

Guildford; Surrey Heath; Woking

Transport for the South East (TfSE) submitted its Strategic Investment Plan to government in 2023. This plan determines the investment needed to grow the South East's economy and deliver a high-quality, safe, sustainable and integrated transport system that makes the South East more productive and competitive, improves the quality of life for all residents, and protects and enhances its natural and built environment.

Since 2017, TfSE, the sub-national transport body for the South East, has become a powerful and effective partnership for the region, bringing together local transport authorities, business organisations, district and borough councils, transport operators and strategic network owners to speak with one voice on our region's strategic transport needs.

Central to the development of this plan has been engagement and consultation with all stakeholders to ensure what we put forward aligns with both their needs and their expectations in a sustainable and financially responsible manner. It is a plan developed by the South East, for the South East.

To the right, we have mapped the prioritised schemes for Guildford, Surrey Heath, Woking and the surrounding area; the schemes within the Strategic Investment Plan will be delivered from now to 2050.

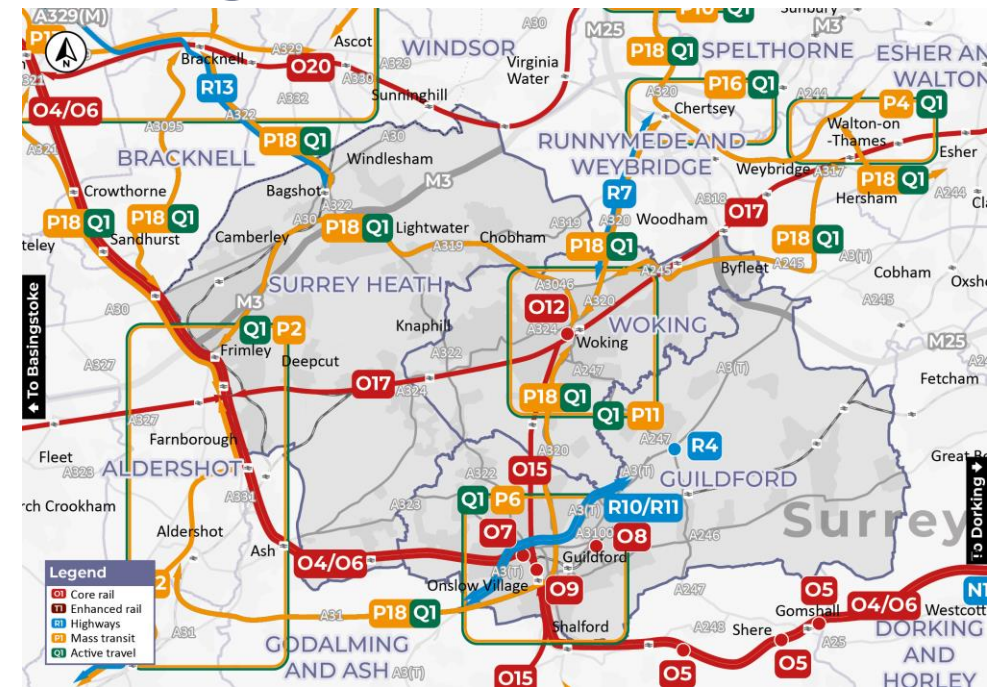








Figure 1: Guildford; Surrey Heath; Woking schemes from TfSE's Strategic Investment Plan

In addition to place-specific schemes, a number of wider policy interventions have been identified. These include:

-  **Decarbonisation:** faster delivery on net zero carbon, including through the use and adoption of green technologies
-  **Public transport fares:** support for public transport, including subsidies for reduced fares
-  **New mobility:** capturing the benefits for new modes of travel, new ways of paying for our travel, and new technologies
-  **Road user charging:** support for a national scheme, and one that local areas can integrate with for additional measures (e.g. Clean Air Zones)
-  **Virtual access:** making best use of technology to reduce the need to travel and help plan better, more sustainable journeys
-  **Better integration:** at stations, hubs and between modes, but also better integration with spatial planning and service delivery

