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Transport



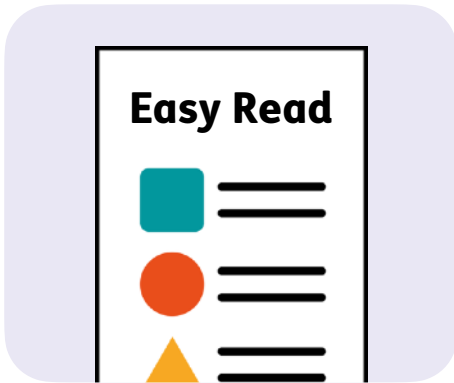
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Local transport plan

2025 to 2045



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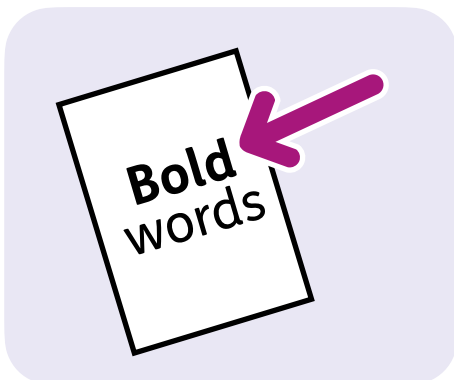


This is an Easy Read version of some information.

It uses easier words and pictures.



Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are **bold** to show they are important.



We explain bold words if they are hard to understand.

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About this plan



We are Cheshire West and Chester Council.

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2025 to
2045

This is our **local transport plan** for 2025 to 2045.

We explain what **transport** is on the next page.



This plan explains how we will make travelling around Cheshire West and Chester better for everyone.

What is transport?



Transport means all the ways of getting around.



It includes cars, vans, lorries, walking, wheeling, bikes, buses and trains.



It also includes the roads and paths we use to get around.



Transport can help to make places around Cheshire West and Chester better.

Listening to people



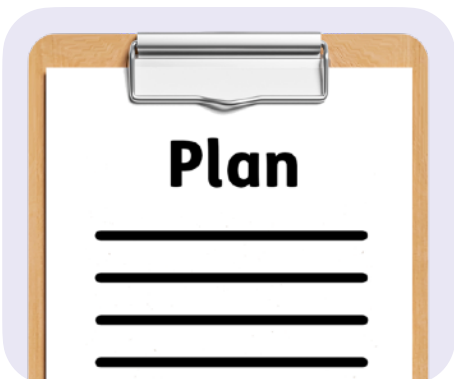
We wanted to make sure this plan is right for the people who live in Cheshire West and Chester.



We listened to over 2000 people, organisations and local groups.



They told us that they want us to make real changes to our area.



Their ideas helped us to write this plan.

Why this plan is important



Transport is an important part of everyone's lives.



But people told us that they do not always get the transport they need.



Companies told us that they find it hard to find new people to work for them.



This is because it is hard for staff to travel to work.



It should be easier to get around town centres.



This will mean that more people can visit and spend money in shops.



It should be easier for lorries to deliver things to homes, shops and **industrial parks**.



Industrial parks are places with big warehouses.

Companies use them to make and keep their products.



At the moment, it is hard to get around the countryside without a car.



There needs to be better buses and trains for people who live in the countryside.



Young people need easy ways to get to school and work.



Our plan will help with these problems.

What we want to achieve

We want transport in Cheshire West and Chester that is:



- Fair to everyone.



- Sustainable.

Sustainable means it can carry on working for a long time.



We want transport to help people, businesses and communities to do well and thrive.

Our priorities



Our **priorities** are the main things that we are going to work on.



They are based on what people told us was most important.



We have 5 priorities.

Helping the environment



The **environment** is the natural world around us. It includes plants, animals, the sea and the air.



We want our transport to be good for the environment and ready for big changes in the weather.



We want to make sure this happens by 2045.

Fair transport



We want to make sure that everyone can use transport in our area.

We want to:



- Make it easier to afford to get around.



- Make sure that disabled people can use different types of transport.



- Make sure people can travel to visit friends or go to local services like shops.

Helping companies to grow



We want transport to help:

- Companies to grow.



