

Item 17 - Review and consider any next steps for Council to the Draft 4th Local Transport Plan from Rutland County Council and the additional consultation on Rights of Way.

(1st Working Group meeting held on 23rd November 2018)

Overall Comments:

- Difficult to disagree with some of the policy statements but all policies seem to lack a coherent strategy
- The template for submitting feedback is overly steering the responder

Overarching Comments on Draft Transport Policy:

- Too generalised for a small county – for a strategic document lacked clear strategy
- Neighbourhood Plans (where they exist or being planned) not referred to
- Pays ‘lip service’ to vulnerability of passengers and potential users
- No reference to known issues like parking
- No reference to specific locations given the size of the County reference:
 - Bus hub (Co-op / North Street East)
 - Hopper Bus
- Pavements given only two towns to reference
- More interested in how any strategic plan will be made operational

Overarching Comments on Passenger Transport Policy:

- Need ‘real time’ passenger transport information
- Need to consider environmental impact of buses used on passengers
- Need to reference unique nature of Uppingham with it’s link to North/South and East/West routes both in terms of bus connections plus rail links
- Scoring mechanism relates to hierarchy which the community and town council have challenged through the local plan response – Uppingham is a Market Town.
- There is no reference to the demands and complexities brought by many of the bus services crossing into neighbouring counties and the risks that brings to the continuity of service provision
- Concern over the direction that might be taken on concessionary fares
- Bus usage data needs to be current

Comments on Rights of Way Policy:

- Should be a definitive map that is current and up to date
- Improved surfaces and access to rights of way
- Lighting where appropriate
- Need to factor in any new developments in plans
- Improved signposting

- Improved access for those with limited mobility
- Dedicated cycle tracks
- Re-look at pavements and drop kerbs as enablers
- Some paths are poorly publicised and under-used and it may have a negative economic impact as a result.

Feedback has to be submitted by 11th January 2018.