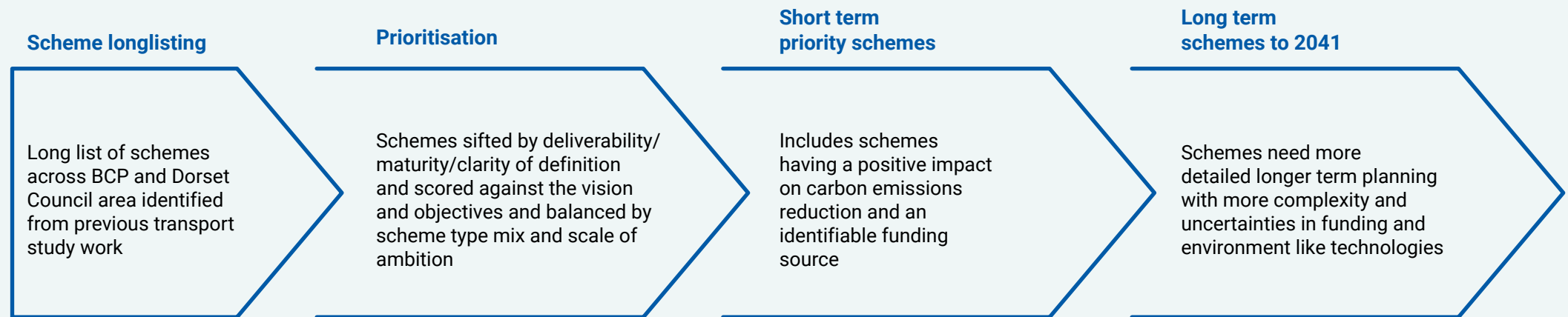
Prioritising schemes for IP1

Our short-term plan (IP1) will cover the period 2026 to 2031. The schemes included in IP1 have been selected based on certainty of funding/resource to develop and/or deliver schemes during this period and certain schemes have been prioritised based on the level of positive impact the scheme will have on reducing carbon emissions.

Longer term schemes – IP2 and IP3

Schemes that have less certainty around funding and/or require further detailed development work to progress have been identified for activity in the medium term (IP2) and/or longer term (IP3). These schemes are considered more complex and

therefore require more time/funding to advance. We will continue to develop these schemes so that detailed proposals can be included in future implementation plans.



Quantified Carbon Assessment

Our Local Transport Plan includes a section on decarbonising transport – with analysis providing a transport de-carbonisation pathway from 2025 until 2050.

Emissions from transport are expected to gradually fall, but without interventions there will still be a 32% gap between projected emissions (the thick black line and the level required – purple dotted line to meet the target pathway to net zero).

Independent assessment indicated the IP shortlist of schemes if delivered, could reduce emissions by 896 kilotonnes of CO₂ equivalent (ktCO₂e) between 2025 and 2050 – shown by the yellow shaded area on the graph. This represents a 6% reduction compared to the most likely future emissions scenario and closes the gap by around 19%. Further reductions of 3,229 ktCO₂e are needed to fully meet the net zero target.

Progressing towards net zero contributes to improving public health, reducing congestion and widening transport choice. The analysis shows the shortlist of IP interventions can meaningfully contribute, but also the scale of the challenge ahead.

Some of these challenges are:

- An estimated 5% of emissions come from through trips passing through our area, outside of direct influence – requiring collaboration with regional and national partners.
- Expected growth of car and van travel of up to 20% by 2030 – strategic planning is needed to minimise carbon impacts from housing and economic growth.
- Goods movement accounts for 28% of transport emissions. Limited alternatives and slower uptake of zero emission technologies reduce progress within the freight sector.

- Electric vehicle uptake is uncertain, potential emissions reductions of up to 42% depends on widespread infrastructure installation to support change.
- Over 40% of our transport emissions come from rural areas, where sustainable transport options are less developed – a place-based approach is needed to ensure an equitable transition.
- Current local transport funding is insufficient to deliver the scale of change required – a strong evidence base is needed to make the case for future investment.

To meet the target pathway to net-zero and deliver the overall vision of the LTP, the required ambitious approach needs more focus on measures that reduce the need to travel and encourage sustainable travel through demand management.

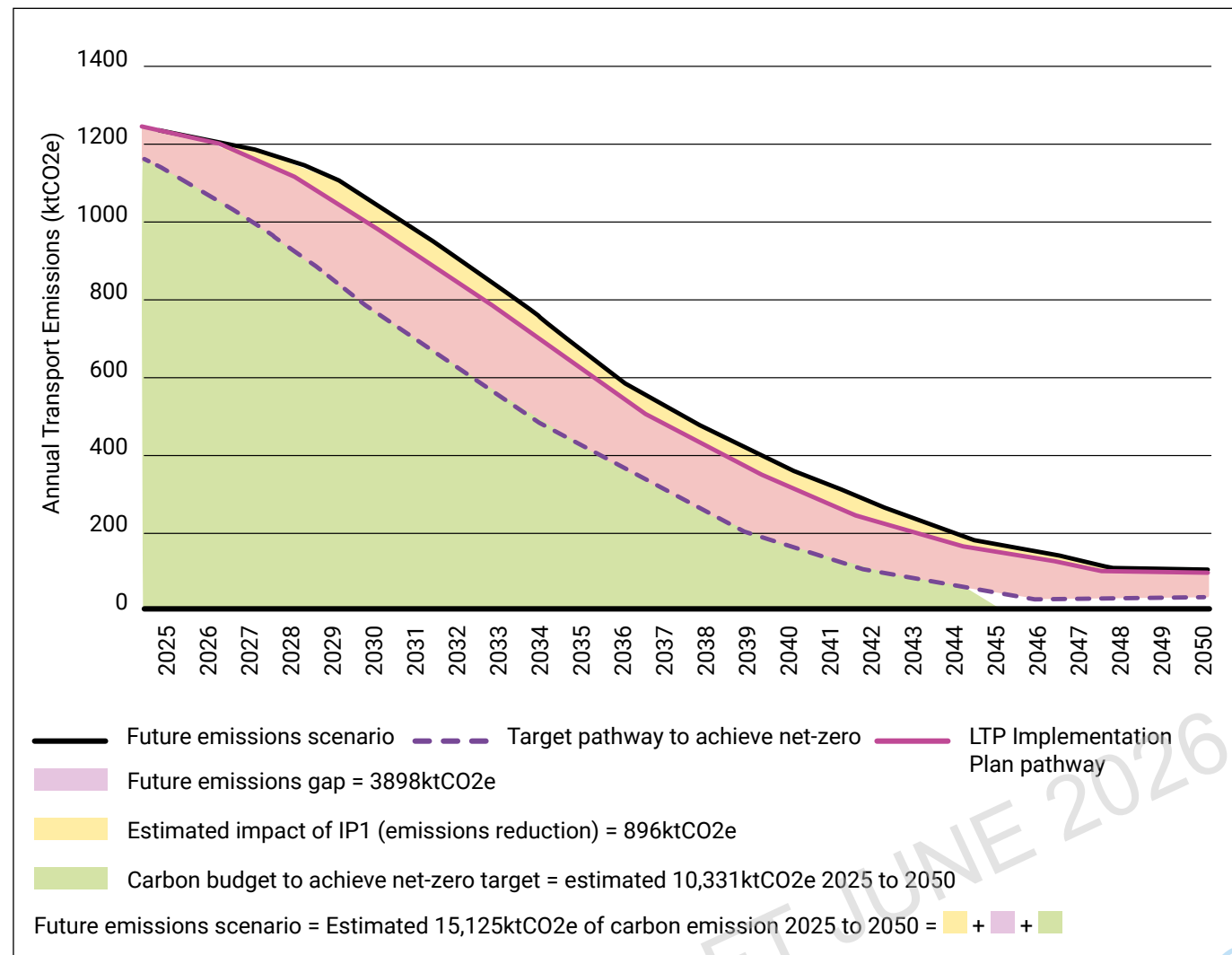
Our area will need to progress policies including charging/clean air/zero emission zones and workplace parking levies.

To go further and faster we will need:

- Significantly more funding and resources to enable transformation of our transport network
- More robust national transport policy framework to support local delivery
- Enhanced collaboration with partners, business and communities.

An evidence led phased approach in the IP1 period upholds the case for further investment in longer term in periods IP2 and IP3. The path to net zero requires bold decisions which consequently deliver our transport plan objectives with wider economic, health and environmental benefits.

Figure 1.1 Transport decarbonisation pathway 2025 to 2050 (Dorset and BCP area)

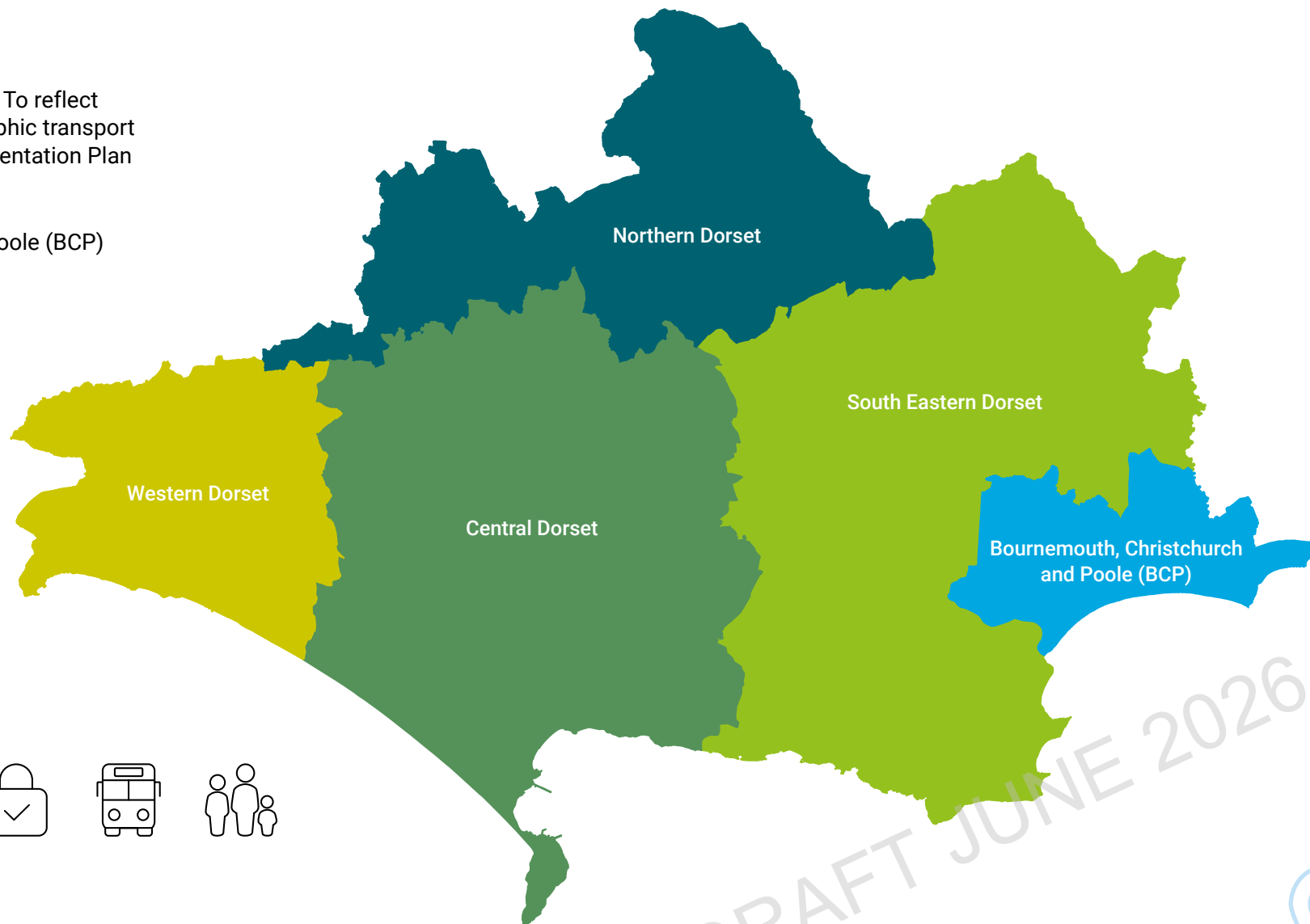


4. LTP Implementation Plan by area

Approach

The LTP area is extensive and varied. To reflect the diverse geographic and demographic transport needs of Dorset and BCP, the Implementation Plan is presented as five area plans:

- Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP)
- South Eastern Dorset
- Central Dorset
- Northern Dorset
- Western Dorset



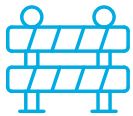
BCP Council detailed area map



5. Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole

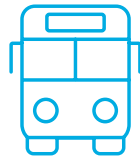
About the area

The shared vision for BCP is where people, nature, coast and towns come together in sustainable safe and healthy communities. Described as a special place, our location is a unique blend of outstanding natural environment, proud heritage and diverse vibrant communities.



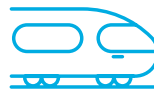
**6,274
defects
in 2025**

were repaired across the network including potholes, footways and kerbs with 1,586 road lines and signs refreshed and replaced



**24.6 million
bus journeys**

a year locally. Overall satisfaction with bus services in the top 10 nationally since BCP was formed – of all the locations covered by **Transport Focus** surveys



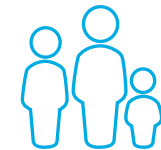
**Seven railway
stations**

located within BCP, with an eight (Hinton Admiral) on the border with Hampshire, which serves many BCP residents. There were 5.15 million entries and exits in BCP stations (2023/24)



**66%
of residents**

unhappy with level of congestion compared to 59% nationally



**44%
of employed
residents**

aged 16 or over travelled less than 10km to work according to the 2021 census

BCP council comprises of the three towns of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, along with many thriving district centres. The total population is around 409,000, anticipated to increase to half a million by the end of the LTP period, linked to significant allocated housing growth.

While many local people identify with the three distinctive towns the overall size of the population ensures residents to gain access to a much greater range of services and jobs than otherwise might be expected for individual towns of their size. This gives rise to more commuting trips and others between three towns and various district centres.

With the New Forest National Park, Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site and National Landscape of the Isle of Purbeck surrounding us there are significant leisure transport flows to and from these areas. Transport pressures intensify in peak periods. The multi-centred nature of the conurbation, significant tourism related travel and the constraints of the sea on one side, two rivers and green belt to the north all add challenges to our transport environment.

Bournemouth is at the centre of the conurbation with a history as a planned Victorian seaside resort now a vibrant seaside destination with a strong retail and employment offer.

Poole is founded on its distinct maritime heritage with its world renowned harbour and leisure destination of Poole Quay. The town has significant potential and opportunities for a programme of sensitive, heritage-led regeneration on previously developed land and possible re-location of the train station to re-generate the town centre.

Christchurch is situated to the east – a place rich in history with an 11th century Priory, thriving high street combined with harbour and river natural

beauty which requires a balance of heritage-led regeneration and protection.

BCP has an aging population, with a higher proportion of residents over the age of 65 and a smaller proportion of the population under the age of 16 when compared with the national average for England.

BCP has high car ownership levels, with 81% of our population living in a household with access to a car (compared to 76% national average). Car ownership levels are higher in Dorset (86%), which results in most of the cross-boundary trips into the BCP area by car for travel to work, education, leisure and health appointments.

The BCP area has areas of contrast, including some of the most affluent and most deprived areas in the country. This also results in complex travel and commuting issues.

The BCP shared vision includes that people and places are connected by sustainable and modern infrastructure. The aim is to provide a safe, accessible, sustainable and convenient transport network that meets the needs of all residents. This IP will significantly contribute to this part of the vision.

Transport links

The 813 miles of road network across the three towns comprises of 9% 'A' roads, with 77% of the network classified as residential roads. BCP suffers from **significant congestion** on large parts of the network, especially along the few east west corridors and at the limited river crossing locations, resulting in **unreliable journeys** times for private and public transport users.

As the Local Highway Authority BCP Council is responsible for the maintenance of 1248km of carriageway, 1725 km of footway and 273 km of

cycleway. Road condition surveys are carried out annually on our classified road network and 25% of our unclassified network. 77% of roads in BCP are classified as good which compares favourably to the England average of 57%. Figures from the DfT placed road conditions across BCP as being in the top 20% nationally with the highest green ranking.

There are no motorways connecting BCP or Dorset. The A31 provides a vital high functioning east-west link to the wider Strategic Road Network, for residents, visitors and freight movements. The National Highways 'M4 to Dorset Coast study' has acknowledged **poor road connectivity to the north** (to Bristol and beyond) with limited options for improvements.

BCP has a good public bus network which provided 24.5m passenger journeys in 2025. At the time of writing the council funds a small network of contracted bus services to complement the commercial network operated by Go South Coast.

The BCP walking and wheeling network has been established over many years and comprises paths, footways and rights of way. In recent years new paths and crossings have been provided to improve that network. Some busy roads remain a barrier and additional crossings are still required, whilst in some areas, high volumes of traffic on residential side roads make navigating these streets feel unsafe and uncomfortable for pedestrians.

Thanks to the Council's success in bidding for funding and delivering high quality schemes, the cycle network has improved in recent years and has started to form a more coherent and attractive network suitable for a wider range of users. Active Travel England rated BCP Council as Capability Rating Level 3 (joint highest rating in England) in 2025, which describes 'Comprehensive plans, significant network in place'. Some parts of BCP



People cycling along seafront
near Boscombe Pier

remain relatively poorly served by high quality cycling infrastructure, but this is gradually being addressed with improvements identified through the LCWIP. A significant challenge in delivering segregated cycle lanes is carriageway width, further impacted by the ongoing increasing widths of motor vehicles.

BCP has a micromobility share scheme operated by Beryl (at the time of writing). The scheme provides a combined total of 1200 standard bikes, e-bikes and e-scooters to hire at over 350 locations across BCP, providing low carbon and multi-modal travel options. BCP is outwardly connected to the wider regions and beyond by the rail network, with a direct route to London Waterloo via the South West mainline from Weymouth and direct connections from Bournemouth to Manchester, via key locations such as Southampton Central, Reading and Birmingham.

There is currently **no regular rail freight** being transported to/from or through the BCP area. On the wider regional rail network, there is poor connectivity to destinations in the South West region such as Bristol, Gloucester and Exeter. The Port of Poole and Bournemouth International Airport are international gateways for BCP. Currently surface access to both is mostly car (or taxi) dependent due to limited sustainable transport options. This also limits employment opportunities for people who don't drive or have a car available.

