

# Huntingdonshire Transport Strategy

Action Plan

Draft 2024



# Introduction

In March 2023 an emerging Huntingdonshire action plan was adopted at Highways and Transport Committee as part of the Huntingdonshire Transport Strategy. It was agreed that further development would take place to create an updated Huntingdonshire Action Plan, and that this would be reviewed on an annual basis.

The action plan includes:

## High-level actions:

Actions identified through the development of the Strategy that are needed to achieve its vision and objectives e.g. lobbying partners, development of new or updating existing guides or strategies, identifying further workstreams.

## Strategic studies:

An issue, area or corridor that has been identified for transport improvements that require options assessment and feasibility

work to identify specific schemes and/or initiatives for future funding and delivery.

## Local non-major schemes - cost <£500,000:

Identified schemes that are smaller scale localised improvements and initiatives that require minor feasibility and design to implement, with an estimated cost of under £500k.

Such schemes are eligible for Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Delivering Transport Strategy Aims (DTSA) funding. £1.350M of funding is allocated on an annual basis.

## Strategic Schemes – cost >£500,000:

Identified schemes that require significant infrastructure development or improvement and have an estimated cost of more than £500k.

Such schemes are often developed in stages from high level feasibility/concept

design, through to detailed design and business case for funding to deliver.

Strategic schemes will be progressed through stages as funding opportunities are secured.

## Local Highway Improvement (LHI) schemes:

Suitable schemes can be applied for via the existing [LHI programme](#)<sup>i</sup> and considered via the established process. This programme is primarily funded by Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Local Highway Improvement funding. £620,000 is allocated on an annual basis.

## Third party schemes:

Some schemes have been identified as required for the area but are dependent on a third party to deliver e.g. bus services (responsibility of the Transport Authority - CPCA), rail improvements (delivered by Network Rail), trunk road improvements (delivered by National Highways).

Such schemes are primarily reliant on third party funding, however, S106 developer funding can be secured to some schemes through the planning process when opportunities arise.

**Delivered schemes or actions:**

Schemes or actions that have been completed since the last update of the action plan.

**Removed Schemes:**

Schemes or actions that have been removed since the last update of the action plan, with reason for removal stated.

**Active Travel schemes** will play key a role in the delivery of the Huntingdonshire Transport Strategy, however, this is covered by Cambridgeshire's [Active Travel Strategy](#)<sup>ii</sup>, and our countywide action plan of active travel schemes is set out in Cambridgeshire's [Local Cycling](#)

[and Walking Infrastructure Plan](#)<sup>iii</sup> (LCWIP). Therefore, no active travel schemes are included in this Plan.

All strategies should be read together for a full picture of all transport schemes for Huntingdonshire.

# Delivering the action plan

The action plan is dependent on funding being secured to progress schemes and studies through the various stages of development and delivery.

There are several potential funding sources to progress the schemes identified in all our transport strategy action plans:

- a.** Integrated Transport Block (ITB) funding (countywide) – including Delivering Transport Strategy Aims (DTSA) £1.350m and Local Highway Improvements (LHI) £620k.
- b.** Central Government funding bids – e.g. Transforming Cities Fund.
- c.** Direct funding bids to CPCA – as funding opportunities are released.
- d.** Section 106 developer funding or developer to deliver a scheme as part of their planning agreement.

The Integrated Transport Block (ITB) Delivering Transport Strategy Aims (DTSA) funding is the primary funding stream available, on an annual basis, to deliver schemes from our action plans. This funding is passported to the County Council from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority. Due to the limited DTSA budget, £1.350M, eligible schemes are those that are typically:

- Deliverable within 1-2 years
- Local non-major schemes with scheme cost under £500K, or
- A large scheme requiring a funding contribution under £500k
- LCWIP Tier 1 schemes

The eligible schemes within the Huntingdonshire Action Plan will be scored and prioritised alongside all other eligible schemes across Cambridgeshire.

# Policy context and alignment

All schemes align with a wider suite of policy documents as stated in the Huntingdonshire Transport Strategy. A summary of key considerations for all schemes and projects are as follows:

- Include a carbon assessment of all schemes on a project or scheme scale in alignment with the target of the CCC Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2022 to reach net zero carbon by 2045.
- Include within the scheme design how it will achieve the CCC commitment to 'doubling nature' to achieve biodiversity

net gain targets set in the CCC [Climate change and Environment Strategy](#)<sup>iv</sup> 2022.

