

Surrey Transport Plan: Executive Summary

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Surrey Transport Plan, 2011- 2026

Executive Summary to the Surrey Transport Plan

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Surrey is an attractive county in which to live and work. People in Surrey value the beautiful countryside, the historic towns and villages, the strength of the economy and the overall quality of life. Transport impacts on many of aspects of our daily lives. The Surrey Transport Plan has been produced to help people meet their transport needs and to ensure transport plays its part in promoting economic vibrancy, protecting the environment, and improving the quality of life.

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1 Introduction

The Surrey Transport Plan is the third Local Transport Plan (LTP) for the county. It is a statutory plan (required by the Local Transport Act 2008 and Transport Act 2000), which replaced the second LTP on 1 April 2011. Like the previous Plans, the Surrey Transport Plan is partly an aspirational document. The strategies look forward to 2026 and will be reviewed every three to five years as necessary. The Local Transport Strategies and Forward Programmes will cover a three year cycle and will be updated and rolled forward annually.

Tackling transport problems in Surrey relies on partnership working and shared responsibility involving many organisations, businesses, Transport operators and individuals, together with the County Council. By taking a degree of personal responsibility, individuals can help tackle some of our transport problems. For example by driving safely, and where possible using public transport, walking, cycling, occasionally working at home or avoiding travelling in peak hours. The County Council has an important role as the Local Highway and the Transport authority, but does not have the resources to address all the problems without close partnership working and sharing responsibility. The Plan has been drawn up with the Transport for Surrey Partnership, which includes a broad range of partners with an interest in transport issues.

The introduction to the Surrey Transport Plan explains the close links with other Surrey plans such as the Corporate Strategy, district and borough Local Plans and Local Development Frameworks, and with national policy. It also outlines the extensive consultation carried out in developing the Plan, and the statutory environmental and equalities impact assessments that were undertaken.

2 Vision and objectives

The vision and objectives of the Plan are focused on what transport can do to help improve the economy, the environment and quality of life in Surrey.

Vision

To help people to meet their transport and travel needs effectively, reliably, safely and sustainably within Surrey; in order to promote economic vibrancy, protect and enhance the environment and improve the quality of life

Based on this vision there are four objectives for the Surrey Transport Plan.

Objectives

- Effective transport: To facilitate end-to-end journeys for residents, business and visitors by maintaining the road network, delivering public transport services and, where appropriate, providing enhancements.
- Reliable transport: To improve the journey time reliability of travel in Surrey.
- Safe transport: To improve road safety and the security of the travelling public in Surrey.
- Sustainable transport: To provide an integrated transport system that protects the environment, keeps people healthy and provides for lower carbon transport choices.

3 Problems and challenges

As one of the most densely populated counties in the UK with traffic flows on A roads almost double the national average, transport related problems are a major concern for people living and working in Surrey. The Surrey Transport Plan outlines the main issues and key statistics.

4 Strategies

A number of transport strategies have been produced or updated as part of the Surrey Transport Plan on subjects such as congestion and parking as shown in the list below. The purpose of each strategy is to set out clearly the most effective, value for money, and customer-focused measures, interventions and policy tools that will best tackle problems and address objectives and targets. These are the preferred type of measures, comprising a 'toolkit' of possible interventions rather than specific transport schemes. The strategies look forward to the year 2026 and are used to inform the development of implementation programmes which identify the specific schemes for delivery on the ground.

Some strategies have been reviewed or developed recently as part of the Surrey Transport Plan, others will be reviewed later. Going forward, each strategy is likely to be reviewed only when necessary, every three to five years as part of a rolling programme.

Transport strategies reviewed or developed as part of the Surrey Transport Plan:

- Air Quality Strategy
- Climate Change Strategy
- Congestion Strategy
- Freight Strategy
- Parking Strategy
- Passenger Transport Strategy Part 1 Local Bus
- Passenger Transport Strategy Part 2 Information
- Travel Planning Strategy
- Surrey Rail Strategy
- Cycling Strategy

Transport strategies to be reviewed/completed as part of the Surrey Transport Plan

- Accessibility Strategy
- Rights of Way Improvement Plan
- Road Safety Strategy
- Surrey Transport Asset Management Plan
- Walking Strategy
- Other Passenger Transport Strategies covering issues such as community transport, interchanges and taxis

5 Indicators and targets

A small number of indicators and targets have been identified in development of the transport strategies. These are intended to gauge progress meeting the objectives of the Plan and tackling transport problems in Surrey

There are fewer indicators and targets than in Surrey's First and Second Local Transport Plans. They have only been included as part of the Surrey Transport Plan if the information is already being collected, so that unnecessary costs of data collection and analysis are avoided. Any targets that have been set are designed to perform well against the SMART criteria:

Specific - clearly defined targets.

Measurable - with available data to monitor progress.

Achievable - realistic within the constraints.

Relevant - to the overall aims.

Time based - with a time limit for achieving the target.

6 Implementation and Finance

Funding for the Local Transport Plan process is available to local transport authorities from a number of sources. This includes the Local Transport Plan capital funding, major schemes funding, the Local Growth Fund, the Growing Places Fund, developer contributions, the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, the Regional Growth Fund and European funding. Other sources of funding for transport will be sought as opportunities arise.

The priority for expenditure in 2011/12 was maintenance schemes. However, to provide an effective, reliable, safe and sustainable transport network will in future years require a more balanced investment across maintenance and integrated transport. Detailed implementation programmes of transport schemes will be produced and rolled forward annually, spanning a three-year period.

7 Statutory assessments

The requirements for Strategic Environmental Assessment, Habitat Regulations Assessment and Equalities Impact Assessment have been carried out in the preparation of the Surrey Transport Plan.