Delivery Plan 2026 – 2041

The Implementation Plan for the BCP area focuses on improving the travel to the three towns, between them and other local district centres and the connectivity to the wider area for employment, education, leisure and other activities.

By reallocating highway capacity effectively and increasing transport options through a holistic

movement strategy, parking strategy and other interventions over the next 15 years, we will deliver a sustainable, inclusive and accessible transport network that benefits everyone and supports a vibrant economy in BCP. We plan to develop and deliver a broad range of schemes to achieve our strategic vision and objectives. Appropriate local consultation (including methods such as randomised sample surveys) will take place at the development stage for individual schemes.



To reduce transport emissions and safeguard the climate and environment, we will:

Develop and deliver a **zero emission vehicle infrastructure strategy** and encourage the role out of EV by investing our LEVI funding to help accelerate uptake by our residents.

Promote and **incentivise the uptake of the Community EV charging scheme** and facilitate the **expansion and decarbonisation of the car club scheme**.

Work with partners to **increase the provision of EV charging infrastructure at workplaces** and for private vehicles across BCP.

Work in partnership with operators to provide infrastructure to **facilitate a zero emission public bus fleet and work with other local large fleet providers** to deliver public access facilities.



To support healthier and safer communities with improved travel options, we will:

Enable people to integrate small amounts of physical activity into their daily lives, thus improving their physical and mental health, by making it easier to walk, wheel or cycle short local trips.

Develop and deliver **pedestrian crossings** at priority sites and invest in a **network** of legible, safe routes, with better wayfinding, lighting and route visibility, to improve pedestrian connectivity and access.

Continue to develop the **BCP LCWIP** and deliver priority schemes, with a focus on providing safe cycle routes on quieter streets to increase the density and connectivity of our cycle network. We will identify a prioritised list of **neighbourhoods** suitable for **area-wide treatments** which will create safer and more pleasant walking, wheeling and cycling environments and increase travel choice.

We will seek funding to develop more BCP strategic cycle routes to link to our existing infrastructure and improve connectivity across the BCP area. These high quality, safe and coherent cycle routes will link our residents to key attractions, employment and economic centres.

Work with our neighbouring local authority partners to develop **regional cycle network routes** to connect regional gateways, major population centres and other regionally important destinations. We will focus on significant barriers and gaps in the network such as streets and gyratories, missing river crossings and busy junctions to improve regional cycle connectivity and accessibility.



To create accessible and prosperous places, we will:

Develop and deliver holistic **town centre movement strategies** and **network management plans** which identify packages of interventions to enhance network efficiency, improve public realm and promote and prioritise safer, healthier and more sustainable journeys within and between our town centres.

Deliver a **package of improvements in Christchurch Town Centre** to prioritise space for walking, cycling and public transport and reduce network pressures at strategic river crossings linking into the town centre.

Deliver improved transport options on a priority corridor from Bournemouth Travel Interchange to Bournemouth Centre and seafront as part of a package of improvements in Bournemouth Town Centre.

Develop improved connectivity and access to Poole Town Centre through **enhancements to Poole Travel Interchange** and develop a package of complementary measures to improve access and movement around and within Poole Town Centre.

Improve the efficiency and sustainability of freight movements by working with partners to support the **expansion of the Port of Poole and the reopening of the Hamworthy Branch Line**.

Provide a package of sustainable access and connectivity improvements **linking the A338 to key employment sites at Wessex Fields, Aviation Business Park and Bournemouth International Airport**.

Continue to support resident and business behaviour change initiatives through providing a **cycle grant scheme for businesses** to fund facilities to encourage active commuting.

In developing our Local Plan, review the transport interventions required to support the delivery of new homes and employment sites in BCP, including the potential for a **mass transit** scheme to link existing and new communities across BCP.

As part of creating accessible and prosperous places, the initiatives listed deliver additional transport choices, **reducing congestion** for motorists and giving transport options for new housing developments to reduce the impact on the network.

The viability of places is also enhanced through **improving the condition** of our highway network, transport assets and infrastructure.



To enable safer journeys, we will:

Support and co-develop community focused **liveable neighbourhoods** to make our local roads safer, create more pleasant places to live, promote healthy journeys and better connect places. Prioritising areas for consideration will be resident led, with engagement and work with local communities to co-design them. In addition, we will work through a prioritised list of **collision cluster sites** to address existing safety issues and provide safer journeys for all road users at locations identified as part of an annual review to decide on the priority sites.

Improve safety through infrastructure and targeted campaigns, to provide and promote **safe routes to schools**. We will develop plans for a **child friendly streets scheme** to improve conditions for walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling for the entire journey to school with the aim of enabling 90% of children to make safe and active journeys to school. We will also deliver a **Sustainable Modes of Travel to School (SMOTS) Strategy** to develop an integrated approach across all areas of work for promoting sustainable travel to school and Further Education (FE) colleges, to enable safe and equitable access to education for children and young people.

In support of this, we will continue to provide **Bikeability** training in schools, to deliver a programme of national standard cycle training, aiming to meet the Government's target of 80% of children achieving Bikeability Level 2 by the time they leave primary school. We will also provide **free cycle training for adults** to build confidence and encourage healthier travel options for all.

Improve **personal safety** when travelling as some people, including women and girls, often feel less safe when travelling than others. Transport facilities will be and feel safer through **improved design** and maintenance. Alongside this, higher public transport frequency will increase footfall and natural surveillance in public places.



To provide a resilient and fit for purpose transport network, we will:

Prioritise improvements – to the condition, quality and resilience of highway assets – resulting in better pavements and roads which is a high priority for our residents. The commitment to **reducing the number of potholes** will also through resolving the condition of roads, aim to prevent them from forming.

Design and implement a lane rental scheme to minimise disruption and reduce the impact of road works by implementing a daily charge to companies undertaking works on the network. Benefits will include improved planning, coordination and working methods to maximise efficiency, reduced durations of works and more works planned outside of peak periods. Any surplus revenue will be reinvested into projects to further 'reduce the disruption and other adverse effects caused by street works.'

Work to establish an **integrated cross boundary network management plan** with our neighbouring authorities, aiming to combine better co-ordinated operational management of the network and traffic movement within and across the authorities' boundaries. We will support Network Rail, Great British Railways and National Highways in the management of their networks and work closely to facilitate seamless journeys between our local network and their national infrastructure.



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Aerial view of Poole port.
(Credit – Poole Harbour
Commissioners)

We will work to secure funding to deliver network improvements to traffic signals and Variable Messaging Signs (VMS) and to improve the movement for all journeys across the network. As an initial phase of the **A338, Wessex Fields and Aviation Business Park and to Bournemouth International Airport access package**, we will plan and deliver an upgrade of traffic signals equipment at key junctions on the Castle Lane East corridor and seek opportunities to improve the flow of traffic and provide safer and more convenient journeys for pedestrians and cyclists.

As part of our asset management programme, we will improve the **resilience** of controlled crossings by reducing the average asset life through a rolling programme of upgrades and enhancements. We will also continue to deliver cost effective and targeted highway maintenance programmes that balance **preventative and planned maintenance activities**, minimise whole life costs and **improve network resilience** and will seek opportunities to deliver enhancements schemes in a coordinated fashion.

A major project during IP1 is the planned refurbishment to the Poole Twin Sails Bridge to improve reliability, significantly extend the asset life and address the traffic management issues for residents and businesses across Holes Bay through improved VMS.

Work with National Highways to deliver **capacity and safety improvements along the A31 corridor and support improvements to local connections**. Improvements will focus on vehicular traffic flows at strategic junctions and pinch-points providing opportunities to increase travel choices for active travel and public transport journeys. We will support investment in segregated bus, walking and cycling facilities parallel to the SRN to reduce the demand for local car trips. In addition to improving connectivity into the BCP area, the council shall work closely with National Highways to ensure it is

planning for the impacts of future local growth on the SRN and improving journey time reliability.

Review the **BCP Parking Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)** and associated planning guidance to ensure it remains up to date with national best practice and continues to support economic growth across BCP.

Utilise newly granted powers to enforce unauthorised **pavement parking** to ensure pavements allow safe passage for walking and wheeling.

Explore the potential for a **Workplace Parking Levy** to encourage a sustainable approach to work travel and support the wider objectives of the Parking Strategy, whilst also providing funding to reinvest into our transport network.



To improve public transport to meet the needs of our residents and visitors, we will:

Continue to work in partnership with the local bus operators to deliver our **Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)** priorities. Outlined below are the schemes we plan to deliver in Year 1 through BSIP funding. We will deliver at similar levels of scale over the remainder of the IP period through Local Area Bus Grant funding.

Deliver bus priority measures to improve reliability of public transport and traffic flows overall. Schemes include delivery of the key Bournemouth Station to Town Centre bus priority scheme, which is further enhanced by improvements to the Station Roundabout slip road. Eastbound buses at Branksome Roundabout will benefit from a new dedicated bus lane. Ashley Road (Parkstone), Charminster Road and Wimborne Road (Winton) will undergo a review of on street parking and bus stop provision to help improve flow of traffic and accessibility.

Improve **bus passenger experience** by further upgrading of Poole Bus Station, Boscombe Bus Station and Bournemouth Travel Interchange. Bus stops will be improved with new shelters, accessible boarding kerbs and real time information screens. These incorporate a variable messaging facility so the bus operator can inform passengers of cancellations, delays and diversions as appropriate.

Improve **bus passenger safety** by further investment in CCTV at bus shelters/interchanges and continuing to support the **Transport Safety Officer** project.

Work with operators to develop a range of targeted **fares initiatives** within the LTP area. These will include offers to encourage modal shift at peak times for both young persons and commuters. This builds on the success of the Child Period tickets and 'Commuter Club' promotions introduced through the BSIP.

Work with bus, train and micromobility operators to develop **multi modal ticketing/information** and **tap-on-tap-off fares** across the BCP network, including development of the 'Plusbus scheme'. Deliver targeted promotional campaigns aimed at residents and visitors to **strengthen network identity**, with a focus on identifying opportunities to promote destinations, places and events with poor or limited access by car.

Work with bus operators to “pump prime” a number of **limited stop express bus** services across BCP. These will provide journey times more comparable to the private car and help secure modal shift for longer journeys in particular. Provide investment (and seek further funding opportunities) to increase the **electrification of the bus and coach fleet** in BCP.

Develop a **Demand Responsive Transport (DRT)** service, where 'clusters' of businesses attract workers from specific residential areas which are

poorly served by existing public transport, to improve travel choices, reduce congestion and improve air quality. Collaborate with Network Rail to make **all railway stations located within BCP fully accessible** to published standards, addressing poor levels of accessibility and inclusivity at Hamworthy, Parkstone, Branksome, Pokesdown and Christchurch.

Continue to work collaboratively with Network Rail (Great British Railways), the Western Gateway STB (and any replacement regional transport body) and Dorset Council to prepare a business case and secure funding to deliver the **Dorset Metro Shuttle (Wareham to Brockenhurst)**, with the aim of providing a 'turn up and go' rail service for our residents and visitors. In addition, we will work with our rail partners to improve services on the South Coast Main Line to London, by reducing the current **journey times from BCP stations to London Waterloo** and increasing the frequency and reducing journey times on the Southwest main line from our stations.

We will work with Network Rail to boost 5G connectivity and provision of Wifi and to remove mobile signal blackspots on South West mainline. Progress feasibility of a high-capacity public transport system (e.g. Trams, light rail). Additional housing focused on transport corridors will improve the business case for a long term mass transit solution.

To **strengthen rail connectivity** to the wider region, we will support Dorset Council with plans for capacity enhancements on the **Heart of Wessex Line**, to provide an hourly service between Weymouth and Bristol. We will support Network Rail to deliver overhead electrification of the railway through the Wessex Route Strategy. Work with the Western Gateway STB and Coach Operators to develop **long distance/regional coach routes** to fill missing gaps in the rail network between BCP and Exeter, Bath and Bristol.



Rail connectivity – South Western Railway train at Platform – Bournemouth station.
(Credit – South Western Railway)

6. South Eastern Dorset

About the area

The South Eastern Dorset area has strong interconnections between the places where people live, work and access services and facilities. It includes the edges of the large built-up area of Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, the towns and villages within the Green Belt and land around the outer edges of the Green Belt. It includes the towns of Upton, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne Minster, Blandford Forum, Ferndown, West Moors, St Leonards and St Ives, West Parley, Verwood, Wareham and Swanage.

The natural geography of the area includes a coastline to the south, the River Stour to the north and significant areas of protected heathland. Each of these factors contributes to the complexities of addressing the transportation challenges in the area.

The growth of the South Eastern Dorset conurbation is polycentric, as there is no one dominant 'centre' rather a series of neighbourhoods around clusters of major employers. Consequently, many commuters travel across the area daily to work in various locations. The geographical spread of housing, employment and education across urban, sub-urban and rural areas results in complex travel and commuting patterns.

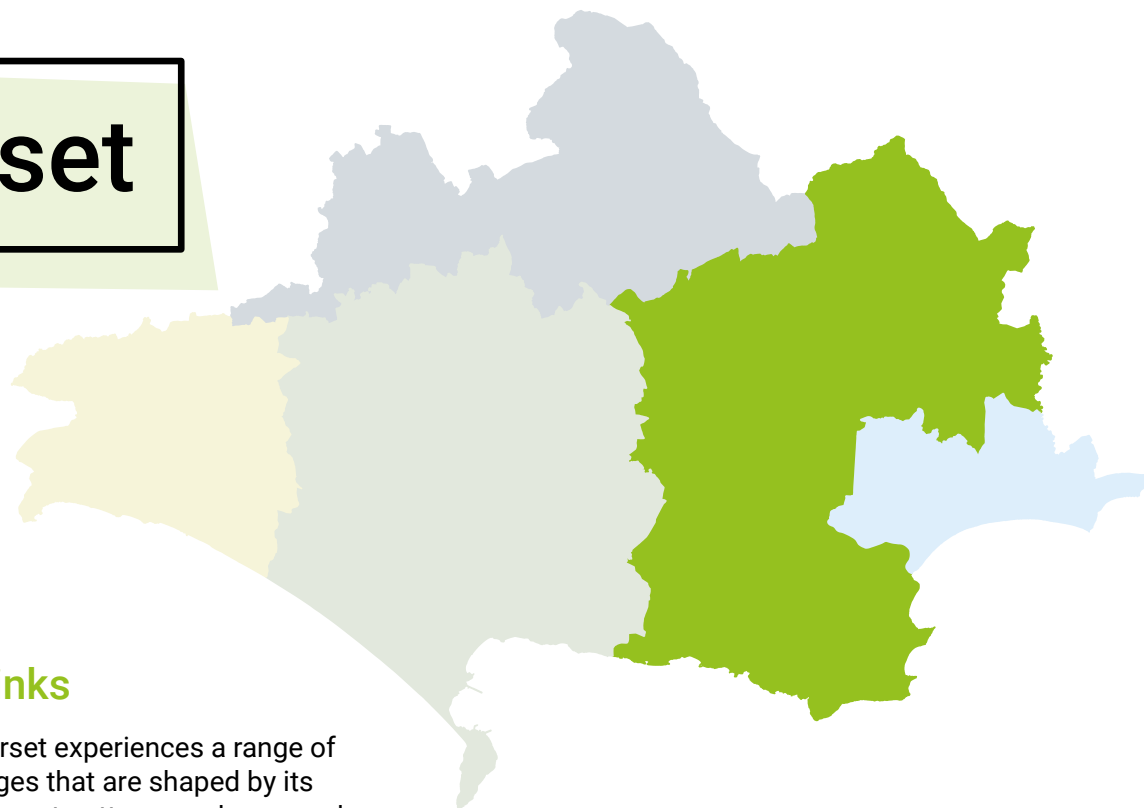
Transport links

South Eastern Dorset experiences a range of transport challenges that are shaped by its geography, settlement patterns and seasonal fluctuations in travel demand. The transport network provides essential connectivity for residents, businesses and visitors. While it supports a wide range of travel needs, there are variations in accessibility, capacity and mode choice across the area. Understanding these patterns is key to informing future planning and investment decisions that aim to support inclusive, efficient and sustainable mobility.

The road network plays a central role in the area's transport system. Key corridors such as the A31, A338, A35 and A350 are important for local and regional connectivity. Some junctions and corridors are operating close to or at capacity, which can lead to slower journey times and reduced reliability.

North-south road connectivity is especially poor, with limited links between the M4 corridor and the Dorset coast, which affects both passenger and freight movement. These constraints have a direct impact on productivity, as businesses struggle with delays in transporting people and goods.

Seasonal tourism adds further pressure to the transport system. The area's popularity as a holiday destination leads to significant increases in traffic during the summer months, when tourism increases traffic volumes by up to 30%, particularly on routes serving coastal and leisure destinations. While tourism is a vital part of the local economy, its impact on transport reliability and capacity is considerable.



Public transport is an essential part of the network, particularly for those without access to a car. Bus services are well-used in some parts of the area, especially between the main urban centres and have seen growth in patronage over the past decade. However, service levels and accessibility vary, particularly in more rural locations. This variation can affect travel choices and the ability of some communities to access key services and opportunities.

Rail services provide important links to destinations such as Southampton and London and have experienced growth in passenger numbers. However, the network is primarily oriented east-west and does not serve all parts of the area equally. Some stations have limited accessibility, with a number lacking step-free access or facilities for onward travel. These factors can influence the overall convenience and inclusivity of rail travel.

Walking, wheeling and cycling are supported by a growing network of active travel routes. However, the uptake of active travel remains relatively low for short trips, with many journeys under five kilometres still made by car. Factors such as road safety, continuity of routes and perceptions of personal security can influence people's willingness to walk or cycle. More than a third of the population living in the South Eastern area do not meet recommended levels of physical activity and this inactivity has substantial public health implications. Investments through the Transforming Cities Fund programme and the Active Travel Fund have delivered improvements to walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure in areas around Wimborne and Ferndown, helping to address some of these barriers but gaps and safety concerns remain. More still needs to be done to create a fully connected, safe and accessible active travel network across the region.

Access to regional gateways such as Bournemouth Airport and the Port of Poole is an important aspect of the transport system. These facilities support economic activity and connectivity beyond the local area.

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Our approach focuses upon improving transport connectivity for all modes between the market towns within the South Eastern Dorset area and the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole conurbation as this is the key destination for employment, health services, shopping and leisure and transport interchanges. The proposed interventions are aimed at overcoming existing significant traffic, congestion and delay issues on the local highway network through the implementation of a range of sustainable transport measures and technology.