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Figure 2: Guildford; Surrey Heath; Woking scheme descriptions and phasing

Map Ref.	Intervention name	What is the scheme?	What will the scheme do?	Phasing
M9*	Surrey Inter-urban Active Travel Infrastructure	Inter-urban walking and cycling enhancements across Surrey, utilising and enhancing the National Cycle Network.	Connect points of interest and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated cycle infrastructure. This will encourage active travel and help to diversify residents' travel options.	Short term (2020s)
O2*	Southern Access to Heathrow	A new direct rail link from Berkshire (Bracknell, Ascot), Surrey (Woking, Guildford) and Hampshire (Blackwater Valley, North/Mid-Hampshire, the Solent) to Heathrow Airport.	Help to resolve the long-term problem of rail inaccessibility to Heathrow Airport from the south, particularly from Surrey and South West London.	Long term (2040s)
O4	North Downs Line - Decarbonisation	Electrification of the unelectrified sections of the North Downs line.	Support the decarbonisation of the rail network and enable sustainable rail freight movements along the corridor.	Long term (2040s)
O6	North Downs Line - Service Level and Capacity Enhancements	Station upgrades and level crossing removals to enable four trains per hour to run at peak times on the North Downs Line.	Increase rail service frequencies which will increase capacity, helping to attract more local residents onto the railway.	Short term (2020s)
O7	Guildford Station Redevelopment	Redevelopment of Guildford station.	Provide easier interchange between the North Downs Line and the Portsmouth Direct Line.	Medium term (2030s)
O8	New Station Guildford West (Park Barn)	A new station in Guildford West (Park Barn).	Improve access to the rail network for local residents, particularly commuters to/from London.	Medium term (2030s)
O9	New Station Guildford East (Merrow)	A new station in Guildford East (Merrow).	Improve access to the rail network for local residents, particularly commuters to/from London.	Medium term (2030s)
O12	South West Main Line / Portsmouth Direct Line - Woking Area Capacity Enhancement	Grade separation of the Portsmouth Direct Line and the South West Main Line at Woking rail junction on approach to Woking station.	Reduce Portsmouth / Guildford – London journey times and increase capacity on the South West Main Line.	Medium term (2030s)
O15	Portsmouth Direct Line - Line Speed Enhancements	Increased line speeds on the Portsmouth Direct Line.	Reduce journey times between Portsmouth and London.	Short term (2020s)
O17	South West Main Line - Digital Signalling	Introduction of digital signalling on the South West Main Line.	Increase the capacity for (and safety of) rail passenger and freight movements.	Medium term (2030s)
P2	Blackwater Valley Mass Rapid Transit	An integrated network of new bus-based rapid transit routes across the Blackwater Valley.	Connect major employment and population areas locally and facilitate improved strategic connectivity to major economic hubs, building on the successful "Gold Grid" initiative.	Short term (2020s)

*Not shown on map.

