

APPENDIX 1.

Summary of LTP4 as it relates to Worcester City and South Worcestershire

1. BACKGROUND

2017 – 30 – “unprecedented population, development and economic growth in urban areas”

2. LTP4 VISION

“to build a connected, creative, dynamic economy that delivers increased prosperity for all those who choose to live, work, visit and invest in Worcestershire” **(note, no use of the word “sustainable”)**

...“to support travel by all relevant modes of transport, including walking, cycling, rail, highways (car, van, freight and motorcycle), bus and community transport”...

3. LTP4 PRIORITIES

“rail network and stations ...”continuous corridors for active modes – cycling/walking....and public realm” **(note no mention of “bus” as in LTP2 and 3)**

...“and aim to fund capacity enhancements at key pinch points to support growth, address air quality and tackle congestion”

4. LTP4 CONSULTATION

This plan is the product of extensive consultation....“we recognise that residents, stakeholders and businesses consistently cite congestion as a key concern...”

5. LTP4 EVIDENCE

...“if vehicular traffic growth trends continue...many of our main urban/interurban arterial routes will become increasingly congested beyond traditional peak times. However congestion cannot just be tackled by building roads.” (85% of County population live in urban areas, yet car usage for shorter trips – 3 miles – is at the highest it has ever been)

...“Evidence shows even small shifts away from single occupancy car use to walking, cycling and passenger transport can deliver significant improvements in traffic flow, reduced air pollution and public health...”

...“broadband – reduces need to travel”

6. SETTING THE SCENE – County Character and Performance

- 578k population
- Higher % of 45+ year olds and 21% 65+
- Main movement/travel is from rural to urban areas. 85% of population live in urban areas
- Main projected household growth is one person households. Also couples with no children projected to increase by 30%
- 3rd fastest growing of all LEP areas
- Advanced manufacturing, security, defence, IT, Agritech

- 280k employed in County and only 1.2% unemployed (West Midlands 2.3% and England 1.8%)
- Increase in business births and decrease in deaths (2011/14)

7. LTP4 KEY CITY GROWTH AREAS – QUOTED

Key Growth Areas in City Quoted:

- 2 Urban Extensions and Shrub Hill
- M5 Corridor Worcester Six...“to create attractive gateway to the City for commercial uses – advanced engineering and technology”

8. LTP4 MAIN SCHEMES FOR FUNDING

Main Transport Schemes for Funding:

- Southern Link Road phase 4 (Ketch to Powick Hams)
- “Worcester Western Link Road” (i.e. Southern Link Road (A4440) to Martley Road (B4204))
- Worcestershire Parkway
- Fernhill Heath New Rail Station
- Rushwick New Rail Station
- Redoubling Cotswold Line
- A38 Bromsgrove corridor
- Pershore Northern Access Road
- Kidderminster Transport Strategy
- Hartlebury Station improvement
- Blakedown Station Improvement
- M42 Junction1
- A46 Evesham to Tewkesbury
- M5 Junction 6
- **(Note this list does not include “Worcester City Centre Transport Strategy” - Pages 47-49)**

9. LTP4 FUNDING

- S106, CIL
- Integrated Transport Block – reduced. 2016/17 2.5m
- Local Growth Deal – 2015/21: 54.2m – Worcester Parkway Station; Worcester Six Business Park; Vale Business Park; Redditch Skills Ac; Hoobrook Link Road; Worcester Southern Link Road; Kidderminster Station
- July 2016 £35k Growth Deal 3 – Worcester Parkway to Pershore travel corridor; A38 Bromsgrove travel corridor; Pershore Northern Access improvements; Churchfields/Kidderminster

10. LTP4 South Worcestershire (SW) area and City PROFILE

- Worcester City = concentration of working age residents. Nearly 60% of residents live/work in the City
- 61% of working residents drive to work; 15% work from home; 13% walk or cycle; 3% bus; 2% train; 6% taxi/passenger/motorcycle
- Busiest roads in SW are in the City – A44 Worcester Bridge Road in City Centre...peak period congestion, unreliability, poor air quality (Dolday/Bridge Street, Lowesmoor/Rainbow Hill and St Johns).
- **LTP4 states that the “Challenges are congestion; enable growth; journey time reliability; improve air quality”**

11. South Worcestershire & City Proposals and Funding Packages

- **SW Package** – road and rail make up the bulk of the South Worcestershire Package

- "Active Travel Corridors" – page 35/36
- "Worcester Western Link Road" (i.e. Southern Link Road (A4440) to Martley Road (B4204))
- **Worcester Package** (p47-49)
 - Worcester City Centre Transport Strategy
 - Rainbow Hill/Astwood Road/Bilford Road/Blackpole Road – quicker journey/reduced congestion
 - Foregate Street Station
 - Shrub Hill Station
 - 8 Road Corridors to receive improvements in traffic flow and "active walking and cycling" corridor improvements:
 - A449 Bromwich Road
 - Worcester East West
 - A44/A4440
 - A449 Ombersley Road
 - A4440 Grange Way
 - A4536 Blackpole Road
 - Crown East Junction
 - Red Hill A44 London Road