To reduce transport emissions and safeguard the climate and environment, we will:

Maintain a **long-term plan for EV infrastructure in South Eastern Dorset**. This will help us understand what types of charging are needed – whether at home, at work, or on the go – and make sure our electricity network is ready. By planning ahead, we can work with the electricity provider (SSEN) to make sure the right upgrades are in place to support a cleaner, greener transport system for the future.

Make it easier for people in South Eastern Dorset to switch to electric vehicles (EVs) by **installing more on-street EV chargepoints** in neighbourhoods where people don't have driveways or off-street parking. With support from government LEVI funding, this will help more residents make the move to cleaner, zero-emission vehicles.

Encourage community-based charging schemes which let neighbours share their home charge points and support the growth of car clubs which offer shared electric vehicles.

Cut emissions from public transport, by teaming up with local bus companies to put in the infrastructure needed for electric buses.

We'll also work with local businesses that run large fleets – like delivery companies, taxi firms and the postal service – to make charging easier and create shared EV charging hubs. We will scope feasibility and commence delivery of sites for **freight alternative re-fuelling sites** in locations on or close to the SRN including a site at Avon Heath Lorry Park (off the A31). These sites will provide EV charging/hydrogen/gas re-fuelling facilities specifically for HGVs and LGVs.



To support healthier and safer communities with improved travel options, we will:

Continue to develop the **ATIP** and deliver priority schemes (not covered elsewhere in this document) outlined in the Dorset ATIP.

Delivery of a **strategic sustainable travel network connecting South East Dorset to the BCP conurbation** including active travel routes and bus corridor improvements. Programme to include provision of bus priority, segregated active travel infrastructure and traffic management measures. The enhancements seek to reduce road congestion and promote safe and healthy travel options, especially for shorter journeys.

Develop **regional cycle network routes** to connect regional gateways, major centres of population and employment between BCP and Dorset Council

and neighbouring Hampshire County Council. Improvements will focus on significant gaps in the cycle network (river crossings) and existing significant deterrents (e.g. gyratories and busy junctions) which are huge deterrents to improving regional cycling connectivity and accessibility.

Implement **pedestrian crossing user priority** at traffic signals where possible to provide instant green for pedestrians.



To create accessible and prosperous places, we will:

Work with National Highways to **plan upgrades to the A31**. This includes making the road safer and reducing congestion for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and public transport users. The improvements will focus on key junctions and nearby roads that connect to the A31. This work will be informed by the findings of the M4 to Dorset Coast study, ensuring alignment with strategic transport priorities and will support wider economic growth plans, including the regeneration of Weymouth and Portland.

In **town centres**, we are planning changes to reduce traffic and make it easier for people to walk or cycle. This includes better traffic management, upgraded junctions, reduced vehicle speeds and improved public spaces. By doing so, we will seek to encourage people to make short trips on foot and by bike rather than the private car.

In Purbeck, we are developing new travel routes and traffic measures to **help visitors get around** without needing to drive. This will support more sustainable tourism and reduce congestion in the area.

We are also supporting local businesses switch to **greener delivery methods**. This includes using

electric cargo bikes and other eco-friendly options for short-distance deliveries in South Eastern Dorset.

Finally, we are **updating our freight map** to help lorry drivers plan better routes. The new map will show preferred roads, size and weight limits, parking areas, fuel and alternative refuelling stations, ports and major industrial sites.



To enable safer journeys, we will:

Deliver **safer walking, wheeling and cycling routes**, including new and improved infrastructure such as segregated cycle lanes, safer pedestrian crossings and better lighting and signage. Projects like the strategic sustainable travel network connecting South Eastern Dorset to the BCP area will provide safer, more direct routes for people travelling between towns like Wareham, Wimborne, Ferndown and Poole. These routes will be supported by traffic management measures that reduce vehicle speeds and volumes, particularly in areas where people walk and cycle most.

We are also **investing in safer routes to schools**, with targeted infrastructure improvements and school street initiatives that limit traffic during school drop-off and pick-up times. These changes aim to create calmer, safer environments for children and families walking or cycling to school. In addition, we will continue to support free adult cycle training and the national Bikeability programme to help people of all ages travel more confidently and safely by bike.

To further improve road safety, we are **supporting the use of 20mph zones** in residential areas and village streets across South Eastern Dorset. These

lower speed limits are proven to reduce the risk and severity of collisions, making streets safer for everyone, especially vulnerable road users like children and older adults.

We will continue to target safety improvements at known high-risk locations. This involves identifying and addressing collision '**cluster sites**' through engineering solutions such as better junction layouts, clearer signage and improved visibility. We will also continue to work with the Dorset Road Safety Partnership to deliver education, enforcement and training programmes that promote safer driving and road use.



To provide a resilient and fit for purpose transport network, we will:

Place a **strong focus on how we manage our roads** day-to-day, invest in our infrastructure and use smarter, more efficient ways to keep traffic moving and reduce disruption caused by roadworks and maintenance.

We will develop an integrated **Network Management Plan** that will allow us to better plan, schedule and communicate roadworks across council boundaries. This will help minimise delays, avoid overlapping works and ensure that essential maintenance causes as little disruption as possible to residents, businesses and visitors.

We are also exploring innovative approaches to make the best use of the road space we already have. This includes the introduction of a **Lane Rental Scheme**, which encourages utility companies and contractors to complete works more quickly by charging them for the time they occupy the road. This approach has been shown elsewhere to reduce the duration of roadworks and improve journey reliability.

In addition, we are investing in **smarter traffic management systems** that use real-time data to monitor traffic flow and respond quickly to incidents. These systems can adjust traffic signals dynamically to ease congestion, prioritise buses and improve safety at busy junctions. We are also working to improve communication with the public, using digital tools to **provide up-to-date information** on road closures, diversions and travel conditions.



To improve public transport to meet the needs of our residents and visitors, we will:

Focus on making bus services more frequent, reliable and easier to use. We plan to **increase the frequency of services** on key routes, aiming for at least one bus every 30 minutes on core corridors during peak times. This will make public transport a more attractive option for everyday journeys, whether for work, education, shopping, or leisure. We are also **extending evening and weekend services** to better support shift workers, social activities and tourism.

We are also addressing the unique challenges of rural mobility through the **South East Dorset Rural Mobility Pilot**. This joint initiative with BCP Council will improve transport links between rural communities and the urban centres of the conurbation. The pilot will help people access essential services, employment and leisure opportunities. This approach will reduce isolation, support healthier lifestyles and offer more sustainable travel choices for residents and visitors alike.

A key part of our long-term vision is the **Dorset Metro** rail improvement. This project aims to introduce a shuttle service between Wareham and

Brockenhurst, enhancing local rail connectivity and linking communities across South Eastern Dorset with the wider rail network. It will also support improvements to the existing Weymouth to London Waterloo service, making rail travel a more viable and attractive option for commuting, leisure and tourism.

To make travel simpler and more affordable, we are **introducing multi-operator ticketing and fare capping**, so passengers can switch between services and modes without paying extra. This will be supported by improved real-time information at bus stops and online, helping people plan their journeys with confidence.

We are also investing in infrastructure to make public transport faster and more reliable. This includes new **bus priority measures**, such as dedicated lanes and signal upgrades on busy routes and key corridors. These improvements will reduce delays and make journey times more predictable.

We are creating better connections to key destinations such as Bournemouth Airport, the Port of Poole and popular town centres. **Mobility hubs** will be introduced at strategic locations, offering seamless connections between buses, trains, cycling, walking and shared mobility options like e-scooters and car clubs.

Accessibility will be improved by working with partners to improve **access to railway stations and bus stops**, ensuring that people with disabilities, older adults and families with young children can travel comfortably and safely. This includes step-free access, better signage and upgraded facilities.



A mother uses a new active travel route in South Eastern Dorset, highlighting improved accessibility for families.

7. Central Dorset

About the area

The area is centred on the two large built-up areas of Dorchester and Weymouth. Dorchester is the county town and acts as an important retail and employment centre, including the County Hospital. Weymouth is the largest town in the Dorset Council area and is an important tourist destination. The two towns are closely linked, with high levels of commuting causing regular congestion.

Chickerell, west of Weymouth, is growing rapidly and is home to key employment sites at the Granby and Lynch Lane industrial estates. South of Weymouth, Portland is linked via a single road running along the causeway between Chesil Beach and the Fleet in close proximity of international environmentally protected sites. Portland Port plays a vital role in the local economy, supporting cruise, cargo and maritime industries.

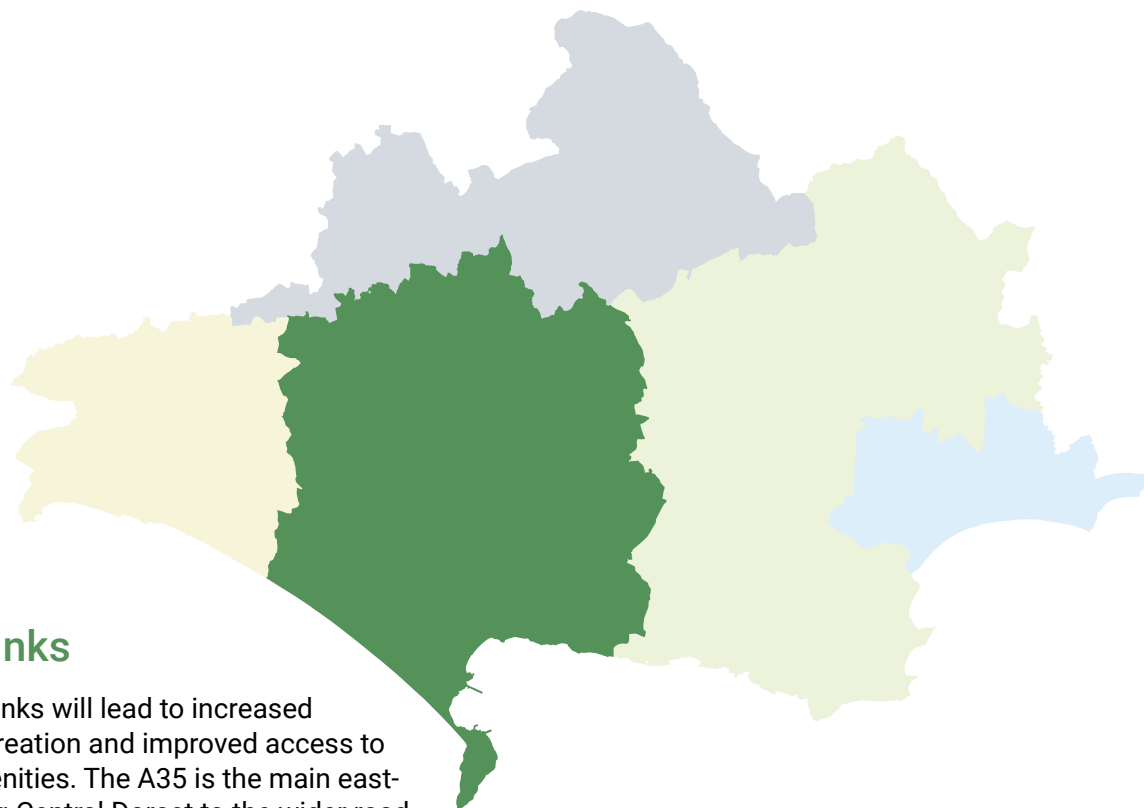
The area is set for significant regeneration and economic growth. The long-term future of the area will be shaped by plans to create high-value jobs in the defence supply chain, renewable energy and advance manufacturing sectors, alongside skills development and boosting the visitor economy. The Dorset Local Plan will help to guide sustainable housing growth and infrastructure through to 2042, with Weymouth, Dorchester, Chickerell and Portland to be the focus for significant housing delivery.

Transport links

Better transport links will lead to increased investment, job creation and improved access to services and amenities. The A35 is the main east-west route, linking Central Dorset to the wider road network. It suffers from congestion, especially during peak times, holidays and poor resilience with diverting traffic impacting local communities. The A354 connects Weymouth and Portland to the regional road network and is crucial for access to Portland Port. The A37 links Dorchester northwards to Yeovil and Bristol, supporting rural access and freight movement.

Dorchester and Weymouth are served by two rail lines: the South West Main Line to London and the Heart of Wessex Line to Bristol. However, step-free access is lacking at key stations like Dorchester South and Upwey.

Bus services run regularly between main towns but are limited in rural areas and to key employment sites. Active travel is supported by a growing network of dedicated walking, wheeling and cycling routes, encouraging more sustainable travel.



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Our approach focuses on enhancing multi-modal connectivity, improving transport resilience and promoting sustainable travel choices. We will invest in our transport infrastructure, enhance public transport and improve connectivity to support economic growth. We will deliver a sustainable, inclusive and accessible transport network that reduces environmental impacts.



To reduce transport emissions and safeguard the climate and environment, we will:

Focus on a range of electric vehicle initiatives that will make it easier for residents, businesses and visitors to adopt low-emission travel.

Expand the public electric vehicle (Ev) charging network, including rapid charging hubs in town centres and on-street charging in residential areas that lack off-street parking, particularly within Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland. These upgrades will ensure that EV users have reliable access to charging facilities, even in areas where off-street parking is limited and to support longer journeys and reduce charging times.

EV car clubs and car sharing schemes will be promoted in new developments and rural communities to encourage shared mobility. These initiatives will be integrated into new developments and existing neighbourhoods, offering convenient access to electric vehicles without the need for private ownership. This not only reduces emissions but also helps to ease parking pressures and traffic congestion.

Working in partnership with local bus operators, we aim to **transition to electric buses by 2035**. These vehicles will operate on key routes across Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland, offering a cleaner, quieter and more modern travel experience. The shift to electric buses will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality, particularly in urban centres and along busy corridors.

We will support the **decarbonisation of freight and commercial transport** and work with partners to deliver freight refuelling sites near Dorchester,

offering EV charging, hydrogen and gas refuelling for HGVs and LGVs. These facilities will be strategically located near the A35 to support cleaner logistics and reduce the environmental impact of goods movement across the region. Additionally, businesses will be supported to adopt sustainable **last-mile delivery** solutions, such as e-cargo bikes.



To support healthier and safer communities with improved travel options, we will:

Make walking, wheeling and cycling safer, more convenient and more attractive. A central aim is to make walking, wheeling and cycling the most convenient and attractive choice for short journeys into Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland.

This will be achieved through a programme of **new and improved active travel routes** that connect residential areas with town centres, business parks, schools, hospitals and railway stations. This will include safer crossings, upgraded junctions and better lighting and signage to create a more connected and legible network.

We will **expand the e-bikeshare scheme** in Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland, increasing the number of bikes and docking bays to improve access for residents and visitors.

Support behaviour change programmes such as Bikeability training and community engagement campaigns to build confidence and awareness around active travel.

These initiatives will be complemented by **traffic management and public realm enhancements** in town centres to create safer, more pleasant environments for people travelling on foot or by bike. These improvements will be complemented

by the development of **mobility hubs** in Dorchester and Weymouth, which will serve as key interchange points and provide facilities such as secure cycle parking, travel information and connections to public transport and shared mobility services.



To create accessible and prosperous places, we will:

Develop and deliver a programme of transport corridor improvements and town centre access strategies that will drive the regeneration of Weymouth, Portland and Chickerell, accelerate investment and growth in clean energy, defence supply chains and advanced manufacturing and inspire community led transformation.

A key focus is on **improving strategic transport corridors** that connect Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland. The A354 corridor will benefit from a package of multi-modal enhancements, including junction upgrades, bus priority measures and the development of a new mobility hub at the Weymouth Park and Ride site. These improvements will reduce congestion, improve journey reliability and make the corridor more attractive for investment and development.

We will support National Highways improvements to the **A35 corridor** around Dorchester, prioritising junction and safety enhancements to support better connectivity and route resilience, particularly for freight and logistics. Similarly, the **A37** will see targeted resilience improvements to address flooding issues and improve safety on this vital north-south route.

Town centre access and traffic management in Weymouth, will support delivery of the Weymouth Town Centre Masterplan and regeneration

programmes to improve public realm, enhance active travel links and reduce congestion. Dorchester will see similar interventions to encourage walking, wheeling and cycling for short trips and reduce traffic volumes in the town centre.

By making town centres more accessible and attractive, the plan supports local businesses, encourages footfall and creates opportunities for new housing and commercial development. Improved transport links also enhance access to employment, education and healthcare, helping to reduce inequalities and support inclusive growth.



To enable safer journeys, we will:

Target interventions aimed at reducing road collisions, particularly for vulnerable road users such as children, pedestrians and cyclists.

A key initiative is the introduction of lower speed limits, particularly in residential areas, town centres and near schools. The plan supports the rollout of **more 20mph zones**, subject to local consultation, to reduce the risk and severity of collisions. These zones will help create calmer, more liveable neighbourhoods where people feel safer walking, cycling and spending time outdoors.

Safer routes to schools will be created through infrastructure improvements such as new or upgraded pedestrian crossings, traffic calming measures and dedicated active travel routes.

School Street initiatives, where roads outside schools are closed to traffic at drop-off and pick-up times, will also be expanded to reduce congestion and improve safety during peak periods.

Using **data-led analysis**, we will continue to monitor road safety trends and deliver targeted engineering solutions at high-risk locations. These may include junction redesigns, improved signage and lighting and enhanced visibility for all road users.



To provide a resilient and fit for purpose transport network, we will:

Focus on improving the performance of existing infrastructure, **minimising disruption** and supporting the smooth movement of people and goods. We will work with partners to improve the coordination of maintenance, utility works and emergency responses. This will help reduce delays, improve journey reliability and ensure that essential services and freight can move efficiently, particularly on key corridors such as the A35, A354 and A37.



To improve public transport to meet the needs of our residents and visitors, we will:

Enhance public transport, including increasing the frequency and coverage of local bus services, particularly to rural areas and key employment sites such as the Granby Industrial Estate and Dorset Innovation Park. Bus priority measures will be implemented to improve service reliability and attractiveness. The introduction of zero-emission buses will modernise the fleet, reduce emissions and improve the passenger experience.

Strengthen rail connectivity through support for capacity enhancements on the Heart of Wessex Line, enabling an hourly service between Weymouth and Bristol and improved services on the South Coast Main Line to London. We will support improvements at Dorchester South and Upwey stations to ensure they are fully accessible to all users. This includes the provision of step-free access via lifts or ramps, improved signage, enhanced waiting areas and better integration with local bus and active travel networks.

