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Section 2 – Overall support for the new draft Local Transport Plan

Q4. Do you support our new draft Local Transport Plan?

*Select **one** option.*

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| ☐ | Yes |
| ☐ | Partly |
| ☐ | No |
| ☐ | Don't know |

Q4a. Please tell us the reason for your answer in the box below:

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Q5. In 2023 we consulted on our draft Emerging Local Transport Plan and received feedback on the Plan's ambition, outcomes and objectives. If you wish to make any comment on these aspects, please tell us in the box below.

Please do not include any information that could identify you or anyone else in your response.

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Section 3 – Strategic network-wide proposals

In this section you have the opportunity to tell us your views on our Strategic network-wide proposals (from page 22 of the draft LTP5). These have been grouped under four themes:

- Strategic Road Network
- Local Road Network
- Public and Shared Transport Network
- Walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorised travel.

You can answer all or as many of the questions on each of these as you like. If you would rather not provide feedback on a question, just move on to the next one.

Q6. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the Strategic Road Network?

Select **one** response option per proposal/row.

Strategic Road Network proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
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 capacity enhancement				
South Canterbury A2 junction access enhancements				
A2 Dover Access / Duke of York and Whitfield interim improvements				
International haulage traffic management				
M25-M26-A21 East-facing slips				

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A21 Kipping's Cross enhancements				
Trunking: A229 and A249, both between M2 and M20				

Q6a. If you would like to make any comments on the Strategic Road Network proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q7. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the Local Road Network?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Local Road Network proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Maintaining the road network				
Road Safety Vision Zero				
A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements				
North Thanet Link				
Alkham Valley Spitfire Way junction improvements				
Sandwich bypass improvements				
A2 Gravesend local junction improvements				
A228-A264 corridor improvements – West Malling to Tunbridge Wells				
Development Management				
Supporting the shift to electric vehicles through new charging points				

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Q7a. If you would like to make any comments on the Local Road Network proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q8. Do you agree with the proposals identified for Public and Shared Transport Network?

Select **one** response option per proposal/row.

Public and Shared Transport Network proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Rail freight gauge enhancement for international traffic				
Maidstone mainline rail journey time improvements				
Gatwick access improvements				
Dover / Folkestone High Speed rail journey time improvements				
International rail passenger services for Kent				
Sturry and Canterbury West rail corridor improvements				
Local rail services				
Bus Service Improvement Plan (county-wide)				
Thameside Fastrack network growth				
Dover Fastrack network growth				

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Public and Shared Transport Network proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Mobility as a Service				
Cycle Hire trials				
Shared transport hubs (also known as Mobility Hubs)				
Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet				
Opposition to Gatwick expansion				

Q8a. If you would like to make any comments on the Public and Shared Transport Network proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q9. Do you agree with the proposals identified for walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorised travel?

Select **one** response option per proposal/row.

Walking, cycling and other forms of non-motorised travel proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
Our 15 initial proposed walking zones we will focus on from our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan				
Our 15 initial proposed cycling route corridors we will focus on from our Kent Cycling and Walking infrastructure plan				

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Public Rights of Way improvements				
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Q9a. If you would like to make any comments on the walking, cycling and other forms on non-motorised travel proposals or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Section 4 – District proposals

In this section you have the opportunity to tell us your views on our district specific proposals (from page 58 of the draft LTP5). These have been grouped into each of Kent's 12 districts:

- Ashford
- Canterbury
- Dartford
- Dover
- Folkestone and Hythe
- Gravesham
- Maidstone
- Sevenoaks
- Swale
- Thanet
- Tonbridge and Malling
- Tunbridge Wells

You can answer all or as many of the questions on each of the districts as you like. If you would rather not provide feedback for a question/district, just move on to the next one.