- People to travel to work and training.



- Lorries and vans to deliver things to homes, shops and industrial parks.



- People to visit our area for holidays and days out.

Living healthier and happier lives



We want people to travel more by walking and cycling.



We want to make it easier and safer to travel.



This will help them to stay healthier.



And there will be less noise and chemicals coming from cars.

Keeping our local area nice



Transport plans can help to keep local areas nice.



We will think about how we can make our area a great place to spend time.



We want there to be plenty of trees, grass, plants and places for animals and nature to live.



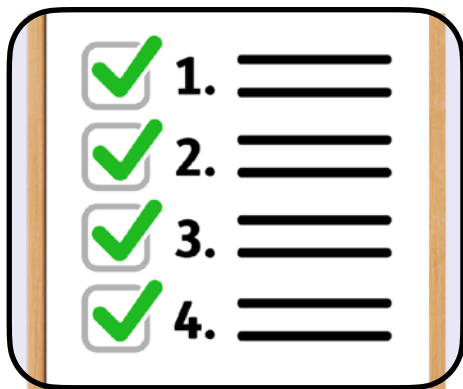
This will help to make areas that everyone enjoys spending time in.

What we are going to do

Always remember our priorities



Every time we make choices about transport, we will think about our priorities.



We will try to make all of our priorities happen, not just some of them.



For example, a new road might help some journeys, but it could reduce travel choices for other people. We would not support this.



This is because how we plan and invest in transport affects how people travel, now and in the future.

Make the transport system work better



We want to make it easier for people to get to their jobs, shops or local services like the doctor.



We can do this by thinking about where people need to go to access services and when they travel.



We can make sure that people live and work close to bus stops and train stations.



We will also support people to travel at times when the roads are less busy.

Give people more choices



Many people need their cars to get around.



But we want to give people more choices for how they travel.

This means that people do not just have to get around by car.



We will give people the choice to get around by walking, cycling, bus or train.



Or they could get around by **wheeling**.

This means travelling on a mobility scooter or a wheelchair.



When we make choices about transport, we will put people walking or wheeling first.



Then we will put people cycling next.



We will put people using buses and trains next.



We will put people who share their cars next.



Then we will put cars that do not make any carbon dioxide next.



We will put other cars and vans last.

Different types of transport



When we travel, we often need to change between different types of transport.

For example, you might get off your bus and get onto a train.



We want to make this easier.



We will have a new system that helps everyone use different types of transport.

This is called **'One System'**.



We will work with transport operators to change how people pay for tickets so that it is easier to change transport.



We will work with transport operators to make it cheaper for people to change between different types of transport.



And we can give people better information about when trains and buses are going to arrive.

Making the most of our streets



Our area already has a lot of streets and roads.



We do not need to build more roads just to make space for cars.



Instead, we will make the most of the streets we already have.



We can make our streets safer, and make more space for buses, walking, wheeling and cycling.

Listening to local people



We will keep listening to local people and groups.

This will help us to:



- Learn more about what people and companies need.



- Give people the chance to make choices about their local area.



- Make sure that our transport plan works for everyone.

Protecting people and the environment

Whenever we make a choice about transport, we will think about:



- Keeping people healthy and safe.



- Protecting the environment.



- Making our area a great place to live and work.

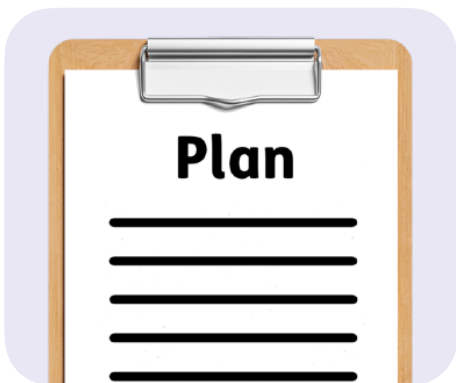
What we will do next



Next, we are going to write smaller plans for certain types of transport, like buses and cycling.



These plans will help us to make changes to our local area.



We will also write a plan to explain:

- What we are going to do in different parts of Cheshire West and Chester.



- How we will check that our plan is working.

Find out more



You can look at our website here:

www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/LTP4

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