

Slough's Local Transport Plan (LTP)

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Background

- Current LTP runs to March 2011
- New LTP will look ahead to 2026
- Link with corporate objectives = sustainable community strategy and Local Area Agreement
- Process :
 - Clarify goals and objectives (now)
 - Specify problems and challenges (now)
 - Look at options (early 2010)
 - Agree strategy and implementation programme (consult summer 2010)

Goals & Challenges 1

- National goals set in Government's 'Delivering a Sustainable Transport System' (DaSTS)
 - Support economic growth
 - Reduce transport's carbon emissions
 - Contribute to better safety, security and health
 - Promote greater equality of opportunity
 - Improve quality of life and a healthy natural environment
- Need to agree goals/ objectives for Slough
- Review local problems and challenges

Goals & Challenges 2

- How national goals link to Slough's Sustainable Community Strategy:

Sustainable Community Strategy Theme	DaSTS Goals
Community cohesion	Promote equality of opportunity
Health and wellbeing	Contribute to better safety, security and health
Community safety	
Environment	Reduce carbon emissions
	Improve quality of life and a healthy natural environment
Economy and skills	Support economic growth

Supporting economic growth: Issues

- Tackle congestion
- Improve access to major employment areas
- Help deliver new housing
- Ensure transport networks are resilient

Congestion

- Commuter patterns: future changes/ less reliance on cars?
- Traffic management, e.g. Urban Traffic Control system, making best use of the network
- Partnership working with Highway Agency
- Planning of roadworks
- Effect of major developments e.g. Heart of Slough, SEGRO master plan, SIFE
- Speeding up bus journeys

Connections and access

- National investment
 - Crossrail, HS2 study, Great Western Main Line
 - Western rail access to Heathrow?
 - M4 motorway management
- Sub-regional investment
 - Thames Valley Strategic Bus and Coach Network
 - Rapid transit Slough to Heathrow
 - DaSTS study looking at needs in Thames Valley, initial findings early 2010

Other Issues

- Helping deliver new housing
 - Co-ordinating with Local Development Framework
 - New housing sites and funding infrastructure
 - Heart of Slough
- Resilient transport networks
 - 'Transport Asset Management Plan' developed
 - Emergency and contingency planning, e.g. accidents, incidents, terrorist alerts
 - Planning for flooding and adapting to climate change

Conclusions

- Proposed LTP objective: 'The transport system to help Slough sustain its economic effectiveness and retain its position as an economic hub of the SE'
- 'Outcomes' we are looking for by 2026:
 - People need to travel less/ fewer car trips (e.g shorter commuting, car sharing, Internet, local services)
 - Less congestion, journey times more reliable
 - Integrated high quality public transport network
 - Safer roads, walking and cycling
- LTP also needs to facilitate new housing growth and link with LDF proposals

Comments?

- Are there any other issues that we should look at?
- Is our suggested LTP objective for economic growth acceptable?
- Any other thoughts on 'outcomes', i.e what the LTP should deliver by 2026?