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P6	Guildford Sustainable Movement Corridor	Urban bus enhancements connecting centres within Guildford and adjacent economic hubs, including bus priority infrastructure where appropriate.	Improve journey times and reliability for public transport by increasing service frequencies, extending operating hours and delivering timetable integration.	Short term (2020s)
P11	Woking Bus Enhancements	Urban bus enhancements connecting centres within Woking and adjacent economic hubs, including bus priority infrastructure where appropriate.	Improve journey times and reliability for public transport by increasing service frequencies, extending operating hours and delivering timetable integration.	Short term (2020s)
P18	Berkshire, Hampshire and Surrey Inter-urban Bus Enhancements	Inter-urban bus enhancements, including bus priority measures.	Enable frequent, reliable, express services to run along roads connecting major economic hubs, e.g. Guildford to the Blackwater Valley via the A31.	Short term (2020s)
Q1	Berkshire, Hampshire and Surrey Urban and Inter-urban Active Travel Infrastructure	Inter-urban walking and cycling enhancements, utilising and enhancing the National Cycle Network.	Connect points of interest and provide safer, faster and more accessible segregated cycle infrastructure. This will encourage cycling and help to diversify residents' travel options.	Short term (2020s)
R4	A3/A247 Ripley South (RIS3 Pipeline)	Upgrades to Ripley South junction.	Relieve existing congestion along the A3, segregate strategic and local movements and provide additional capacity for access to new developments.	Medium term (2030s)
R7	A320 North Corridor (HIF)	Improvements to the A320 north of Woking.	Relieve existing congestion, improve journey time reliability for strategic movements, support active travel movements and provide additional capacity for access to new housing developments.	Short term (2020s)
R10	A3 Guildford Local Traffic Segregation	Changes to the A3 through Guildford paired with improvements to local public transport provision.	Segregate strategic and local movements whilst encouraging the use of public transport.	Medium term (2030s)
R11	A3 Guildford Long Term Solution	Long-term solution to issues on the A3 in and around Guildford, potentially including at-grade or tunnelling options.	Improve journey time reliability and air quality along the A3 through Guildford whilst supporting strategic freight movements.	Long term (2040s)
R13	A322 and A329(M) Smart Corridor	Introduction of smart motorway interventions along the A322 and A329(M).	Support the more efficient use of existing capacity using real-time information.	Short term (2020s)

Delivering interventions for Guildford, Surrey Heath and Woking

Working with our partners we will now begin delivery of the nearly 300 interventions within the Strategic Investment Plan. Appropriate scheme and business case development will be required for each intervention, along with stakeholder engagement. Delivery will be dependent on each individual intervention and its local context, the complexity of the scheme, the stage of the scheme and business case development, as well as funding.

TfSE's role will be to support the appropriate delivery partners as we progress each scheme and secure funding for scheme development and delivery.

Along with local transport authorities, central government and its agencies, and other delivery partners, we will establish appropriate governance to oversee the development, delivery, and benefits realisation arising from interventions included in this strategy as we work to achieve the vision set out in our Transport Strategy.

By 2050, delivery of the Strategic Investment Plan will achieve for the South East:



21,000 additional new jobs



500,000 more rail trips each weekday



an additional £4 billion in GVA each year by 2050



1.5 million more bus, mass transit and ferry trips each weekday



1.4 mega tonnes less CO₂ equivalent emitted each year and a pathway to net zero identified



4 million fewer car trips each weekday

Help us to secure investment in the region's transport network

Please promote this investment plan in your local communities. We have submitted this plan to government and asked them to consider it when making future investment decisions for the region. Collectively we can deliver this ambitious plan and deliver a high-quality, safe, sustainable and integrated transport system that makes the South East more productive and competitive, improving the quality of life for all residents.

You can find the Strategic Investment Plan, the technical work behind it and our Transport Strategy on the TfSE website - www.tfse.org.uk, along with other factsheets.

For more information contact TfSE at tfse@eastsussex.gov.uk or [0300 3309574](tel:03003309574).

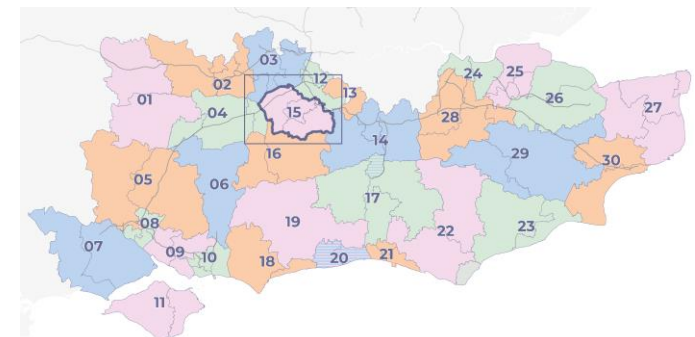


Figure 3: Map of factsheet locations and numbers