

Appendix 1 - LTP5 Ambition, Outcomes, and main proposals

Ambition

We want to improve the health, wellbeing, and economic prosperity of lives in Kent by delivering a safe, reliable, efficient and affordable transport network across the county and as an international gateway. We will plan for growth in Kent in a way that enables us to combat climate change and preserve Kent's environment.

We will do this by delivering emission-free travel by getting effective dedicated infrastructure to electrify vehicles, increase public transport use and make walking and cycling attractive. This will be enabled by maintaining our highway network and delivering our Vision Zero road safety strategy. These priorities will ensure our networks are future-proof, resilient and meet user needs.

Outcomes

POLICY OUTCOME 1: The condition of our managed highway networks is brought up to satisfactory levels, helping to maintain safe and accessible travel and trade.

POLICY OUTCOME 2: Deliver our Vision Zero road safety strategy through all the work we do.

POLICY OUTCOME 3: International travel becomes a more positive part of Kent's economy, facilitated by the county's transport network, with the negative effects of haulage traffic decreased.

POLICY OUTCOME 4: International rail travel returns to Kent and there are improved public transport connections to international hubs.

POLICY OUTCOME 5: Deliver a transport network that is quick to recover from disruptions and future-proofed for growth and innovation, aiming for an infrastructure-first approach to reduce the risk of highways and public transport congestion due to development.

POLICY OUTCOME 6: Journeys to access and experience Kent's historic and natural environments are improved.

POLICY OUTCOME 7: Road-side air quality improves as decarbonisation of travel accelerates, contributing towards the pursuit of carbon budget targets and net zero in 2050.

POLICY OUTCOME 8: A growing public transport system supported by dedicated infrastructure to attract increased ridership, helping operators to invest in and provide better services.

POLICY OUTCOME 9: Health, air quality, public transport use, congestion and the prosperity of Kent's high streets and communities will be improved by supporting increasing numbers of people to use a growing network of dedicated walking and cycling routes.

POLICY OUTCOME 10: The quality of life in Kent is protected from the risk of worsening noise disturbance from aviation.

Main proposals in the Local Transport Plan

Type	Proposal
Local Road Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining the road network • Road Safety Vision Zero • A229 Blue Bell Hill • North Thanet Link • Alkham Valley Spitfire Way junction improvements • Sandwich bypass improvements • A2 Gravesend Local Junctions • A226 Galley Hill Road • A228-A264 corridor improvements – West Malling to Tunbridge Wells • Development Management principles • Supporting the shift to electric vehicles through new charging points • Local Road Freight Management
Strategic (Trunk and Motorway) Road Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lower Thames Crossing • M2 Junction 1 capacity enhancement • A282 (M25) Junction 1A capacity enhancement • M2 Junction 4 capacity and local development connections • M2 road capacity enhancement • M2 Junction 7 (Brenley Corner) capacity enhancement • South Canterbury A2 junction access enhancements • A2 Dover Access / Duke of York and Whitfield improvements • International haulage traffic management • M25-M26-A21 East-facing slips • A21 enhancements • Trunking: A229 and A249 between M2 and M20 • M25 Junction 3 improvements
Public transport network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rail freight gauge enhancement for international traffic • Maidstone rail journey time improvements • Gatwick rail access improvements • Dover / Folkestone High Speed rail journey time improvements • International rail passenger services for Kent • Sturry and Canterbury West rail corridor improvements

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local rail services • Improve local access to rail stations • Bus Service Improvement Plan (county-wide) • Thameside Fastrack network growth • Dover Fastrack network growth • 'Hopbit' Mobility as a Service platform • Cycle Hire trials • Shared transport hubs (Mobility Hubs) • Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet • Opposition to Gatwick expansion
Walking and cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Rights of Way Improvements • Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15 initial route corridors for focusing improvements on cycling ➤ 15 initial walking zones for focusing improvements on walking and wheeling