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Q10. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Ashford?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Ashford proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
International traffic management improvements				
Return of international passenger rail services to Ashford International station				
International rail freight gauge enhancements				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Junction 10a improvements for local traffic				
A28 Chart Road improvements				
Local rail service improvements for Maidstone and Marshlink line				
Ashford to Charing corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				
Ashford to Folkestone corridor cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP				
Improved local connections to Appledore station				

Q10a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Ashford or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q11. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Canterbury?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Canterbury proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
M2 Junction 7 Brenley Corner improvements				
A2 junction improvements south and west of Canterbury city				
A299 Thanet Way renewal				
A299 Thanet Way Chestfield access improvements				
Sturry link road				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent				
Local rail service improvements towards Faversham and Dover				
Potential rail service to Gatwick				
Sturry and Canterbury West station and surrounds improvements				

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Cycling corridor improvements southwards out of Canterbury towards Dover, Folkestone and Sandwich as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				
Cycling corridor improvements eastwards out of Canterbury towards Birchington as set out in our KCWIP				

Q11a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Canterbury or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

Q12. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Dartford?
Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Dartford proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
The Lower Thames Crossing				
M25 (A282) Junction 1A improvements				
Return of international passenger rail services to Ebbsfleet International				
Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet				
Kent Thameside Fastrack network expansion				
Bean Fastrack tunnels				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				

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Fastrack interchange hub as part of Ebbsfleet station quarter redevelopment				
Mobility as a Service pilot				
Learning from shared transport and any mobility hub pilots in Ebbsfleet Garden City				
Swanscombe and Stone and Dartford station improvements				
Dartford town centre improvements (further phases)				
Walking improvements for the wider Dartford, Swanscombe and Stone area as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				
Dartford to Stone and Gravesend cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP				

Q12a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Dartford or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

Q13. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Dover? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Dover proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A2 Dover Access improvements and improvements to Duke of York and Whitfield roundabouts				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Dover and Folkestone High Speed rail journey time improvements				

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Local rail service improvements for Dover to Canterbury East				
Dover to Canterbury and Deal corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				
Improvements to walking in Dover as set out in our KCWIP				
Improvements to walking in Deal as set out in our KCWIP				
International traffic management improvements				
International rail freight gauge enhancements				
Sandwich bypass improvements				
Dover Fastrack network development				

Q13a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Dover or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

Q14. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Folkestone and Hythe? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Folkestone and Hythe proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
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International traffic management				
International rail freight gauge enhancements				
Alkham Valley Spitfire Way junction improvements				
Folkestone and Dover High Speed rail journey time improvements				
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent via Ashford International station				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Westenhanger station upgrade for High Speed services				
Learning from shared transport and any mobility hub pilots in Otterpool Park Garden Town				
Folkestone to Canterbury corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				
Hythe to Ashford corridor cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP				
Sub-regional walking and cycling corridor from Hythe towards Rye in East Sussex				

Q14a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Folkestone and Hythe or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. *If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.*

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Q15. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Gravesham?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Gravesham proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
The Lower Thames Crossing				
Improvements to the local junctions for the A2				
Kent Thameside Fastrack network expansion				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Return of international passenger rail services to Kent via Ashford International station				
Mobility as a Service pilot				
M2 Junction 1 enhancements				
Gravesend to Stone and Dartford cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				
Gravesend to Meopham cycling improvements as set out in our KCWIP				
Elizabeth line extension to Ebbsfleet				

Q15a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Gravesham or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q16. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Maidstone?

Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Maidstone proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements				
M20 Junction 7 improvements				
M2 Junction 4 improvements to support bifurcation strategy, given local growth pressures				
International traffic management improvements				
International rail freight gauge enhancements				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Step free access improvements e.g. Maidstone West, Yalding, Marden				
Maidstone town centre improvements including Maidstone West urban realm, river crossings, town centre congestion, junctions' performance				
Maidstone to Sittingbourne corridor cycling improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				

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Extending cycling corridor improvements from Ashford to Charing into the district towards Lenham and Bearsted				
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Q16a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Maidstone or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

Q17. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Sevenoaks?
Select **one** response box per proposal/row.