- All schemes must embrace the [Vision Zero](#)<sup>v</sup> and Safe Systems approach from design through to delivery.
- Consider active travel and wider non-motorised users in all projects and schemes from design through to delivery in alignment with the approach set in Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy 2023<sup>ii</sup> and Cambridgeshire [Rights of Way Improvement Plan](#)<sup>vi</sup> 2016.
- Consider equality, diversity and inclusion in all projects and schemes from

design through to delivery in alignment with the [Equality Act 2010](#)<sup>vii</sup> and Cambridgeshire's [Single Equality Strategy](#)<sup>viii</sup> 2018-2022

- Consider the impact our transport projects and schemes have on achieving wider Council aims for health and wellbeing in alignment with the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough [Health and Wellbeing and Integrated Care Strategy](#)<sup>ix</sup> 2022.

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## Strategic Studies:

Action Plan ID	Parish/ Area	Location	Description
TSH006	Alconbury Huntingdon St Ives	Between Alconbury Weald and St Ives	Study to investigate High Quality Public Transport between Alconbury, Huntingdon and St Ives
TSH008	Alconbury	Alconbury Weald	Study to investigate the need for a Public Transport Interchange at Alconbury Weald
TSH009	Huntingdon	Hartford	Study to investigate the need for a Public Transport Interchange at Hartford, Huntingdon
TSH023	St Ives	A1123 Houghton Rd to Hill Rise	Study to investigate on street bus priority measures on the A1123 through St Ives
TSH052	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Study to investigate the need for Park & Ride around Huntingdon
TSH061	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Study to review the operation of Huntingdon Ring Road and identify measures to reduce congestion, improve routes used by buses and improve infrastructure for NMUs
TSH065	Ramsey and wider area	Ramsey	Study to review accessibility needs to, from and within Ramsey and identify measures to improve access to key services. Study must include public transport and active travel modes and their infrastructure and connecting new developments
TSH067	District-wide		Investigate setting up mobility hubs in new developments to champion sustainable travel and provide a range of mobility solutions

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Local non-major schemes <£500k:

Action Plan ID	Parish/ Area	Location	Description
TSH005	Godmanchester	Riverside Road / Avenue Junction	Junction improvement
TSH014	Huntingdon	Main approaches to Huntingdon ring road	Introduce a variable message signing system to distribute traffic to car parks in Huntingdon
TSH016	St Ives	A141, A1123, B1514 rbt	Minor junction improvements
TSH021	St Ives, Wyton	B1090 Sawtry Way between A141 and A1123	Highway Capacity and safety improvements
TSH025	St Ives	Burstellers and The Pound	Traffic management
TSH037	St Neots		Explore options for improvements to prevent flooding at St Neots bridge to Little Paxton
TSH038	St Neots	Priory Lane	Traffic Management
TSH039	St Neots	Little Barford	Traffic lights at roundabout
TSH041	Little Paxton	Priory Hill Rd	Slope stabilisation and edge protection, plus pedestrian improvements. Investigate options for improving safety for crossing movements at the bottom of the hill towards Little Paxton
TSH044	St Neots	Eaton Socon	Extend westbound footway towards A1 (Bushmead Road), upgrade crossing facilities and reduce vehicle parking on Nelson Road and new kerbing and tactile paving and fence on Barford Road pocket park



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Action Plan ID	Parish/ Area	Location	Description
TSH045	St Neots	Town centre	Upgrade SCOOT system
TSH046	St Neots	High Street, Market Square, South Street, Brook Street, Tebutts Road and Church Street	Adjust kerbs/tactile paving, relocate bus shelter, remove some parking bays, improve uncontrolled crossing points and widen footways where appropriate.
TSH057	Elton	Junction with Elton Bridleway 17 and 26 and A605 Elton Bypass	Installation of safe crossing for Non Motorised Users
TSH056	Woodhurst	Public Bridleway No.1 between south end of bridleway and Old Ramsey Rd, Woodhurst	Reconnect bridleway/NMU path

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## Local highway improvement (LHI) schemes:

The proposed improvements listed below could be brought forward by local groups via the [LHI process](#).