Support seamless travel, by improving the places where people change transport services and introducing new mobility hubs in Dorchester and Weymouth. These hubs will integrate various modes of transport, including walking, cycling, buses, and taxis and provide enhanced passenger facilities and real-time travel information.



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Portland Port and the surrounding coastline, reflecting the area's strategic importance for freight and maritime access.

8. Northern Dorset

About the area

Northern Dorset is a predominantly rural area, characterised by its rolling countryside and historic market towns. The main towns include Gillingham, Shaftesbury, Sherborne, Sturminster Newton and Stalbridge. These serve as key service and employment centres.

Gillingham is the largest town and a designated growth centre, with significant development planned through the Gillingham Southern Extension. This includes around 1,800 new homes, employment land and supporting infrastructure. Gillingham also benefits from a railway station on the Exeter-London Waterloo line and four industrial estates, making it a strategic hub for both transport and employment.

Transport links

Transport connectivity is shaped by the **rural character** of the area and **dispersed population**.

Gillingham and Sherborne rail stations offer **direct rail services to London and Exeter**, providing important train services for commuters and businesses.

Local bus services, supported by Dorset Council, link rural communities and market towns. Key routes include the CR2 (Shaftesbury-Gillingham), CR3 (Sturminster Newton-Gillingham), CR4 (Yeovil-Sturminster Newton-Blandford) and CR7 (Shaftesbury-Blandford).

Community transport schemes, such as community minibus schemes, volunteer driver networks and dial-a-ride options, play a vital role in ensuring mobility for residents who may not have access to private vehicles or regular public transport.

The **A350** is a key north - south route running through Shaftesbury and Blandford Forum. It is a vital freight and commuter route but faces **resilience** and **safety** challenges.

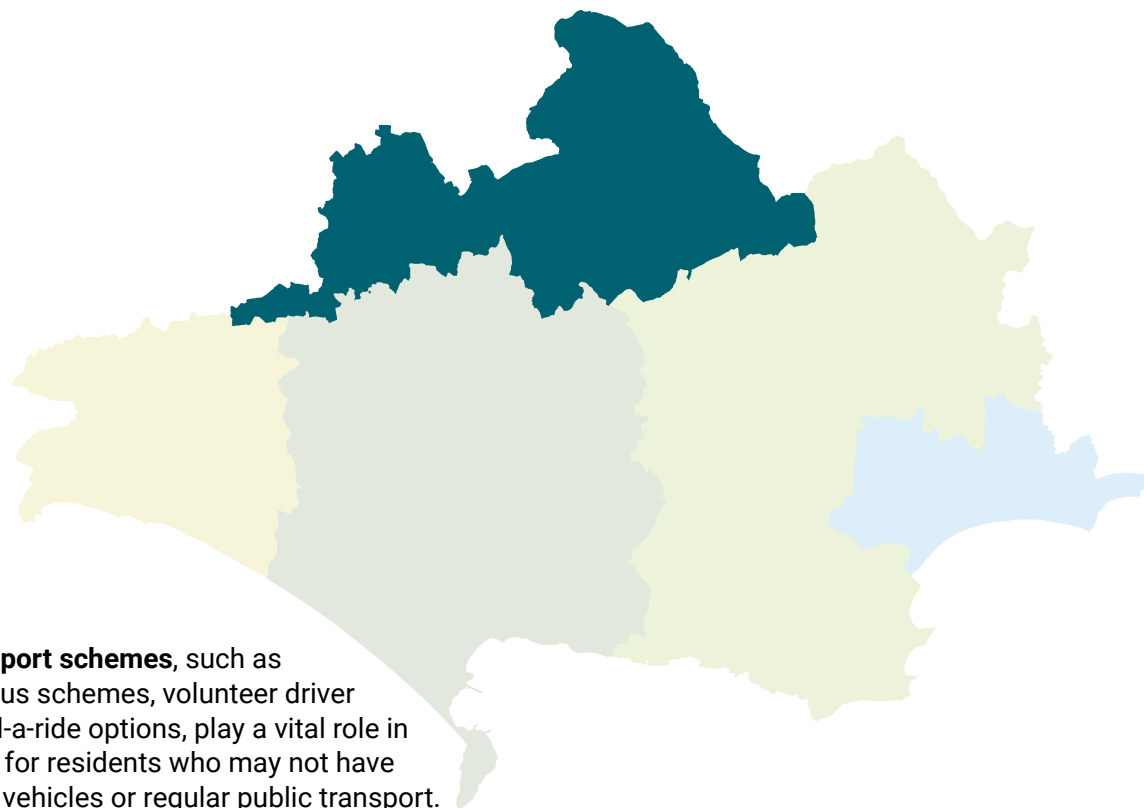
The **A303**, located just north of Gillingham, is a major east-west trunk road, providing strategic access to the wider region and is a key corridor for **tourism** and **logistics**. The **A30**, running west of Shaftesbury, offers an alternative east-west route through Sherborne and Yeovil, supporting **regional connectivity** and resilience.

The **Northern Dorset Trailway** provides a multi-use path that follows the route of the former Somerset and Dorset Railway. It currently runs from Sturminster Newton to Spetisbury, passing through Blandford Forum and several villages. The Trailway

is a key asset for **active travel** and recreation, supporting walking, cycling and horse riding.

Connections to nearby regional centres such as Yeovil and Salisbury are especially important for Northern Dorset's residents and economy. Yeovil, located to the west, provides access to higher education, specialist healthcare and major employers in aerospace and manufacturing.

Salisbury, to the northeast, offers a wider range of retail, cultural and administrative services. Strengthening these links will ensure access to essential services beyond the county boundary.



Delivery Plan 2026-2041

The Implementation Plan for this area will enhance rural mobility and improve connectivity, both within the area and to neighbouring economic centres. We will focus on supporting greater travel choice, reducing isolation and supporting sustainable economic growth across the area.



To reduce transport emissions and safeguard the climate and environment, we will:

Expand the electric vehicle (EV) charging network across Northern Dorset, including rapid charging hubs in town centres and on-street charging in residential areas that lack off-street parking. **EV car clubs and car sharing schemes** will be promoted in new developments and rural communities to encourage shared mobility. We will work in partnership with local bus operators to transition to **electric buses** by 2035.



To support healthier and safer communities with improved travel options, we will:

Deliver **high-priority routes identified in the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP)**, such as the Shaftesbury-Gillingham and Sherborne-Yeovil corridors and links within town centres, to provide safe, attractive walking, wheeling and cycling connections. The **North Dorset Trailway will be extended** north from Sturminster Newton and south towards Poole, enhancing long-distance active travel opportunities and linking communities along the former railway line.

These improvements will be supported by **safe routes to schools** initiatives and the **introduction of 20mph zones** in towns and villages, to improve safety and encourage walking and cycling.



To create accessible and prosperous places, we will:

Undertake **town centre traffic management** schemes in Sherborne, Shaftesbury and Gillingham will help reduce to traffic volumes entering the town centres and encourage short journeys to be made on foot or by bike.



To enable safer journeys, we will:

Improve safety and resilience along the A350 and A30 corridors. These routes are vital for freight, commuting and regional access. Localised traffic management interventions are proposed to reduce the impact of through-traffic on communities. These interventions will be designed to address congestion, improve safety and support the movement of goods and services across the region.



To provide a resilient and fit for purpose transport network, we will:

Improve how we manage roads by investing in infrastructure, using smarter traffic systems and coordinating roadworks more effectively to reduce disruption. This will help avoid overlapping works and minimise delays, while a proposed Lane Rental Scheme could encourage quicker completion of roadworks. We are also adopting real-time traffic monitoring to ease congestion, prioritise buses and enhance safety, alongside better digital communication to keep the public informed about closures and travel conditions.



To improve public transport to meet the needs of our residents and visitors, we will:

Enhance the frequency and reliability of bus services on strategic inter-urban routes, such as Blandford-Shaftesbury-Gillingham and Yeovil-Sturminster Newton-Blandford, providing better access to employment, education and healthcare. Saturday bus services will be extended to ensure consistent service levels throughout the week. The introduction of zero-emission buses will modernise the fleet, reduce emissions and improve the passenger experience.

Develop rural mobility hubs and a pilot demand-responsive transport (DRT). This pilot will serve the rural areas surrounding Gillingham and Shaftesbury, offering flexible transport options to connect residents with key services and tourist destinations. These hubs will also support interchange with other sustainable modes, including cycling and car sharing.

Improve rail accessibility by supporting improvements at Gillingham and Sherborne stations to ensure they are fully accessible to all users. This includes the provision of step-free access via lifts or ramps, improved signage, enhanced waiting areas and better integration with local bus and active travel networks. These upgrades will make rail travel more inclusive and convenient, particularly for people with mobility impairments, parents with pushchairs, and older residents.

Community transport will continue to play a vital role. Volunteer driver schemes, community minibuses and dial-a-ride services will be supported to ensure that residents without access to conventional public transport can still reach essential services. These services are particularly important for older residents and those living in isolated rural areas.



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Engineering team on site in Sturminster Newton, supporting infrastructure improvements through local assessment and planning.

9. Western Dorset

About the area

The area is centred on the historic market and coastal towns of Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis, which together form the heart of Western Dorset. Bridport is the largest town in the area and acts as a key service and employment centre, with a strong cultural identity and links to the creative industries. Lyme Regis is a major visitor destination on the Jurassic Coast, while Beaminster serves as a smaller rural hub supporting surrounding villages.

Western Dorset is **largely rural and environmentally sensitive**, with much of it falling within the Dorset National Landscape. Seasonal tourism places pressure on local transport networks, particularly in Lyme Regis and along the coast. The Vearse Farm development on the edge of Bridport is the most significant planned growth in the area, set to deliver new homes, employment land and community facilities. Smaller-scale housing is also planned in Beaminster and Lyme Regis.

The Dorset Local Plan will guide sustainable development in Western Dorset through to 2042, with a focus on maintaining the area's rural character while improving access to services and supporting the local economy. Transport priorities include enhancing public transport, managing seasonal congestion and improving walking and cycling links to ensure the area remains accessible and resilient.

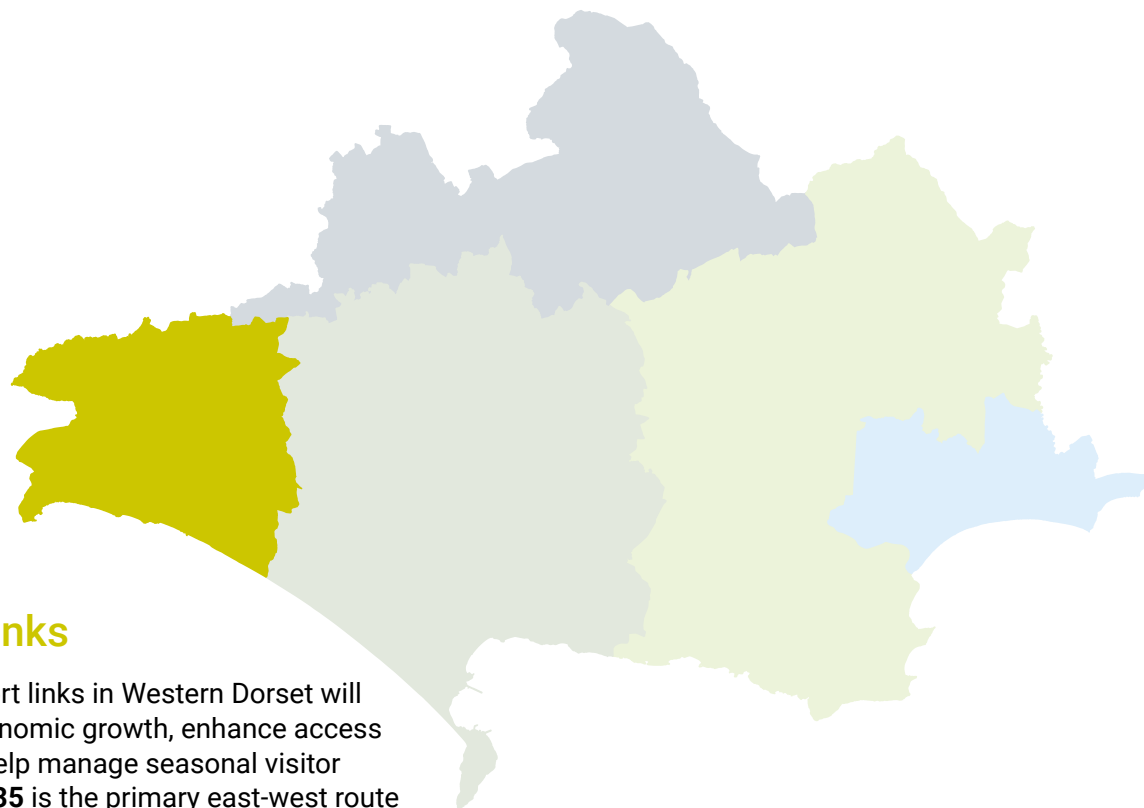
Transport links

Improved transport links in Western Dorset will support local economic growth, enhance access to services and help manage seasonal visitor pressures. The **A35** is the primary east-west route through the area, connecting Bridport to Dorchester and Axminster, but it experiences congestion during peak periods and holiday seasons. The route also experiences resilience issues caused by flooding and collisions, re-routing traffic impacting local communities on less suitable alternative road routes. The **B3165** and **A3066** provide key north-south links to Beaminster and Crewkerne, supporting rural access and local freight movement.

Western Dorset is not directly served by a railway station, with the nearest rail stations located in Axminster, Dorchester and Crewkerne. This makes reliable bus services and road connectivity especially important. Bus routes connect the main towns, but services are limited in frequency and coverage, particularly in rural areas and during off-peak times. Western Dorset is served by two primary east-

west bus routes. The **X51** connects Weymouth, Dorchester, Bridport, Lyme Regis and Axminster and is a crucial corridor for travel across the region, linking key towns along the **A35**, supports access to employment, education and healthcare and is especially important for communities without direct rail access. The **X53** (Jurassic Coaster) is a scenic route connecting Weymouth, Bridport, Charmouth and Lyme Regis, with some services extending to Axminster. It is particularly popular with tourists and plays a key role in managing seasonal travel demand along the Jurassic Coast.

Active travel is supported by a growing network of walking and cycling routes, including sections of the National Cycle Network and the South West Coast Path, which are popular with both residents and visitors.



Delivery Plan 2026 – 2041

The Implementation Plan for Western Dorset will enhance rural mobility and improve connectivity, both within the area and to neighbouring economic centres. We will focus on supporting greater travel choice, reducing isolation and supporting sustainable economic growth across the area.



To reduce transport emissions and safeguard the climate and environment, we will:

Expand provision of public electric vehicle infrastructure, which will include the installation of public charging points in rural areas and town centres such as Bridport and Lyme Regis. Support partners **develop a freight refuelling site** west of Bridport. This scheme will provide electric, hydrogen, or gas refuelling infrastructure for HGVs and LGVs, supporting the decarbonisation of freight transport and reducing emissions in sensitive rural areas.



To support healthier and safer communities with improved travel options, we will:

Prioritise active travel and access to green spaces to support healthier lifestyles. **Town centre traffic management and access improvements** in Bridport and Lyme Regis will reduce traffic, improve air quality and create safer, more attractive environments for walking and cycling. These schemes will be supported by **enhancements to the rights of way network** enabling more people to enjoy the health benefits of nature, including developing the Maiden Newton to Bridport Trailway. The plan also supports the development of a mobility hub in Bridport, which will integrate active travel with public transport and provide facilities such as cycle parking and travel information.



To create accessible and prosperous places, we will:

Traffic management and public realm improvements will be delivered in key town centres including Bridport and Lyme Regis to reduce congestion and improve accessibility. These schemes aim to reduce traffic volumes entering town centres, improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists and enhance the public realm. Measures may include junction upgrades, new pedestrian crossings and active travel infrastructure to support short local trips on foot or by bike. These interventions will help ensure that West Dorset's market towns remain vibrant and well-connected, supporting our goal of creating prosperous places that are accessible by a range of transport options.

Dorset Council will support National Highways to deliver targeted improvements along the A35 corridor, to enhance safety, reduce congestion and improve the overall resilience of the route, particularly in areas prone to flooding and seasonal traffic pressures. These improvements will support more reliable journeys for residents, visitors and freight, while minimising the impact on local communities and the sensitive rural environment.



To enable safer journeys, we will:

Implement **safe routes to schools** through both infrastructure improvements and awareness campaigns. The introduction of **20mph zones** in locations such as Beaminster, Bridport and Lyme Regis will enhance pedestrian safety and reduce traffic speeds in residential areas. Annual cluster site analysis will guide the delivery of **targeted safety improvements** at high-risk locations across the area.

The **town centre access improvements** will include measures such as new pedestrian crossings, reduced traffic speeds and better lighting, all of which contribute to safer streets. These changes will particularly benefit vulnerable road users, including children, older adults and people with disabilities.

The Dorset Road Safety Partnership will continue to play a vital role in reducing road casualties through education, enforcement and engineering interventions.



To provide a resilient and fit for purpose transport network, we will:

Ensure that West Dorset's rural road network is resilient to climate change and capable of supporting essential travel, particularly in areas prone to flooding.

We will improve how we manage roads by investing in infrastructure, using **smarter traffic systems** and coordinating roadworks more effectively to reduce disruption. This will help avoid overlapping works and minimise delays, while a proposed Lane Rental Scheme could encourage quicker completion of roadworks. We are also adopting real-time traffic monitoring to ease congestion, prioritise buses and enhance safety, alongside better digital communication to keep the public informed about closures and travel conditions.



To improve public transport to meet the needs of our residents and visitors, we will:

Develop mobility hubs and improve transport connectivity to ensure that residents in rural and coastal communities can access essential services. The hubs will provide real-time travel information, secure cycle parking and connections to local bus services. The plan also supports the **integration of demand-responsive transport** and community-led solutions to address gaps in the public transport network, particularly for those without access to a car.

Bus services will be enhanced through increased frequency and extended weekend operations on key routes such as Bridport – Axminster-Dorchester and Bridport – Yeovil.



An electric vehicle charges, showcasing the expansion of sustainable transport infrastructure in rural Dorset.

10. Monitoring our progress



Approach

We will use our strategic objectives and policies to monitor the performance of our transport strategy and assess its overall impact and effectiveness.

