

Easy Read version of the Local Transport Plan 4



Hertfordshire's Local Transport Plan

Our plan about transport in Hertfordshire for the future



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About this plan



We are Hertfordshire County Council.



This is our plan about transport in Hertfordshire and how it can help make Hertfordshire better in the future.



The plan is called our **Local Transport Plan**.

It is from now until the year 2031.

But we need to think about the future after this as well.

Why do we need this plan?



Some things are changing in Hertfordshire.

For example, more people will live in Hertfordshire in the future and there will be more houses.



Hertfordshire has to be ready for these changes.

Some things are not working very well at the moment.

For example:



- Lots of people use cars. Sometimes there is no other transport they can use.



- There can be lots of traffic jams. This will be worse in the future when there are more people and more cars.



- Trains can have too many people on them.



- The air we breathe can be dirty because of cars and other transport.



- Disabled people and people who live in the countryside can find it hard to get to places.



We need to think about lots of things for the future. Like jobs, housing people's health and the environment.



The environment is the earth we live on, the trees, parks and other things around us.



We need better transport to help with these things.

And we need better ways for people to travel apart from cars.

What the Local Transport Plan says



In the past our transport plans talked a lot about cars.



But this plan talks about lots of different transport as well as cars.

For example:

- walking
- cycling
- buses and trains



Transport like this can really help.

For example:

- it can help stop traffic jams
- it can help people be more healthy
- it is better for the environment

We think it is good for people to use transport like this when they can.

In general we will work to:

- Make it easier for people to walk, cycle and go by bus
- Make it easier to travel around Hertfordshire and the country by train
- Make travel easier for people who find it hard to get to places.

For example, because they have a disability or there is no transport nearby





- Make roads and transport safer

We will also work to:



- Make transport work well for people's health and the environment



- Use the roads we have in the best way
- Only build new roads if we really need to



Here are some of our main plans:

1. We want to make it easier for people to walk, cycle and use buses and trains in some towns.



2. We want better and faster buses between Hemel Hempstead and Welwyn Garden City.

We may look at this for Hertford and Harlow in the future.

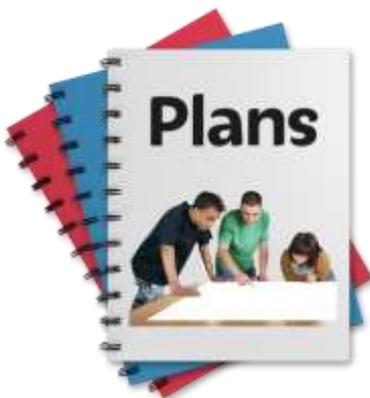


3. We want to make the A414 road better.

For example, there would be a new road that goes round the outside of Hertford.

This means traffic would not have to go into Hertford as much.

How will the changes happen?



There will be other plans with more information about the changes.

They will be on our website at:
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk>



We will look at new places to get money to help pay for the changes.

Some Main Objectives



- 1. We want to help people use cars less when they can.**



For example, we think people could use cars less if they are not going very far. Or if there is good train and bus services or ways to cycle where they are going.

- 2. We want to make it easier for people to use other transport.**



This means things like:

- Making bus and train services better



- More bus lanes for buses so they don't get stuck in traffic



- More paths for walking or cycling



- More information and support to help people use other transport

- Some changes in larger towns.

For example:

- using space on some roads for other transport, like buses or bikes
- less parking spaces in town centres
- making car parking cost more



3. We will only build new roads if we need to.

We want to help people use other transport.

But we will need to build some more roads because there will be more people.



We only want to build new roads if other ideas don't work.



For example, before we build new roads we will look to see if we can:

- help people use other transport instead
- use the roads we have in a better way



4. We want our transport plan to be ready for new ideas in the future.

So we want to:

- Help people share cars and bikes more. Or share car journeys
- Help people use more cars that are better for the environment. For example, cars that use electricity



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