Action Plan ID	Parish/ Area	Location	Description
TSH059	Abbots Ripton	Around Abbots Ripton	Environmental and public realm enhancement measures
TSH062	Brampton Huntingdon	Brampton to Huntingdon and Nuns Bridge	Investigate lower speed limit on approach to Huntingdon from Brampton to avoid cyclists having to avoid Nuns Bridge, encourage cycling and improve environment
TSH043	St Neots	Central Eynesbury: St Mary's Street, Berkley Street and Barford Road	Improved tactile paving, guard railing, new signs and maintenance where appropriate.
TSH040	St Neots	New Street	Speed reduction measures
TSH036	St Neots	Throughout St Neots	Bus stop improvements
TSH022	St Ives	Throughout St Ives, including Hill Rise	Bus stop improvements
TSH066	Kimbolton to St Neots	B645	Review speed limit on B645 to improve conditions for cycling

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Third party schemes:

Action Plan ID	Third party	Parish/ Area	Location	Description
TSH001	National Highways	Buckden	A1 roundabout	A1 roundabout capacity improvements (National Highways Study)
TSH003	CPCA	Godmanchester Huntingdon	Godmanchester to Huntingdon and Godmanchester to Cambridge	Bus service improvements
TSH010	CPCA	Huntingdon	A141 Huntingdon	A141 Improvements CPCA study
TSH012	CPCA	Huntingdon	Stukeley Meadows	New regular bus service
TSH013	CPCA	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	Bus service revenue support in Huntingdon
TSH020	CPCA	St Ives	A1096	CPCA study – A1096 capacity improvements study
TSH027	CPCA	Houghton	Houghton	revenue support for bus service - Orchard House, Houghton
TSH035	CPCA	St Neots	Little Paxton	Bus service revenue support Little Paxton
TSH047	CPCA	St Neots	St Neots town centre	The St Neots Town Centre Transport Study
TSH050	CPCA	Huntingdonshire	District-wide	CPCA: Huntingdonshire Community Transport Service TING
TSH051	CPCA	St Ives, Huntingdon, Alconbury		Bus service improvements between Peterborough, Alconbury, Huntingdon and St Ives
TSH015	District		A14 bypass	Air Quality Management

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Third party schemes:

Action Plan ID	Third party	Parish/ Area	Location	Description
	Councils			
TSH064	Network Rail	Huntingdon	Railway Station	Investigate with Network Rail the need for platform and facility enhancements to accommodate potential increases in passenger demand

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Removed schemes:

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<b>Action Plan ID</b>	<b>Parish/ Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reason</b>
TSH002	Godmanchester	Traffic calming Godmanchester to town centre: Post Street, The Causeway, NCN51, Cambridge Rd	Combined with LCWIP scheme
TSH004	Godmanchester	Traffic calming. Post Street, The Causeway and Cambridge Street, Godmanchester	Duplicate of LCWIP scheme
TSH007	Alconbury Weald to Huntingdon	Alconbury Weald to Huntingdon HQPT	Combined with TSH007
TSH017	Huntingdon	Huntingdon Business Park to Sapley cycling/walking scheme	LCWIP scheme
TSH018	Huntingdon	Hartford – Sapley cycling/walking scheme	LCWIP scheme
TSH032	St Ives	Crossing of Hill Rise	LCWIP scheme
TSH033	St Ives	Widen crossing on St Audrey Lane	LCWIP scheme
TSH042	St Neots	Parapet upgrade Kimbolton Road	Maintenance scheme
TSH048	St Neots	Cromwell Road, Cambridge Street	LCWIP scheme
TSH049	St Neots	Berkley Street, St Mary's Street, Montagu Street	LCWIP scheme
TSH058	The Hemingfords	Traffic calming	LCWIP scheme
TSH060	Godmanchester	Modal filter	LCWIP scheme
TSH063	Huntingdon	Investigate traffic calming on A141	Removed until outcome of CPCA A141 study are known
TSH030	St Ives	Hill Rise between junctions of Old Ramsey Rd and Ramsey Rd	Active Travel Strategy

<b>Action Plan ID</b>	<b>Parish/ Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reason</b>
TSH054	Woodhurst	B1040 junction of Wheatsheaf Rd/Woodhurst Cluster site	Safety scheme currently being progressed.

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- <sup>ii</sup> Cambridgeshire's Active Travel Strategy 2023 - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/transport-plans-and-policies/cambridgeshires-active-travel-strategy>
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- <sup>iv</sup> Cambridgeshire's Climate Change and Environment Strategy 2022 - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/climate-change-energy-and-environment/climate-change-and-environment-strategy>
- <sup>v</sup> Vision Zero Partnership - <https://www.cprsp.co.uk/>
- <sup>vi</sup> Cambridgeshire's Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2016 - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/transport-plans-and-policies/rights-of-way-improvement-plan>
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- <sup>viii</sup> Cambridgeshire's Single Equality Strategy - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/council/communities/equality-and-diversity>
- <sup>ix</sup> Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Health and Wellbeing Integrated Care strategy 2022 - <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/adults/adults-services-strategies-and-policies/joint-health-and-wellbeing-integrated-care-strategy>