Monitoring performance is essential in measuring the success of our vision and will allow us to adjust our Implementation Plan to reflect actual performance against the objectives.

The Implementation Plan will be reviewed and updated every five years and a Monitoring Report produced, which will focus on the delivery of our objectives, policies and specific schemes in the Implementation Plan.

This review process will allow for developing pipeline schemes and new interventions to be considered in detail for the next phase of the LTP priority schemes/interventions.

The outcomes of the performance monitoring will be presented in progress reports to be produced regularly with the first expected in the final year of Implementation Plan 1 (IP1) period.

Performance indicators

To monitor and evaluate the implementation of the LTP, we have derived a set of performance indicators against which progress can be assessed.

The performance indicators are aligned to the six objectives and the core policies within the LTP as shown in Annex P.

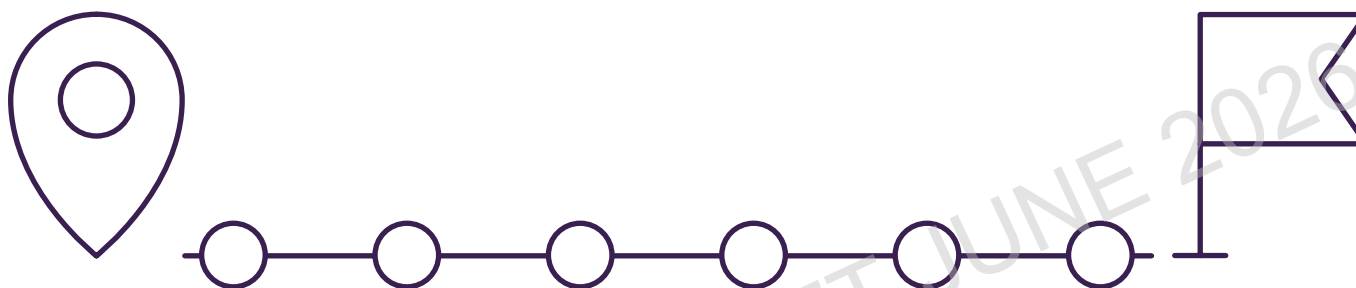
A measurable baseline will be captured during the first year of the lifecycle of LTP and will provide an objective dataset against which all future years of the Plan will be measured.

This will inform future implementation plans and contribute to the overall value for money of LTP. Schemes included within the Implementation Plan will also be monitored and evaluated on the merit of their scheme-specific aims and objectives.

This strategy will shape travel across Dorset and the BCP area over the next 15 years. It sets out how transport will support growth and respond to the climate emergency, whilst reflecting the distinctive character and needs of our towns, villages and rural areas. Through our six objectives, our policies focus on improving access to opportunities, strengthening sustainable travel options and ensure transport plays a positive role in place making and quality of life.

Delivery will be guided by close alignment with Local Plans and other strategies, supported by partnership working and a phased Implementation Plan that allows flexibility to respond to changing travel patterns, funding and innovation.

Together, this approach will help ensure transport contributes to a more connected, resilient and sustainable future for residents, businesses and visitors across Dorset and BCP.



Annex A

Dorset Council estimated funding resource to develop and deliver LTP IP1 schemes (2026/27 to 2030/31)

Funding Source	2026/27 (£m)	2027/28 (£m)	2028/29 (£m)	2029/30 (£m)	2030/31 (£m)*	Total funding (£m)*
LTG capital	2.160	3.249	4.452	5.656	5.656*	21.173*
LTG resource	0.363	0.363	0.363	**	**	1.089
Highways maintenance	25.845	29.941	32.404	37.044	37.044***	162.278***
Active Travel England (ATE) Capability Fund – capital	0.475	0.475	0.475	0.475	0.475***	2.375***
ATE Capability Fund – resource	0.149	0.149	0.149	****	****	0.447
Local Area Bus Grant (LABG) capital	1.7114	1.7458	1.7802	1.8146	1.8146***	8.8666
LABG – resource	2.2615	2.2615	2.2615	****	****	6.7845
LEVI Funding	0.1538	0.1538	0.1538	****	****	0.4614
Total Estimated funding	33.1206	38.34	42.0404	44.991	44.991	203.475

Funding assumptions:

- * Indicates estimated figures based on both authorities receiving similar levels of LTG capital funding in 2030/31 to 2029/30.
- ** Resource funding not shown for 2029/30 and 2030/31 will be included in the Government's next Revenue Spending Review.
- *** Indicates estimated figures based on both authorities receiving at least the same levels of highways maintenance funding, ATE funding and Local Area Bus Grant based on the funding levels confirmed until 2029/30.
- **** Resource funding for ATE, LABG and LEVI not estimated from 2029/30 onwards.

Funding data sources:

LTG capital funding: Local Transport Grant (LTG) capital allocations: 2026/27 to 2029/30 (DfT, 2025)

LTG resource funding: Resource allocations: 2026 to 2027 and 2028 to 2029 – GOV.UK

Highways maintenance funding: Highways maintenance block: formula allocations 2026 to 2030 – GOV.UK

Active Travel England funding: Active travel capability fund: local transport authority allocations 2025 – GOV.UK

BSIP + BSOG funding: LABG capital allocations: 2026 to 2030 – GOV.UK LABG revenue allocations: 2026 to 2029 – GOV.UK

LEVI funding: Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) capital: funding amounts and project status – GOV.UK

Annex B

BCP Council estimated funding resource to develop and deliver LTP IP1 schemes (2026/27 to 2030/31)

Funding Source	2026/27 (£m)	2027/28 (£m)	2028/29 (£m)	2029/30 (£m)	2030/31 (£m)*	Total funding (£m)*
LTG capital	3.346	3.620	4.961	6.302	6.302*	24.531
LTG resource	0.375	0.375	0.375	**	**	1.125
Highways maintenance	7.763	9.144	9.860	11.273	11.273*	49.313
Active Travel England (ATE) Capability Fund – capital	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250	2.250***	11.25
ATE Capability Fund – resource	0.706	0.706	0.706	****	****	2.118
Local Area Bus Grant (LABG) capital	3.019	3.080	3.140	3.201***	3.201***	15.641
LABG – resource	2.621	2.621	2.621	****	****	7.863
LEVI Funding	0.153	0.153	0.153	****	****	0.459
Total Estimated funding	20.233	21.949	24.066	23.026	23.026	112.3

Funding assumptions:

- * Indicates estimated figures based on both authorities receiving similar levels of LTG capital funding in 2030/31 to 2029/30.
- ** Resource funding not shown for 2029/30 and 2030/31 will be included in the Government's next Revenue Spending Review.
- *** Indicates estimated figures based on both authorities receiving at least the same levels of highways maintenance funding, ATE funding and Local Area Bus Grant based on the funding levels confirmed until 2029/30.
- **** Resource funding for ATE, LABG and LEVI not estimated from 2029/30 onwards.

Funding data sources:

LTG capital funding: Local Transport Grant (LTG) capital allocations: 2026/27 to 2029/30 (DfT, 2025)

LTG resource funding: Resource allocations: 2026 to 2027 and 2028 to 2029 – GOV.UK

Highways maintenance funding: Highways maintenance block: formula allocations 2026 to 2030 – GOV.UK

Active Travel England funding: Active travel capability fund: local transport authority allocations 2025 – GOV.UK

BSIP + BSOG funding: LABG capital allocations: 2026 to 2030 – GOV.UK LABG revenue allocations: 2026 to 2029 – GOV.UK

LEVI funding: Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) capital: funding amounts and project status – GOV.UK

Annex C

Dorset Council and BCP Council combined estimated funding resource to develop and deliver LTP IP1 schemes (2026/27 to 2030/31)

Total combined estimated funding	2026/27 (£m)	2027/28 (£m)	2028/29 (£m)	2029/30 (£m)	2030/31 (£m)*	Total funding (£m)*
	53.3536	60.289	66.1064	68.017	68.017	315.783

Funding assumptions:

- * Indicates estimated figures based on both authorities receiving similar levels of LTG capital funding in 2030/31 to 2029/30.
- ** Resource funding not shown for 2029/30 and 2030/31 will be included in the Government's next Revenue Spending Review.
- *** Indicates estimated figures based on both authorities receiving at least the same levels of highways maintenance funding, ATE funding and Local Area Bus Grant based on the funding levels confirmed until 2029/30.
- **** Resource funding for ATE, LABG and LEVI not estimated from 2029/30 onwards.

Funding data sources:

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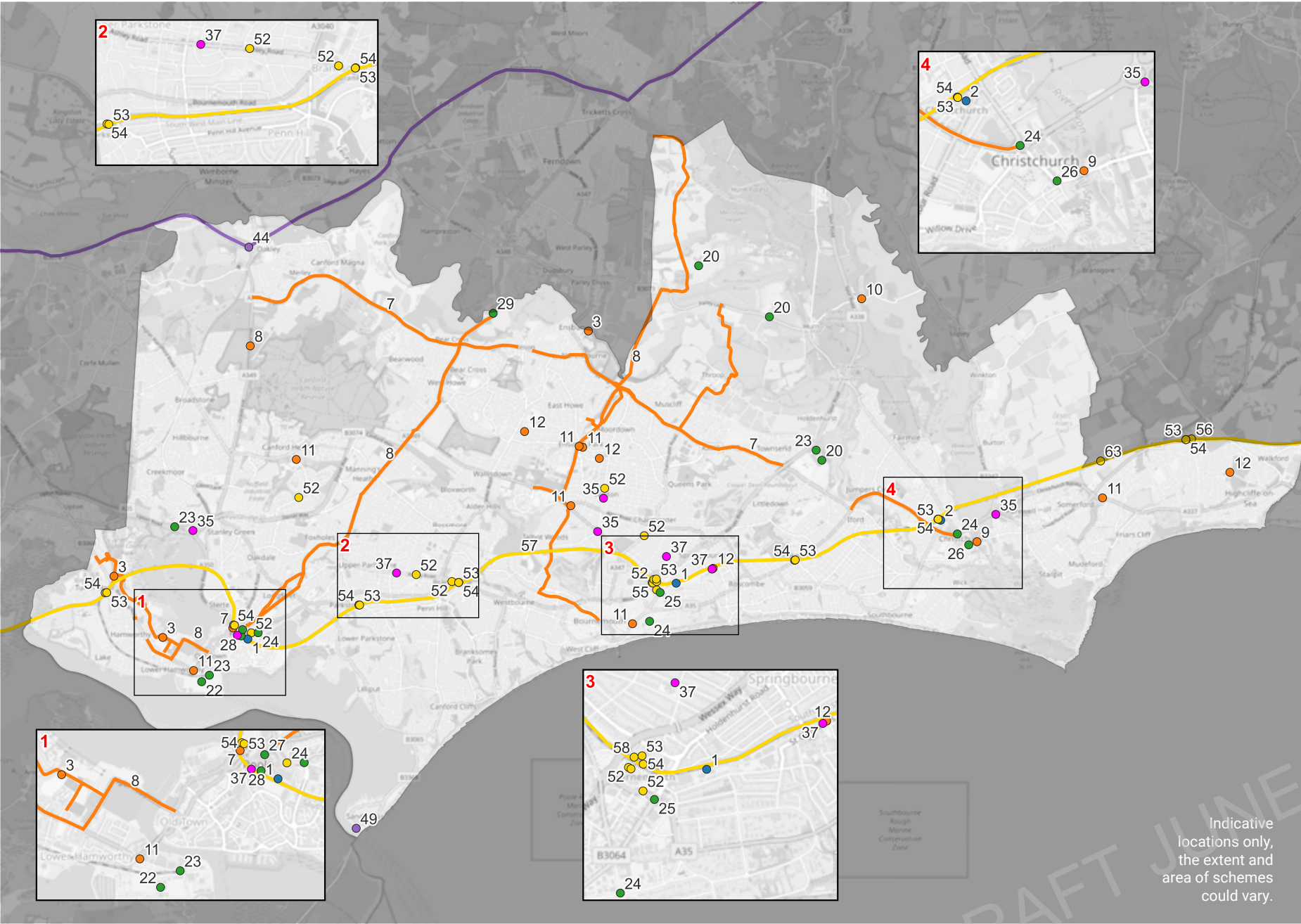
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Annex D – Supporting transport plans, policies and studies used to inform the scheme longlisting process by Dorset and BCP

BCP and Dorset	BCP	Dorset
Local Transport Plan 3 & Supporting Strategies South East Dorset Urban Mobility Strategy Dorset Road Safety Partnership Strategy Ferndown Wallisdown Poole (FWP) Corridor Study Optioneering Report 2019 Strategic Station Plans Dorset Rail Connectivity Study Dorset Metro Strategic Study Western Gateway – Strategic Transport Plan, Strategic Investment Plan, Coach Strategy, Alternative Fuels for Road Freight Strategy, Freight Strategy, Strategic Cycle Network Study	Sustainable Transport Master Plan Strategic Transport Schemes Prioritisation Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Programme South East Dorset Multi Modal Transport Study Western Gateway Strategic Transport Plan BCP Rapid Transit Feasibility A31 Poole Link Road Strategic Outline Business Case 2016 Dorset Council A348 Ringwood Longham Bridge Report New Stations Study (WSP) Poole Local Plan Bournemouth Local Plan Christchurch and East Dorset Local Plan Boscombe and Pokesdown Neighbourhood Plan Broadstone Neighbourhood Plan Highcliffe and Walkford Neighbourhood Plan Hurn Neighbourhood Plan Poole Quays Forum Neighbourhood Plan Sandbanks Peninsula Neighbourhood Plan 2050 Urban Forest Strategy Sustainable Module of Travel to School Strategy BCP Urban Forest and Green Infrastructure Strategy	Dorset Local Plan Consultation 2021 East Dorset and Christchurch Local Plan Purbeck Local Plan West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan North Dorset Local Plan Swanage Local Plan Dorset Bus Service Improvement Plan Active Travel Infrastructure Plan EV Strategy Other projects: Bike Share Dorset Connectivity Study (Rail) Neighbourhood Plans National Highways RIS3 corridor studies National Highways M4 to South Coast Purbeck Transport Strategy 2019 WSP Weymouth and Dorchester studies Hampshire Local Plan and Local Transport Plan Wiltshire Local Plan and Local Transport Plan Somerset Local Plan and Local Transport Plan Devon Local Plan and Local Transport Plan Dorset LEP Economic Strategy Weymouth Levelling Up Fund Transport Bid Purbeck Heaths Partnership Sustainable Tourism Bridport Town Council Access and Movement Study 20 Mile Per Hour (mph) Policy Assessing the Growth Potential of Gillingham (Atkins 2009) Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan Fatality Report (Coroner) Foundry Lea Planning Application Road Safety Audit Policy School Crossing Patrol Policy Dorset Local Nature Recovery Strategy

Annex E – Map showing BCP Council area LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31



- Key
- Objective A**
Safeguard the climate and environment
 - Objective B**
Improve health and wellbeing
 - Objective C**
Create accessible and prosperous places
 - Objective D**
Enable a safer transportation system
 - Objective E**
A resilient and fit for purpose transport network
 - Objective F**
Public transport that is inclusive and accessible

* indicates the main objective that individual schemes will help deliver in LTP (many schemes will contribute to multiple objectives).

Indicative locations only, the extent and area of schemes could vary.

Annex F

Table listing BCP Council area LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31

Ref	Name	Description	Cost estimate	IP1 activity	IP2 activity	IP3 activity
 Objective A – Safeguard the climate and environment						
1	Decarbonise the bus fleet	Work in partnership with bus operators to accelerate the provision of infrastructure for electric buses and increase the proportion of electric buses in the fleet.	£££	Development and delivery	Delivery	Delivery
2	Car Club Expansion	Expand the community car club network and work with providers to decarbonise the current fleet.	£	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
3	Deliver the Rights of Way Improvement Plan	Deliver the improvements identified in the Rights of Way Improvement Plan to enhance walking, wheeling and cycling.	£££	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery	Delivery
4	Zero Emission Vehicles Strategy	Continue to implement the Public Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy (PEVIS) by: - Promoting and incentivising uptake of the Community EV charging scheme - Working with our public EV charging service provider to explore a booking system to support EV charging for LGVs - Working with other local large fleet providers to deliver collaborative provision and public access to EV charging infrastructure - Increasing the provision of EV charging infrastructure at workplaces and for private vehicles across BCP (including on street, off street and at key destinations).	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	Delivery
5	Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) Scheme	Deploy the government's LEVI funding and work with the chargepoint industry to improve customer experience of public EV charge points and accelerate the delivery of local public charging infrastructure (including targeting those areas where residents have limited access to off-street parking).	£££	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
6	Freight Re-fuelling Sites	Support partners to explore opportunities for alternative freight refuelling sites (e.g. EV/hydrogen) at locations on or close to the SRN at Avonheath, Dorchester and West of Bridport.	£££	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery	Delivery
 Objective B – Improve health and wellbeing						
7	Strategic routes (TCF residual)	Deliver Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) priorities.	£££	Development	Delivery	
8	Strategic routes – South East Dorset to BCP	Deliver active travel routes and bus corridor improvements between South East Dorset and BCP, including provision of bus priority, segregated active travel and traffic management measures.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
9	Micromobility expansion	Expand the micromobility hire scheme of e-scooters, bike and e-bikes; improve integration with other transport modes and progress opportunities for e-cargo vehicles and light electric buggies.	£	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery

10	Regional Cycle Network Phase 1	Deliver improved cycling infrastructure between Ringwood and Bournemouth/Christchurch, including addressing the current gap between Wattons Lane and Pitthouse Lane.	£££	Development	Development	Delivery
11	New Pedestrian Crossings	Deliver a prioritised package of new pedestrian crossings including at Talbot Road, Highcliffe Road junction with Hoborne Roundabout, Bourne Valley Roundabout, Stour Road, Ensbury Park Road, Boundary Road/Ensbury Park Gyratory, Bath Road, New Quay Road and Adastral Road.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
12	School Crossing Patrol Replacements	Install formal crossing facilities at prioritised locations including Highcliffe St Marks Primary School, St Peters Catholic School, Courthill Infants School, Bayside Academy, Livingstone Infants and Juniors School, Broadstone First and Middle Schools.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
13	Wayfinding Network	Deliver legible, safe walking routes with improved lighting, markings and route visibility.	£	Development and Delivery	Delivery	
14	Strategic Cycle Routes	Deliver strategic cycle routes to link in with our existing infrastructure and improve cycle access to key employment and economic centres.	£££	Development	Delivery	Delivery
15	Regional Cycle Network Phase 2	Work with neighbouring authority partners including Dorset Council and Hampshire County Council to deliver active travel routes to connect regional gateways, major centres of population/ employment and regionally important destinations, focusing on significant network gaps and existing barriers to enable longer distance cycling.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
16	Accessible cycle parking hubs	Develop and deliver a network of accessible cycle parking hubs, ensuring access for people with disabilities.	£	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
17	LCWIP Delivery	Continue to maintain a LCWIP delivery plan and deliver the priority schemes identified in order to increase the density and connectivity of our active travel network through the development on primary and secondary routes, focusing on key destinations such as places of education and local centres.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
18	Pedestrian Crossing user priority	Upgrade crossing signals to provide instant green light to prioritise pedestrians.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
19	Cycle grant scheme for businesses	Deploy grant funding to businesses to support the provision of secure cycle storage, pool bike schemes and shower and drying facilities.	£	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery



