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Dear Sirs,

Transport for the South East (TfSE) response to Hampshire County Council's Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) consultation

I am writing to you in my role as Chair of [Transport for the South East](#) (TfSE) in response to the consultation on Hampshire County Council's draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4).

TfSE is a sub-national transport body which represents sixteen local transport authorities in the South East of England. These are Brighton and Hove, East Sussex, Hampshire, Kent, Medway, Surrey, West Sussex, the Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton, and the six Berkshire unitary authorities. These authorities are represented on the Partnership Board, which is its decision-making body, along with representatives from the region's five Local Enterprise Partnerships, district and borough authorities, protected landscapes, Highways England, Network Rail and Transport for London.

TfSE provides a mechanism for its constituent authorities to speak with one voice on the transport interventions needed to support sustainable economic growth across its geography. High-quality transport infrastructure is critical to making the South East more competitive, contributing to national prosperity and improving the lives of our residents.

TfSE welcomes the opportunity to comment on Hampshire County Council's draft Local Transport Plan 4. As you will be aware TfSE published a thirty-year transport strategy for the South East in July 2020, which sets out an ambitious vision for our area in 2050. As one of our constituent authorities, Hampshire County Council has been fully involved in the development of our strategy and we very much value the contribution that has been made to the development of the strategy as well as the ongoing support for the wider work of TfSE.

We are very pleased to see that the proposed vision and outcomes of the LTP4 align well with the vision, strategic goals and priorities of our transport strategy. Our transport strategy seeks to deliver sustainable economic growth that achieves the right balance between the economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainable development. This means that any intervention in the area's transport networks to address connectivity challenges must ensure that the environment is protected and where possible enhanced and that opportunities to improve the health, wellbeing and quality of life for everyone are realised



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We welcome the acknowledgement and emphasis within the draft local transport plan to propose a major shift away from the traditional approach to transport planning by focusing on planning for vehicles and instead reiterating the need to focus on planning for people and places going forward. This ambition and shift in approach supports the method set out in our transport strategy which also highlights the need to move away from a predict and provide approach to one based on planning for people and places. It involves a shift towards a decide and provide approach to transport provision based on choosing a preferred future with preferred transport outcomes encapsulated in our 2050 Vision.

TfSE welcomes the commitment from Hampshire County Council on aiming to achieve a complete reduction of transport-related carbon emissions to net zero by 2050. It is clear that you recognise the scale of this challenge and the step change to future planning for transport that will be required to achieve this. Transport is the single biggest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the southeast and across the UK. This needs to change, so our transport strategy also includes a commitment to meet the Government's target of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050. To achieve this and our wider 2050 vision, we need to make better use of the infrastructure we already have – reducing the need to travel through increased investment in digital and other technology and providing alternative ways for people to go about their business through increased investment in public transport and active travel. However, there will still be a need for targeted investment on our congested road and rail networks to relieve pinch points.

We are currently in the process of developing our Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) for the region (due for consultation in summer 2022 and publication in March 2023). This will be a blueprint for strategic transport investment in the South East for the next 30 years and it is likely that this document will support some of the interventions set out in the Strategic Opportunity Areas.

We look forward to working together with you as you continue to develop your plan, and we would be happy to discuss any opportunities for further collaboration and sharing of data to our mutual benefit. This will help ensure that our strategic investment plan and your transport plan align in their thinking and outputs. We wish you well with the next stages in the development of your local transport plan.

Yours sincerely,

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