

Appendix 5 - Summary of Key Changes

Post consultation feedback, the updated Local Transport Plan strategy has been carefully developed from the draft version and introduces a more credible and deliverable strategy.

The document has been slightly restructured, mainly to move away from a purely policy led format, to a more narrative led approach. The challenges and constraints are now laid out first, before then setting out our long-term vision. This strengthens the ability for the strategy to be read and understood.

The tone has been adapted in places, so that it focuses more on delivery, within the various constraints mentioned, including the funding assumptions which have been updated, risks which are more clearly articulated and dependencies such as energy infrastructure are more explicitly recognised. This results in a more realistic and transparent delivery narrative.

Improved descriptions of the integration of land use and transport planning, particularly through the introduction of the Department for Transport's Connectivity Tool to inform development decisions is a notable improvement. The public transport narrative is also more robust, with a clear focus on reliability, journey times and frequency, reflecting current best practice.

It should be noted that there has been a subtle softening of ambition within the climate and environment objective, in places, for example in relation to zero emission vehicle policy, where the language has shifted from "accelerating" to "supporting" uptake.

The final version of LTP is better evidenced and more deliverable, supported by a strong consultation evidence base which has allowed us to further refine how the vision will be delivered and ensuring that there is consistency across the narrative.

The table below summarises the key changes to the revised strategy split by policy, delivery and structural changes. This is not comprehensive, but a summary of the key changes.

POLICY			
Item	Update	Draft	Final
Decarbonisation strategy	Clearer, more evidence-led narrative	Part of the introduction	Section 4 standalone chapter
EV policy wording	Subtle softening of ambition	"accelerate uptake"	Policy A2: "support uptake"
New roads	Stronger policy signal embedded in introduction	-	-
Private cars	Improved language around public and political acceptability, choice remaining and emphasising benefits to motorists	-	-

Land use integration	Stronger alignment with Local Plans and national direction	-	-
Development policy	More operationally focused and rational	-	Added to objective C
Public transport strategy	More delivery-focused and actionable	-	Objective F expanded and strengthened
Bus strategy	Clear alignment with best practice	-	Added to policy F2
Innovation and MaaS	Wording better reflects future proofing	-	Expanded Objective F
Mass transit ambition	Long-term BCP aspirations strengthened	-	-

DELIVERY			
Item	Update	Draft	Final
Consultation evidence	Stronger and more defensible evidence base	Section 1 Engagement	Section 5 What you said
Inclusion and accessibility	Better alignment with equality and health priorities	Cross-cutting references	Expanded (Section 5 + objectives)
Behaviour change	Softened language for EV led transition	Section 4 Challenges	Section 3 Getting local transport right
Funding	More realistic and credible funding position	Section 6 Delivery	Section 8 Steps to Delivery
Grid capacity / energy	Explicit recognition of infrastructure constraints	Section 4 Challenges	Section 3 Getting local transport right
Risk	Greater transparency and realism	Section 4 Challenges	Section 3 Getting local transport right
Monitoring framework	Better considers inequalities but remains compliant	Section 5 Monitoring & Evaluation	Section 7 Monitoring our progress
Delivery framework	Strong continuity and clarity	Section 6 Implementation Plan	Section 8 Implementation Plan

STRUCTURE			
Item	Update	Draft	Final
Overall structure	Improved flow and narrative	Traditional linear LTP format	Narrative-led reordered structure in line with updated guidance
Strategic framing	Stronger, more honest framing early on	Section 4 Challenges	Section 3 Getting local transport right

Foreword and conclusion	Closing narrative strengthened	Foreword only	Foreword + partial conclusion
Personas ("I want...")	More accessible and relatable	Limited use	Expanded across objectives
Repetition and length	Reduces clarity and impact	Increased duplication	More concise
Narrative cohesion	Tightened	Consistent but policy-heavy	More engaging
Place specificity	More grounded and credible	General statistics	Stronger local references
Policy consistency	Risk of inconsistent messaging	Generally consistent	Few variations across sections