● **Objective C** – Create accessible and prosperous places

20	A338 to Wessex Fields Sustainable Access Package	Package of sustainable access and connectivity improvements linking the A338 to key employment sites at Wessex Fields to provide enhanced transport options, access and connectivity to support employment growth. In the short term this will include an upgrade of traffic signals equipment at key junctions on the Castle Lane East corridor to improve the flow of traffic and provide safer and more convenient journeys for pedestrians and cyclists.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
21	Airport Terminal and Aviation Business Park Sustainable Access Package	Package of sustainable access and connectivity improvements linking the A338 to Aviation Business Park and Bournemouth Airport to provide enhanced transport options, access and connectivity to support employment growth.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
22	Port of Poole	Package of measures to improve access on the local road network and sustainable travel to the Port of Poole to support economic growth plans, alongside investments to facilitate goods movements by rail to and from the port via the provision of a new intermodal facility and reinstatement of freight services on the Hamworthy Branch Line.	£££	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery	Delivery
23	Local Freight Consolidation Centres	Develop plans for local freight consolidation centres to provide sustainable 'last mile' deliveries at potential locations, including Ferndown, Wimborne Minster, Mannings Heath, Wessex Fields, Bournemouth Airport, Creekmoor, Port of Poole	£££	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery	Delivery
24	Movement Strategies Phase 2	Building on the Phase 1 Movement Strategy, develop and deliver movement strategy packages to enhance network efficiency, improve public realm and prioritise safer, healthier and more sustainable journeys along key corridors including radial links between Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Town Centres; Blandford Road in Hamworthy; and Castle Lane East.	£	Development and delivery	Delivery	
25	Bournemouth Town Centre Sustainable Access Package	Informed by the outputs of the Movement Strategy, deliver a package of improved transport options on priority corridors between Bournemouth Travel Interchange and Bournemouth Centre and Seafront through the delivery of mobility hubs, bus priority and active travel prioritisation measures	£££	Development	Delivery	Delivery
26	Christchurch Town Centre Access Package	Informed by the outputs of the Movement Strategy, develop and deliver a package of sustainable access and connectivity improvements to reduce pressure at strategic river crossings into Christchurch Town Centre and improve connectivity between Boscombe and Christchurch via A35. Interventions will include bus priority measures, active travel provision and mobility hubs.	£££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
27	Poole Town Centre Sustainable Access Package	Informed by the outputs of the Movement Strategy, develop and deliver a package of sustainable access and connectivity improvements to improve access in Poole Town Centre including at the George Roundabout and between Poole Rail Station and Poole Town Centre. Interventions will include bus priority measures, active travel provision and mobility hubs.	£££	Development	Delivery	Delivery
28	Poole Travel Interchange	Enhancements to Poole Travel Interchange, with options to redevelop the existing bus station and to relocate Poole Rail Station – as part of wider town centre package.	£££	Development	Delivery	Delivery
29	Longham Bridge/ A348 Freight Routes	Package of measures to improve freight routing and resilience along the A348, including associated improvements to active travel routes.	£££	Development	Delivery	Delivery
30	Supporting sustainable transport choices through information and technology	Enhance existing technology through working with partner organisations to increase awareness of sustainable transport options particularly for business travel, schools and new developments.	£	Development and Delivery	Delivery	

31	Freight Route and Facilities Mapping	Work with partners to publish a new Freight Route and Facilities Map including recommended lorry routes, road standards, weight limitations, area restrictions, lorry parking, ports and major industrial estates	£	Delivery		
32	Lane Rental Scheme	Develop a new Lane Rental Scheme to allow BCP Council to levy a daily charge for utility companies and contractors for occupying the busiest roads at peak times to reduce traffic congestion and faster completion of works.	£	Delivery		
33	Improve highway assets	Continue to prioritise improvements to the condition, quality and resilience of highways assets, providing better roads and pavements. Commit to reduce the number of potholes, including preventing formation through enhanced road maintenance.	££	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
34	Personal delivery devices (PDD)	Support a pilot PDD scheme to deliver groceries using small electric autonomous vehicles	£	Development and Delivery		
 Objective D – Enable a safer transportation system						
35	Road Safety Priority Schemes	Continue to deliver an annual prioritised programme of road safety improvement schemes, including for example at Holes Bay North Roundabout; Purewell Cross Roundabout; Withermoor and Wycliffe junctions with Wimborne Road; East Avenue Roundabout; Wallisdown Road west of Wallisdown Roundabout; Holdenhurst Road; Cemetery Junction; Shah of Persia junction; Iford Roundabout; and Bournemouth West Roundabout.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
36	Liveable Neighbourhoods	Explore the feasibility of resident-led area-wide traffic management and public realm interventions across neighbourhoods. Measures within scope to include: pedestrian crossings and footway improvements; trees and planting; speed reduction measures; accessibility improvements (including to public transport); creation of quiet routes; and School Streets.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
37	Poole Level Crossing	Work with Network Rail/GBR to deliver a suitable replacement of Poole Level Crossing.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	
38	Free adult cycle training	Provision of free cycle training for adults.	£	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
39	Safe routes to schools	Programme of activity to improve infrastructure and promote safe cycling, walking and wheeling routes to schools across BCP. Develop and provide independent travel training, including for journeys to school for children that require additional support.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
40	20MPH zones	Deliver a prioritised programme of 20MPH zones, initially focusing on areas in Winton, Strouden, Malmsbury Park, Boscombe, Springborne, Iford and West Southbourne.	£££	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery	
41	Bikeability	Continue to provide a programme of national standard cycle training across BCP.	£	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
42	Child-friendly streets	Deliver a network of child-friendly streets to support journeys to and from each secondary school in BCP with the aim of enabling 90% of children to travel actively to and from school safely.	£££	Development	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery
43	Improve personal safety on the travel network	Design transport infrastructure to improve security so people, particularly women and girls feel safer and more confident to travel. Review existing facilities to include safety features including lighting, CCTV and natural surveillance where possible.	£	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	Development and delivery



● **Objective E** – A resilient and fit for purpose transport network

44	A31 Capacity and Safety Improvements Package	Work with National Highways to improve journey time reliability along the A31 corridor, including at strategic junctions and pinchpoints such as Ashley Heath, Merley Roundabout and Showground Roundabout to facilitate delivery of new homes. Includes delivery of segregated walking and cycling facilities parallel to the SRN to reduce the demand for local car trips.	£££	Development	Delivery	Delivery
45	Parking Strategy	Develop and deliver a BCP Parking Strategy including measures such as: - Reviewing Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) and Residents Parking Zones (RPZ) - Reviewing the capacity and location of council-owned car parks - Regular review of parking charges - Monitoring the role out of the National Parking Platform - Updating parking guidance for inclusion in the new Local Plan - Reviewing on-street parking and use of the kerbside - Use of car park data and monitoring to scope improvement	£	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery
46	Workplace Parking Levy	Develop feasibility study complete with business case for a Workplace Parking Levy, which could fund initiatives such as more bus services to/from schools and discounted travel for the children using them, network management improvements, active travel and road safety improvements.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
47	A35 Corridor improvements	Work with National Highways and Dorset Council to improve journey time reliability and resilience along the A35 corridor and deliver safety improvements on the Dorchester bypass.	£££	Development	Development and Delivery	
48	Cross Boundary Integrated Network Management Plan	Work with our neighbouring authorities and stakeholders such as Network Rail and National Highways to establish a cross boundary integrated Network Management Plan to better coordinate operational management of the network and cross-boundary movements.	££	Development	Development and Delivery	
49	Sandbanks Ferry	Continue to work with partners to ensure the chain ferry across the entrance of Poole Harbour between Sandbanks in Poole and Studland in Purbeck continues to form an accessible part of the transport network, as an alternative to a longer land-based route.	£	Development and Delivery	Development and Delivery	
50	Network management measures	Develop and deliver a package of network management measures including: - Consideration of red routes on strategic transport routes - Enhanced Network Management capability - Review of new pavement parking powers	£	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery



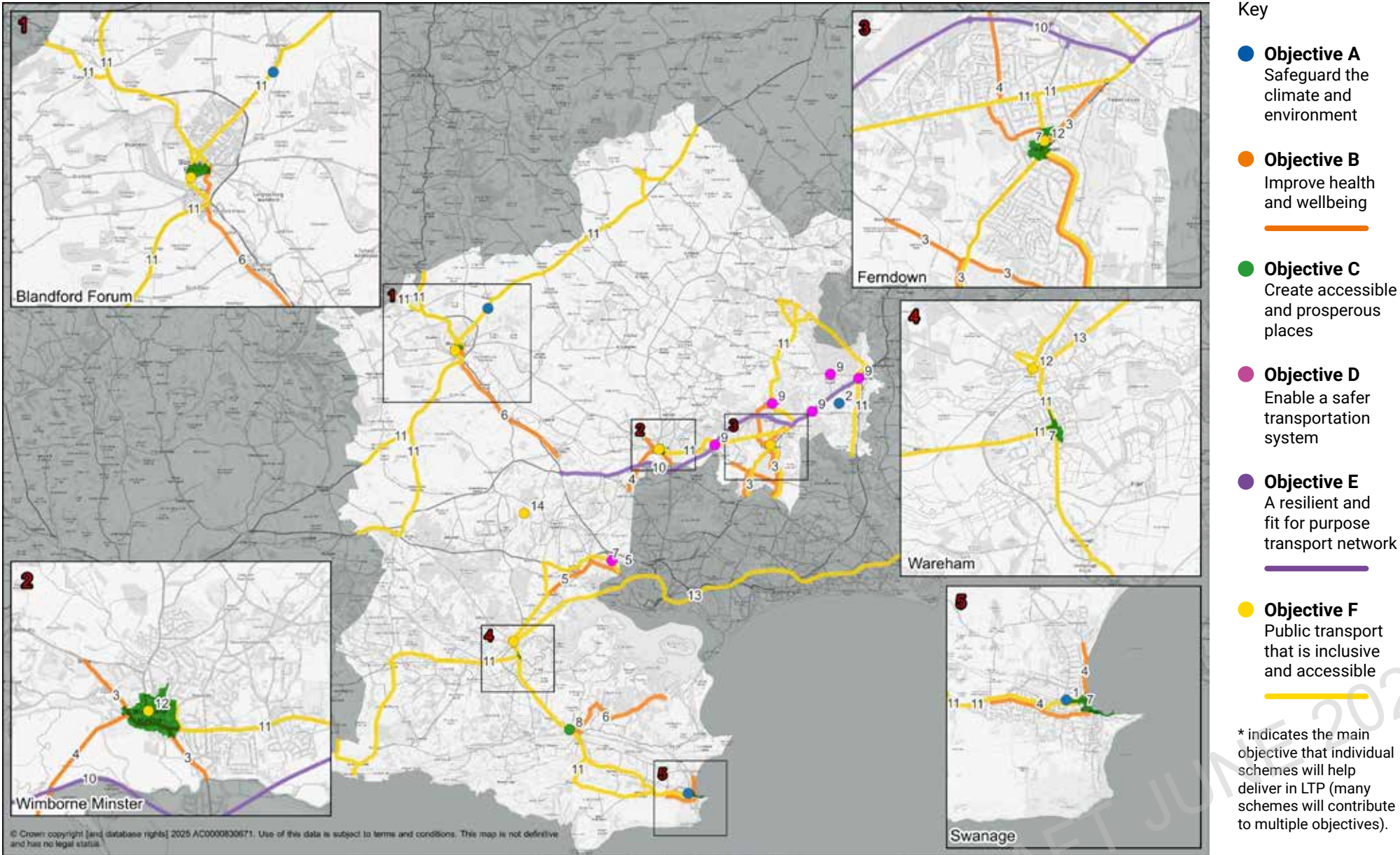
● **Objective F** – Public transport that is inclusive and accessible

51	Bus Service Improvement Plan priorities	Continue to work in partnership with local bus operators to deliver the priorities identified in the Bus Service Improvement Plan, including Bournemouth Interchange to Station Roundabout slip road scheme; Branksome Roundabout eastbound bus lane; Ashley Road; review of on-street parking on Charminster Road and Wimborne Road in Winton; site facility improvements to Poole Bus Station and Bournemouth Travel Interchange; bus stop upgrade at 15 priority locations; enhanced bus stop configurations at 35 priority locations.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	
52	Neighbourhood and town centre mobility hubs	Deliver mobility hubs at up to 35 locations across BCP to make interchange between public, shared, active and private modes easier by providing, for example, micromobility hire points, frequent bus services, community car club vehicles, active travel and EV charging.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	
53	Rail Station Access Programme	Deliver active travel and bus improvements to improve access to rail stations in BCP from surrounding local areas and contribute to Station Improvement Plans developed by train operators and Network Rail.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	

54	BCP Rail Station Accessibility Programme	Support Network Rail and partners to upgrade facilities at rail stations, to meet published accessibility standards, to deliver level boarding including at Hamworthy, Parkstone, Branksome, Pokesdown, Christchurch and Hinton Admiral Stations.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	
55	Long distance coach and bus routes	Continue to progress new and improved coach routes and longer distance bus routes, identified in the regional Coach Strategy focusing on where equivalent rail journeys are longer than road travel – e.g. BCP area to Bath, Bristol and Exeter continuing westwards. This will be achieved through liaison with bus and coach operators and emerging combined authorities.	£	Development	Delivery	
56	Strategic mobility hubs	Deliver a small network of multi-modal interchange hubs at strategic, edge of town sites to support multi-modal travel by visitors to key BCP destinations such as the town centres and seafront. To include provision of measures such as micromobility hire points, EV charging and frequent bus services.	£££	Development	Delivery	Delivery
57	Improved rail journey times to London	Work with our rail partners to improve services on the South Western Main Line to London by reducing current journey times from BCP stations to London Waterloo	£££	Development	Delivery	
58	Improved weekend rail services	Work with our rail partners to improve weekend rail services from BCP stations both for westward travel to and from Dorset stations to Weymouth and for travel to and from London, so that Sundays are upgraded to a Saturday level of service and Saturdays are upgraded to a weekday level of service. Also seek improvements for the Cross Country route towards Reading, Birmingham and Manchester particularly to support the tourism economy in BCP.	£££	Development	Delivery	
59	Dorset Metro	Support Network Rail and partners to deliver a 'turn up and go' rail service within BCP to increase rail mode share to the national average. This will include incremental improvements with partners to increase train frequency and introduce ticketing initiatives.	£££	Development	Development and Delivery	Delivery
60	Discounted bus travel for school children	Provide discounted bus travel to school within the LTP area, with a possible funding source from the Workplace Parking Levy, subject to progress after feasibility.	££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
61	Simplify and integrate fares	Support the roll out of Project Coral and continue to work with transport operators to expand the scope of integrated multi-operator, multi-modal ticketing and tap-on tap-off fares across the BCP network.	£	Development and Delivery	Delivery	
62	Targeted promotional campaigns	Continue to work with bus operators to deliver targeted promotional campaigns aimed at residents and visitors to promote destinations, places and events with poor or limited access by car.	£	Development and Delivery	Delivery	
63	Improve bus information	Enhance the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) to improve bus information at bus stops with new additional Real Time Passenger Information displays and CCTV at the busiest stops. Continue to support and improve regional public transport information and journey planning website.	£££	Development and Delivery	Delivery	
64	New Stations	Review opportunities for new or relocated train stations in BCP to support housing and employment growth.	£££	Development	Development	Delivery
65	Demand Responsive Transport	Consider the feasibility of a Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) service to serve clusters of businesses with employees located in specific residential areas to improve travel choice.	££	Development	Delivery	
66	Mass Transit	Develop and deliver proposals for a mass transit light or ultra light rail/ tram scheme across the BCP area to provide a frequent, reliable service, is integrated with active travel, bus and rail and supports the delivery of new homes.	£££	Development	Development	Development and Delivery
67	Heart of Wessex Service Line Enhancement and improved regional rail connectivity	Support Network Rail and Dorset Council with plans for capacity enhancements to provide an hourly service between Weymouth and Bristol and connect service to Yeovil Junction. Continue to make the case for rail improvements from BCP to and from south west England and work with partners to deliver on a regional basis.	£££	Development	Development and Delivery	Delivery

Annex G

Map showing South Eastern Dorset LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31



Annex H

Table listing South Eastern Dorset LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31

Ref	Name	Description	Cost estimate	IP1 activity	IP2 activity	IP3 activity
 Objective A – Safeguard the climate and environment						
1	Zero Emission Buses	Support partners to introduce an electric bus fleet by 2035 to operate on Dorset routes. The new buses will enhance the user experience in turn increasing bus patronage and reducing road traffic.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
2	Freight Alternative Re-Fuelling Sites	Support partners to scope feasibility and commence delivery of freight refuelling site in the area of Avonheath, to provide EV charging/Hydrogen/Gas re-fuelling facilities specifically for HGVs and LGVs. Location on or close to the A31.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
 Objective B – Improve health and wellbeing						
3	Regional Cycle Network routes/ schemes	Development of regional Active Travel routes to connect regional gateways, major centres of population and employment between Dorset, BCP and Hampshire County Council. Focus on significant gaps in the network and existing significant barriers to improve regional cycling connectivity and accessibility.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
4	Priority Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP) routes	Continue to develop and deliver priority schemes (not covered elsewhere in this document) outlined in the Dorset ATIP	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
5	Strategic sustainable travel network connecting South East Dorset to the BCP conurbation	Delivery of a sustainable travel network between South East Dorset and BCP Council area including active travel routes and bus corridor improvements. Programme to include provision of bus priority, segregated active travel infrastructure and traffic management measures. The enhancements seek to reduce road congestion and promote safe and healthy alternatives to car use, especially for shorter journeys.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
6	Developing Rights of Way and Green Infrastructure	Delivery of improvements identified in the ROWIP that help to make better use of the PROW network to meet wider LTP objectives. There is significant potential for the PROW network to enhance walking and cycling access in rural areas. Improvements will focus on developing and managing Trailway routes including: - Improving access into the Castleman Trailway - Improved connectivity and access to the Stour Valley trail.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	



● **Objective C** – Create accessible and prosperous places

7	Town centre traffic management and access improvements	Packages of traffic management, junction improvements, public realm and active travel infrastructure to reduce traffic volumes entering town centres and encourage short journeys to be made on foot or by bike.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
8	Sustainable travel routes and traffic management in Purbeck	Provide a package of sustainable travel routes and traffic management measures to encourage visitors to Purbeck to travel to/from/around the area without using their car.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	



● **Objective D** – Enable a safer transportation system

9	Cluster site identification, development and delivery of priority safety schemes	Develop and deliver priority schemes as identified through annual cluster site analysis.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	Development and delivery
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● **Objective E** – A resilient and fit for purpose transport network

10	A31 Capacity and safety improvements package	Support National Highways to develop a business case and secure investment to deliver capacity and safety improvements for vehicular traffic and walking and cycling and public transport at strategic junctions and sections along A31 and the local road network connecting to the A31. Work with National Highways to develop a scheme to support movements along the A31 and to support housing and employment site delivery. Submit to Western Gateway STB SIP in early 2026.	£££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	Delivery
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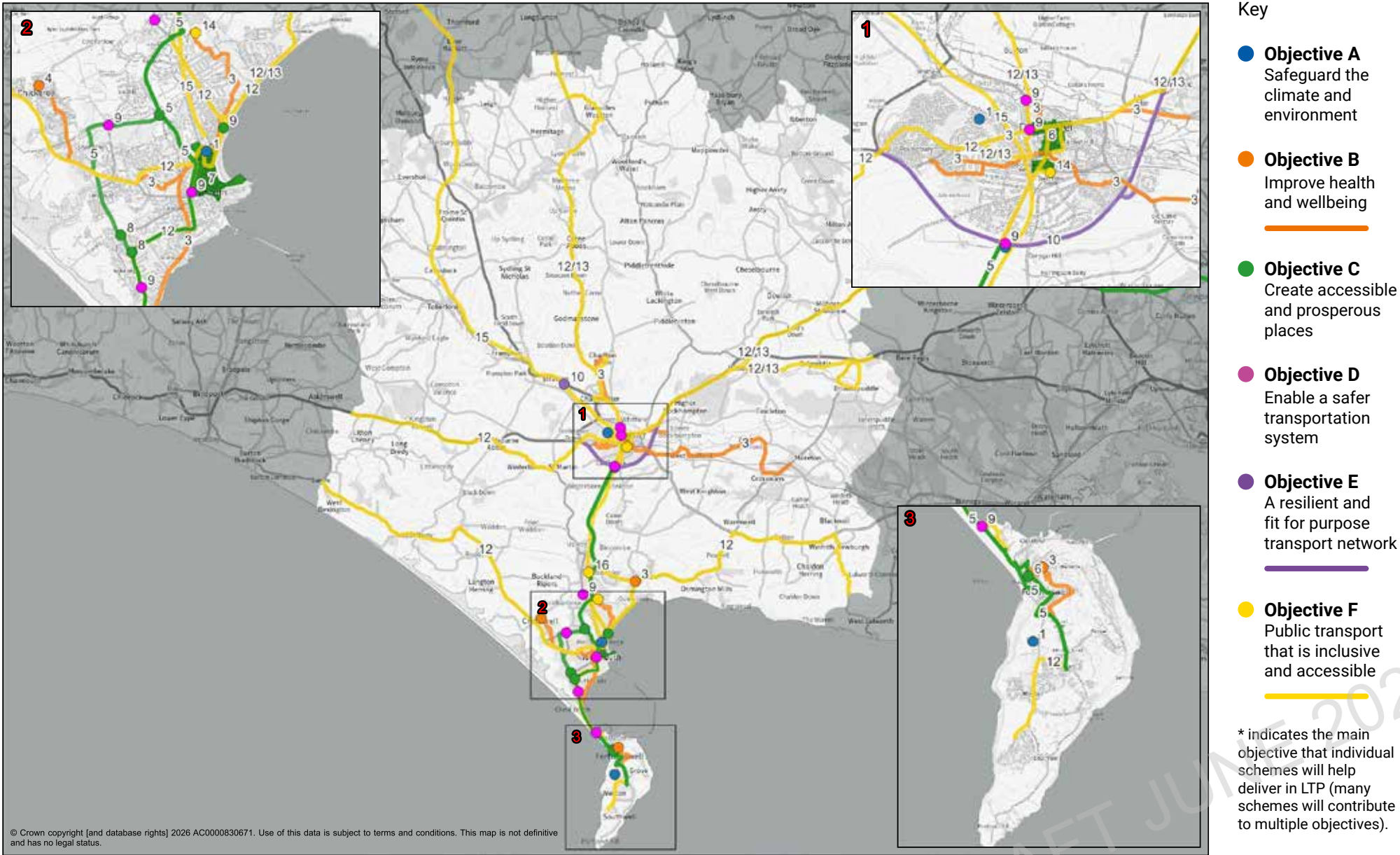
● **Objective F** – Public transport that is inclusive and accessible

11	Increase bus service frequency on strategic bus network	Raise bus service frequency and standards on core inter-urban routes. Initially routes should operate at least hourly 7am to 7pm, with corridors being identified for enhancement to increase to a 30 minute frequency where services can be sustained commercially.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
12	Introduce mobility hubs and integrate hub and spoke service model	Creation of new or enhanced mobility hubs. These hubs will include improved cycle storage, waiting facilities, parcel lockers and travel information for seamless interchange between modes including walking, cycling, lift-shares and taxis, supporting first and last mile trip legs. Hub locations to include Blandford, Wimborne, Ferndown and Wareham.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
13	Dorset Metro	Support Network Rail (Great British Railways) prepare a business case and secure funding to deliver an additional one train per hour shuttle service linking Wareham and Brockenhurst and improvements to the Weymouth to London Waterloo service. The improvements aim to improve connectivity between Dorset and the BCP conurbation to improve access to employment, education and leisure opportunities and encourage a shift to increased rail travel.	£££	Development	Development and delivery	
14	South East Dorset Rural Mobility Pilot	Joint pilot with BCP designed to improve rural mobility within SE Dorset, particularly the connectivity between rural Dorset and the conurbation. The pilot responds to the South West Rural Mobility Strategy, seeking to provide better transport connections between towns and villages, combat isolation and poor physical and mental health, provide choice in the ways people travel and encourage more sustainable travel choices. This will include increasing bus frequencies on core bus routes, developing a network of mobility hubs and developing feeder on demand services to increase the travel opportunities available to rural communities and visitors to the area.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	

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Annex I

Map showing Central Dorset LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31



Annex J

Table listing Central Dorset LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31

Ref	Name	Description	Cost estimate	IP1 activity	IP2 activity	IP3 activity
 Objective A – Safeguard the climate and environment						
1	Zero Emission Buses	Support partners to introduce an electric bus fleet by 2035 to operate on Dorset routes. The new buses will enhance the user experience in turn increasing bus patronage and reducing road traffic.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
2	Freight Alternative Re-Fuelling Sites	Support partners to scope feasibility and commence delivery of freight refuelling facility to provide EV charging/Hydrogen/Gas re-fuelling facilities specifically for HGVs and LGVs. Location on or close to the A35.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
 Objective B – Improve health and wellbeing						
3	Priority Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP) routes	Priority routes as identified through the ATIP that connect residential areas with town centres, employment sites, schools, hospitals and transport interchanges.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	Delivery
4	Expansion of the Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland e-bikeshare scheme	Expansion of the existing e-bikeshare scheme to increase the number and location of bays and e-bikes available across the area. The existing dockless bike share scheme of around 120 bikes and 30 bays would be expanded to provide over 200 bikes and 50+ bays.	£	Development and delivery		
 Objective C – Create accessible and prosperous places						
5	A354 corridor multi-modal improvements south of Dorchester to Weymouth and Portland	A package of enhancements to improve travel between Dorchester, Weymouth and Portland. The package will include junction improvements, bus priority and active travel measures along the corridor and within town centres, public realm improvements and traffic management measures in Weymouth Town centre and development of Weymouth park and ride site to provide a new mobility hub with improved park and ride bus services. The package will support and promote growth, deliver shorter and more reliable journey times, enhance access to the A35 strategic road network, improve road safety, provide better facilities for active travel and public transport and reduce traffic entering central areas of Weymouth.	£££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
6	Town centre traffic management and access improvements	Packages of traffic management, junction improvements, public realm and active travel infrastructure to reduce traffic volumes entering town centres and encourage short journeys to be made on foot or by bike.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	

7	Weymouth Town Centre traffic management and public realm improvements	Delivery of schemes which support the new Weymouth Town Centre Masterplan, providing more efficient and safer movement of people around the town centre by all travel modes to reduce congestion and improve air quality, accessibility and the public realm. Improvements to include: - Enhanced active travel links through the town centre, linking key destinations, such as the railway station, Westham Rd, the Harbourside and Town Bridge. - A new bridge at the Swannery to improve access to the rail station and seafront from western residential areas. - King Street corridor improvements.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
8	Portland access improvements	Package of access and traffic management interventions including: - Rearrangement of Wyke Road junction to accommodate for HGV traffic and improve active travel access - Active travel link from Fortuneswell / Castletown to Easton avoiding the A354 corridor - Active travel extension of NCN Route 26 to Portland Bill - Active travel safety improvements between Osprey Quay Roundabout and Hamm Beach Roundabout on Portland Beach Road - Junction improvements to improve accessibility and safety at Langton Avenue / Portland Road / Merley Road - Foords corner junction improvements	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
 Objective D – Enable a safer transportation system						
9	Cluster site identification, development and delivery of priority safety schemes	Develop and deliver priority schemes as identified through annual cluster site analysis.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	Development and delivery
 Objective E – A resilient and fit for purpose transport network						
10	A35 corridor improvements	Support National Highways and the Western Gateway Sub National Transport Body to develop designs, prepare a business case and submit for government funding for a package of junction and safety improvements on the Dorchester bypass to support Dorset's Economic Growth Strategy by enhancing connectivity, journey time reliability and route resilience.	£££	Development	Development and delivery	
11	A37 package of improvements to improve safety and resilience	Highways improvements at Stratton Railway Bridge, north-west of Dorchester to reduce impacts of frequent flooding events on highway network and improve highway safety.	££	Development and delivery		

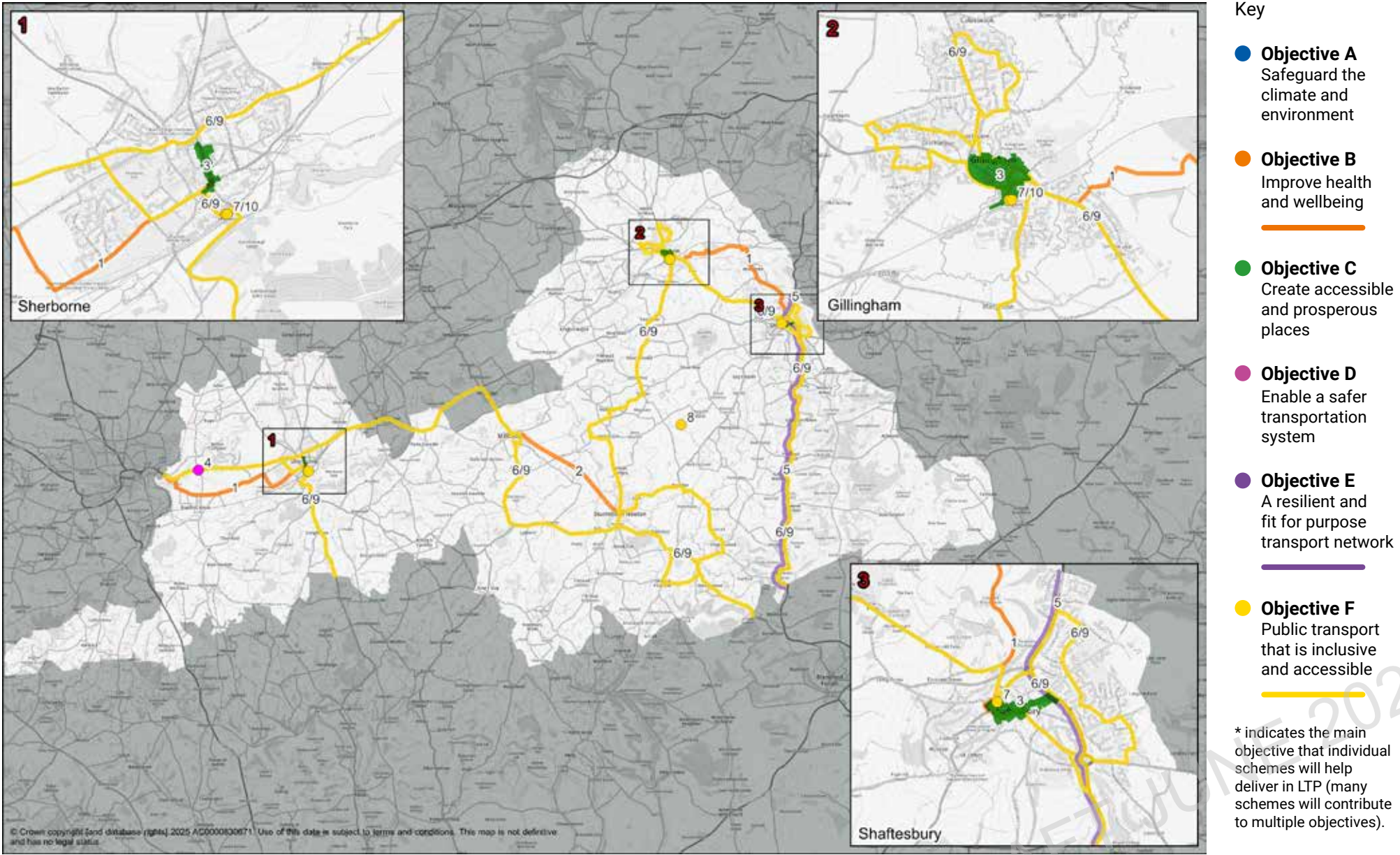


● **Objective F** – Public transport that is inclusive and accessible

12	Increase bus service frequency on strategic bus network	Raise bus service frequency and standards on core inter-urban routes. Initially routes should operate at least hourly 7am to 7pm, with corridors being identified for enhancement to increase to a 30 minute frequency where services can be sustained commercially.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
13	Extend weekend services on strategic bus network	Improved Saturday services on core route network. Timetables to match Mon-Fri operation.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
14	Introduce mobility hubs and integrate hub and spoke service model	Creation of new or enhanced mobility hubs. These hubs will include improved cycle storage, waiting facilities, parcel lockers and travel information for seamless interchange between modes including walking, cycling, lift-shares and taxis, supporting first and last mile trip legs. Aim to develop hub locations in Dorchester and Weymouth, including Weymouth Park and Ride.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
15	Heart of Wessex Line Service Enhancement	Support Network Rail (Great British Railways) prepare a business case and secure funding to deliver capacity enhancements which enable a one train per hour service linking Weymouth and Bristol and connect services to Yeovil Junction. The rail service will be integrated with other travel modes to encourage a shift to increased rail travel.	£££	Development	Development and delivery	
16	Dorset rail stations accessibility programme	Support Network Rail and Train Operating Companies to make Dorchester South and Upwey fully accessible, including delivery of step-free access (such as lifts or ramps) and improved station facilities for passengers.	£££	Development	Development	

Annex K

Map showing Northern Dorset LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31



Annex L

Table listing Northern Dorset LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31

Ref	Name	Description	Cost estimate	IP1 activity	IP2 activity	IP3 activity
 ● Objective B – Improve health and wellbeing						
1	Priority Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP) routes	Priority routes as identified through the ATIP that connect residential areas with town centres, employment sites, schools, hospitals and transport interchanges.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	Delivery
2	Developing Rights of Way and Green Infrastructure	Delivery of improvements identified in the ROWIP that help to make better use of the PROW network to meet wider LTP objectives, including extending the North Dorset Trailway northwards from Sturminster Newton and southwards into Poole.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
 ● Objective C – Create accessible and prosperous places						
3	Town centre traffic management and access improvements	Packages of traffic management, junction improvements, public realm and active travel infrastructure to reduce traffic volumes entering town centres and encourage short journeys to be made on foot or by bike.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
 ● Objective D – Enable a safer transportation system						
4	Cluster site identification, development and delivery of priority	Develop and deliver priority schemes as identified through annual cluster site analysis.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	Development and delivery
 ● Objective E – A resilient and fit for purpose transport network						
5	Localised traffic management interventions along the A350 corridor	Localised interventions to reduce the impacts of traffic on local communities and improve safety and route resilience.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	

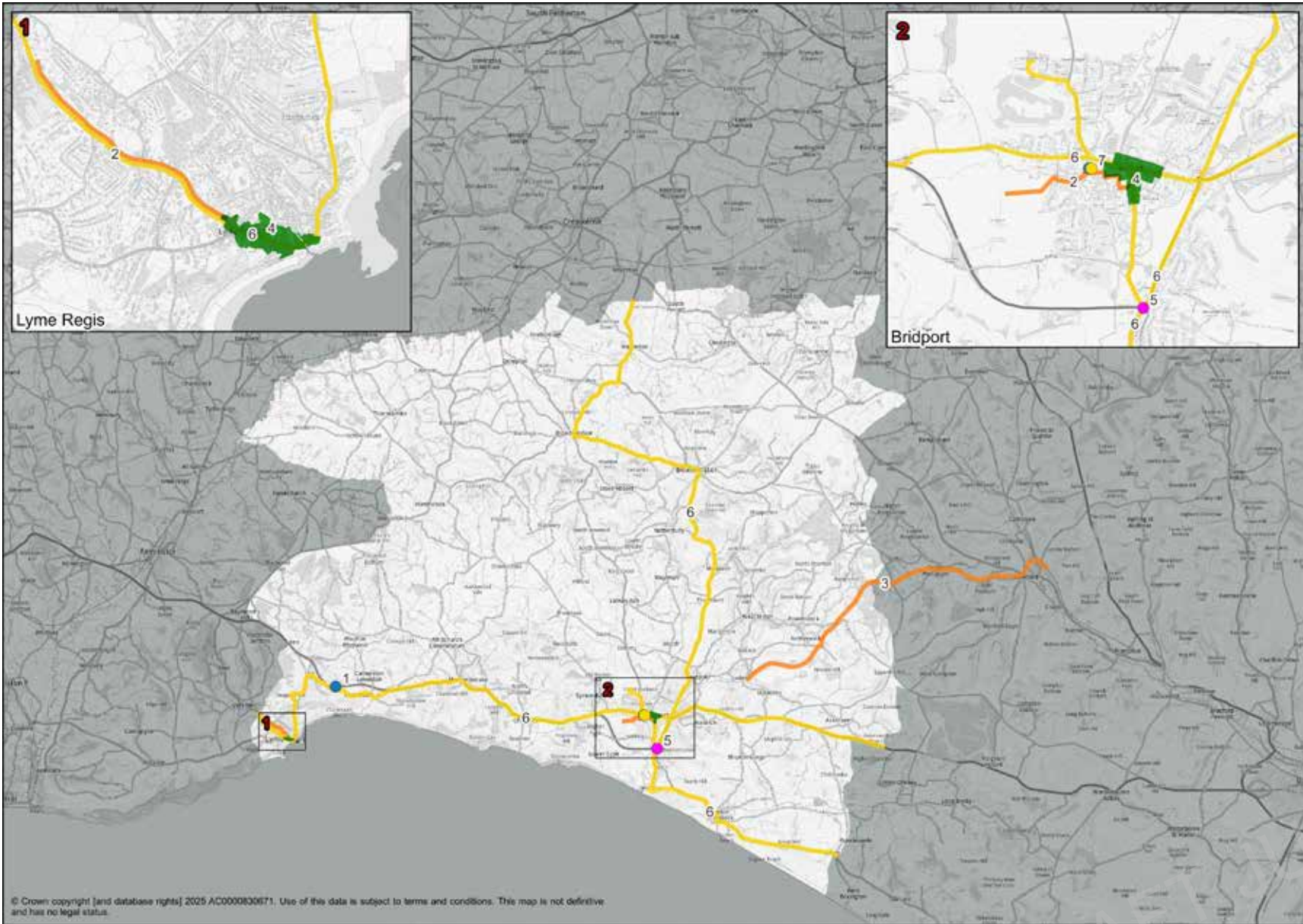


● **Objective F** – Public transport that is inclusive and accessible

6	Increase bus service frequency on strategic bus network	Enhance the frequency and reliability of bus services on strategic inter-urban routes, such as Blandford-Shaftesbury–Gillingham and Yeovil–Sturminster Newton–Blandford, providing better access to employment, education and healthcare. Saturday bus services will be extended to ensure consistent service levels throughout the week. The introduction of zero-emission buses will modernise the fleet, reduce emissions and improve the passenger experience.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
7	Introduce mobility hubs and integrate hub and spoke service model	Creation of new or enhanced mobility hubs. These hubs will include improved cycle storage, waiting facilities, parcel lockers and travel information for seamless interchange between modes including walking, cycling, lift-shares and taxis, supporting first and last mile trip legs. Hub locations to include Sherborne, Gillingham and Shaftesbury.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
8	North Dorset RuralMobility Pilot	This pilot will serve the rural areas surrounding Gillingham and Shaftesbury, offering flexible transport options to connect residents with key services and tourist destinations. These hubs will also support interchange with other sustainable modes, including cycling and car sharing.	£	Development and delivery	Delivery	
9	Extend weekend services on strategic bus network	Reintroduce Saturday services on core route network. Timetables to match Mon-Fri operation. Enhanced routes to include: CR2 (Gillingham - Shaftesbury), CR3 (Gillingham - Sturminster Newton), CR4 (Blandford - Yeovil), CR5 (Dorchester - Yeovil), CR6(Bridport - Yeovil), CR7 (Blandford - Shaftesbury).	£	Development and delivery		
10	Dorset rail stations accessibility programme	Support Network Rail and Train Operating Companies to make Gillingham and Sherborne stations fully accessible, including delivery of step-free access (such as lifts or ramps) and improved station facilities for passengers.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	

Annex M

Map showing Western Dorset LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31



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- Objective A**
Safeguard the climate and environment
- Objective B**
Improve health and wellbeing
- Objective C**
Create accessible and prosperous places
- Objective D**
Enable a safer transportation system
- Objective E**
A resilient and fit for purpose transport network
- Objective F**
Public transport that is inclusive and accessible

* indicates the main objective that individual schemes will help deliver in LTP (many schemes will contribute to multiple objectives).

Annex N

Table listing Western Dorset LTP IP1 schemes for development / delivery 2026/27 to 2030/31

Ref	Name	Description	Cost estimate	IP1 activity	IP2 activity	IP3 activity
 Objective A – Safeguard the climate and environment						
1	Freight Alternative Re-Fuelling Sites	Support partners to scope feasibility and commence delivery of freight refuelling site in the area of west of Bridport, to provide EV charging/Hydrogen/Gas re-fuelling facilities specifically for HGVs and LGVs. Location on or close to the A35.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
 Objective B – Improve health and wellbeing						
2	Priority Active Travel Infrastructure Plan (ATIP) routes	Priority routes as identified through the ATIP that connect residential areas with town centres, employment sites, schools, hospitals and transport interchanges.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	Delivery
3	Developing Rights of Way and Green Infrastructure	Delivery of improvements identified in the ROWIP that help to make better use of the PROW network to meet wider LTP objectives, including developing the Maiden Newton to Bridport Trailway.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
 Objective C – Create accessible and prosperous places						
4	Town centre traffic management and access improvements	Packages of traffic management, junction improvements, public realm and active travel infrastructure to reduce traffic volumes entering town centres and encourage short journeys to be made on foot or by bike.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
 Objective D – Enable a safer transportation system						
5	Cluster site identification, development and delivery of priority safety schemes	Develop and deliver priority schemes as identified through annual cluster site analysis.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	Development and delivery



● **Objective F** – Public transport that is inclusive and accessible

6	Increase bus service frequency on strategic bus network	Enhance the frequency and reliability of bus services on strategic inter-urban routes, such as Bridport–Axminster-Dorchester and Bridport–Yeovil, providing better access to employment, education and healthcare. Saturday bus services will be extended to ensure consistent service levels throughout the week. The introduction of zero-emission buses will modernise the fleet, reduce emissions and improve the passenger experience.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
7	Introduce mobility hubs and integrate hub and spoke service model	Creation of new or enhanced mobility hub in Bridport. These hubs will include improved cycle storage, waiting facilities, parcel lockers and travel information for seamless interchange between modes including walking, cycling, lift-shares and taxis, supporting first and last mile trip legs.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	



Annex O

Dorset non-geographical specific schemes / schemes with insufficient locational detail

Ref	Name	Description	Cost estimate	IP1 activity	IP2 activity	IP3 activity
 Objective A – Safeguard the climate and environment						
	Charging Ahead Electric Vehicle infrastructure expansion	Expanded programme to install electric vehicle public charging infrastructure, including: - Providing a mix of fast residential charging and rapid on-route charging in rural areas - Expanding town centre charging capacity to provide ultra-rapid charging hubs in key settlements - on-street installations in Dorset towns where there is a high proportion of households without access to off-street parking and without access to other public charging facilities.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
	EV car clubs and car sharing	Support developers to deliver EV car clubs and car sharing in new developments and local communities to establish community based initiatives to reduce single occupancy car trips and car ownership levels.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
 Objective B – Improve health and wellbeing						
	Bikeability	Maintain provision of national standard cycle training programme coordinated with RST with training provided by approved instructors across Dorset. Alternative sources of revenue funding to be identified.	££	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
	Local highway improvement and safety schemes	Continued prioritisation and delivery of small scale highway improvements and safety schemes.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	Development and delivery
	Ban on pavement parking	Introduce and enforce a total ban on unauthorised pavement parking to ensure footways are kept free of obstructions for pedestrians.	£	Development and delivery		
 Objective C – Create accessible and prosperous places						
	Car parking review implementation	Complete parking review and implement changes to parking controls and management.	£	Development and delivery		

	A Freight Route and Facilities Map	Review, update and publish new Freight Route and Facilities Map. Information includes recommended lorry routes, road standards, weight limitations, area restrictions, lorry parking, ports and Ro-Ro ferries and major industrial estates.	£	Development and delivery		
	Last mile deliveries	Support businesses to introduce E-cargo bikes and other sustainable local delivery methods within South East Dorset, Weymouth, Dorchester and other market towns across Dorset.	£	Development and delivery		
	Local Freight Consolidation Centres	The objective of potential sites for local freight depots is to intercept the vehicles from greater network outside of the area, including A31, so as to reduce the number of freight and servicing vehicles entering the urban centres by encouraging sustainable 'last mile' distribution journey by smaller electrical or human-powered delivery vehicles. Potential sites for local freight depots could include Ferndown and, Wimborne Minster.	££	Development and delivery	Development and delivery	
 Objective D – Enable a safer transportation system						
	Safe routes to schools and school streets	Support partners to improve safety of school pupils through infrastructure improvements, marketing campaigns and roll out of school street initiatives.	£	Development and delivery	Delivery	
	Dorset Road Safety Partnership	Support the partnership to improve road safety by reducing the number of road deaths and serious injuries in Dorset through education courses, training programmes, enforcement operations, engineering schemes and speed reduction measures.	£	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
	20mph Limits and Zones	Support local communities to introduce more 20mph limits and zones in urban areas and village streets to ensure greater road safety and to reduce the impact of road traffic on local communities.	£	Delivery	Delivery	Delivery
 Objective E – A resilient and fit for purpose transport network						
	Publish new Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	Review current plans and publish updated asset management plan setting out the management, operation, preservation and enhancement of the highway infrastructure.	£	Development and delivery		

	Establish an integrated cross boundary Network Management Plan and associated operations	Work with partners to improve the coordination of maintenance, utility works and emergency responses. Work jointly with BCP Council to establish an integrated cross boundary network management plan, aiming to better coordinate operational management of the network and traffic movement within and across the authorities' boundaries. We will support National Highways in the management of their networks and work closely to facilitate seamless journeys between our local network and their national infrastructure.	££	Development and delivery	Delivery	
 Objective F – Public transport that is inclusive and accessible						
	Multioperator bus ticketing	Introduce county wide multi-operator ticketing products future proof to include all operators, cross boundary routes and 'plus bus'. Include daily cap on fares.	££	Development and delivery		
	Rural mobility hubs	Establishing hubs in village centres where key services are provided (such as GP's practice, mobile banking and libraries) and provision of transport options to access external services (e.g. via demand responsive transport, car clubs/car share).	££	Development	Delivery	

Annex P

LTP performance indicators

 Strong alignment
  Moderate alignment

ID	Performance indicator	How it is measured	Climate and environment	Health and wellbeing	Prosperous places	Safety	Network resilience	Public transport
1	Carbon emissions from transport	We will monitor and report the reduction in aggregate LTP area CO2 emissions per capita and the estimated carbon emissions from construction and maintenance activities using an appraisal toolkit.						
2	Air quality	We will monitor and report the reduction in annual average concentration of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) and particulates (PM2.5 and PM10).						
3	Levels of walking, wheeling and cycling	We will undertake automatic continuous counts, annual monitoring counts at selected sites and report the percentage change; and link with public health indicators relevant to active travel.						
4	Access to services, employment and leisure	We will use software such as the Dft Connectivity Tool , to report connectivity levels and the proportion of households within 30 minutes of a town/ neighbourhood centre by public transport.						
5	Road casualties	Measured by the Dorset Road Safety Partnership, using indicators from the 2026 National Road Safety Strategy.						
6	Network resilience	We will undertake journey time monitoring on the network for generalised traffic and public transport. To establish traffic trends, we will use automatic continuous counts, annual monitoring counts and cordon counts at selected sites, reporting annual average daily traffic, % change and average delays on the A-road network.						
7	Highway condition	By survey we will measure the condition of the principle, non-principle and unclassified road network and tracking the maintenance backlog.						
8	Levels of public transport patronage and user satisfaction	We will link with the performance indicators in our respective BSIP's including the total number of bus passengers and passenger satisfaction; as well as rail passenger numbers. We will undertake annual user perception surveys including the National Highways and Transport Survey (NHTS).						
9	Reliability of public transport services	We will report the percentage of bus journeys that arrive on time comparing real time bus journey data with timetabled arrival times.						
10	Transport inequalities	We will develop indicators relating to transport inequalities, including using transport related social exclusion data.						

Glossary

Active Travel

People powered transportation for everyday journeys primarily cycling, walking and wheeling; integrates physical activity into routines and improves overall well-being.

Apps

shorthand for Applications (programs on mobile phones or computers).

Autonomous vehicle

A vehicle that is capable of sensing its environment and navigating without human input.

Beryl (bikes)

Current provider of bikeshare and scooter provision in parts of the LTP area.

BNG

Biodiversity Net Gain – way of creating and improving natural habitats, ensuring development has a measurably positive impact on biodiversity compared to what was there before.

BSIP

Bus Service Improvement Plan – document that sets out ways to improve bus services in a specific area through partnership working between the local authority and bus operators.

Capital Programme

Schedule of spending of LTP funding on specific projects and schemes.

Carbon baselining

Process of establishing a baseline or reference point for greenhouse gas emissions.

Carbon neutral

Carbon neutrality is a balance between emitting carbon and absorbing it; The process of carbon neutrality is needed to achieve net zero emissions; Carbon neutral and net zero are sometimes used interchangeably.

Car club

Car sharing/rental service allowing members to rent vehicles for short periods rather than extended periods usual through traditional car rental companies.

CCC

Climate Change Committee – Independent statutory body established under the Climate Change Act, 2008, to advise the UK and devolved governments on emissions targets and to report to Parliament on progress made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for and adapting to the impacts of climate change.

CCTV

Closed Circuit Television (video surveillance).

CIHT

Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation.

CIL

Community Infrastructure Levy – planning charge that local authorities can impose on new developments to mitigate impacts on local infrastructure.

Connected vehicles

Ones equipped with the technology to connect to the internet and other devices enabling communication and data exchange.

DfT

Department for Transport.

DLUHC

Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities.

DRT

Demand Responsive Transport.

EP

Enhanced (bus) Partnership – between councils and bus operators which provides a statutory framework to deliver local improvements to bus services.

EQIA

Equality Impact Assessment.

EV

Electric vehicle.

EVCP

Electric vehicle charge point.

GBR

Great British Railways – planned state-owned railway company that when formed will operate most rail infrastructure in Britain and most passenger rail services in England.

HIAMP

Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan

HIA

Health Impact Assessment.

HRA

Habitats Regulations Assessment.

LCWIP

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

Liveable Neighbourhood

Reducing dominance of motor vehicles in an area by re-considering how street space is allocated – resulting in healthier outdoor spaces and more vibrant spaces where people wish to dwell and spend money.

LTA

Local Transport Authority – tier of local government responsible for transport planning, passenger transport and highways. Dorset Council and BCP Council are LTAs for their respective areas.

LTN 1/20

Government published local transport note that provides guidance for local authorities for designing high quality and safe cycle infrastructure.

LTP

Local Transport Plan.

MaaS

Mobility as a Service – a transport operating model that integrates a range of transport options into a single data platform, offering users a seamless way to plan, book and pay for their journeys.

Mobility hubs

A publicly accessible hub where shared means of transport are available at any time.

Net Zero

The term net zero means achieving a balance between the carbon emitted into the atmosphere and the carbon removed from it.

National Highways

NH Government agency charged with operating, maintaining and improving motorways and major A roads in England.

NO2

Nitrogen Dioxide.

Network Rail

Current owner and infrastructure manager of most of the railway network in Great Britain. Will be replaced by Great British Railways.

PM2.5

Particulate matter (two and a half microns or less in length).

Peninsula Transport Sub-national Transport Body

Regional transport grouping covering Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay.

PLV

Powered light vehicles.

Protected characteristic

Nine specific personal attributes that are legally protected under the Equality Act 2010.

PRoW

Public Rights of Way.

Safer road system

Designing roads so no-one gets killed or seriously injured – through an approach to road safety based on the principle that our life and health should not be compromised by our need to travel.

Section 106 agreement

Planning obligation as a legal agreement between a developer and the local planning authority that ensures developers contribute to infrastructure and community needs generated by their development.

SEDUMS

South-east Dorset Urban Mobility Strategy – published in 2020, setting out a transport strategy to 2038 to facilitate economic growth through enhanced mobility and connectivity – delivered through investment packages.

Self-containment

Where community facilities are provided locally, near to where people live – reducing the need for long and lengthy travel to access services.

Shared micro-mobility

Practice of making lightweight vehicles like bicycles, e-bikes and e-scooters available for short term public use through rental schemes.

STB

Sub national transport bodies – regional groupings of local authorities working together to improve transport in their respective areas.

Strategic road network (SRN)

Motorways and major A roads managed by National Highways.

Sustainable transport

Moving people and goods in ways that minimise negative environmental impacts and contributes to a healthy, equitable and economically viable future.

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust

The new name for Sustrans – ‘We’re the charity making it possible for everyone to walk, wheel and cycle.

SUV

Sports Utility Vehicle – car classification that combines features of passenger cars and off-road vehicles.

TCF

Transforming Cities Fund – Package of sustainable transport improvements in BCP and SE Dorset delivered up to 2026 through HM Government funding.

TSOG

Traffic Signals Obsolescent Grant – government funding to provide better traffic signals, linked to Green Light Fund to provide smarter traffic lights.

WGSTB

Western Gateway Sub-National Transport Body – group of nine local authorities in the west of England including Dorset and BCP Councils, working to improve transport and connectivity across the region.

Wheeling

Inclusive term covering equivalent mobility of pedestrians/by foot, involving all types of wheelchairs, mobility scooters and rollators.

WPL

Workplace Parking Levy.

Vision – Led Plan Making

A way of planning that starts with a clear goal for the kind of future we want—such as cleaner air, safer streets and better travel choices—and then works out how to get there. Instead of reacting to problems, it focuses on creating positive change. This approach helps deliver healthier, greener and more inclusive communities by guiding decisions that support long-term priorities.

ZEBRA

Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas.

ZEV

Zero emission vehicle.

Web links in the document are also available on the LTP web pages –

bcpcouncil.gov.uk/local-transport-plan

dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/local-transport-plan