Sevenoaks proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
M25-M26-A21 – slips for journeys eastwards on M26 to avoid Sevenoaks town centre				
Opposition to Gatwick expansion due to noise disturbance from flight paths				
Bat and Ball junction improvements				
Improved rail stations in Edenbridge				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Improvements to walking in Swanley as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				
Improvements to cycling corridors in Sevenoaks.				

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Q17a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Sevenoaks or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. *If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.*

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Q18. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Swale? Select one response box per proposal/row.

Swale proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
M2 Junction 7 Brenley Corner improvements				
M2 corridor capacity enhancement junction 4 to junction 7				
Key Street junction improvements				
Local rail service improvements Sheerness to Sittingbourne and Faversham to Medway				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Sittingbourne town centre improvements including walking journeys as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP) and consideration of approaches to congestion relief including potential new highways routes between the A2 and M2				
Sittingbourne to Faversham cycling corridor improvements as set out in our KCWIP, along with associated opportunities from the M2 Junction 7 improvements				
Sheerness to Leysdown cycling corridor improvements as set out in our KCWIP				

Q18a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Swale or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.

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Q19. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Thanet? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Thanet proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A28 North Thanet Link				
Supplemental local development delivered link roads to maximise connectivity and capacity benefits from the North Thanet Link				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Ramsgate and Margate town centre improvements as part of funded Town Deals				
Broadstairs station step free access				
Birchington walking improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				
Westwood walking zone improvements as set out in our KCWIP				
Birchington to Canterbury and Ramsgate cycling corridors improvements as set out in our KCWIP				

Q19a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Thanet or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local

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Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. *If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.*

Q20. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Tonbridge and Malling? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Tonbridge and Malling proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A229 Blue Bell Hill improvements				
A228-A264 corridor improvements				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
Rail journey time improvements to the Maidstone mainline				
Potential rail service to Gatwick				
Improving journeys in the Medway gap including walking and cycling network connections				
Tonbridge walking zone improvements as set out in our Kent Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (KCWIP)				

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Q20a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Tonbridge and Malling or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. *If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.*

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Q21. Do you agree with the proposals identified for the district of Tunbridge Wells? Select *one* response box per proposal/row.

Tunbridge Wells proposals	Yes	Partly	No	Don't know
A228-264 corridor improvements				
Bus Service Improvement Plan				
A21 Kipping's Cross junction and corridor improvements				
Reinstatement of services from Maidstone to Tonbridge via Paddock Wood				
Southborough walking zone improvements				
Improvements in Paddock Wood to improve walking, wheeling and cycling journeys				

Q21a. If you would like to make any comments on the proposals for Tunbridge Wells or would like to suggest any new proposals for consideration in our Local Transport Plan, please tell us in the box below. *If your comment relates to a specific proposal, please make this clear in your answer.*

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Section 5 – Any other comments on the draft Local Transport Plan

Q22. If you have any remaining comments on any other aspect of the draft Local Transport Plan, please provide these in the box below.

If your comment relates to a specific section, please make this clear in your answer.

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Section 6 – Supporting evidence base and assessments

Q23. If you have any comments on our Supporting Evidence Base for the draft Local Transport Plan, please provide these in the box below.

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To help ensure that we are meeting our obligations under the Equality Act 2010 we have prepared an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) of our Local Transport Plan.

An EqIA is a tool to assess the potential impact any proposals could have on the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender identity, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. At KCC we also include carer's responsibilities. The EqIA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5 or in hard copy on request.

Q24. We welcome your views on our equality analysis. If you think there is anything we should consider relating to equality and diversity, please add your comments below.

Please do not include any personal information that could identify you within your response.

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We are required to develop a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) to support the full final plan. We have prepared a HIA of our draft Local Transport Plan.

The HIA is used to identify the health and wellbeing impacts of the proposed plan to help us with our planning. The HIA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/lt5 or in hard copy on request.

Q25. We welcome your views on our Health Impact Assessment. If you think there is anything we should consider relating to health and wellbeing, please add your comments below.

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We are required to develop a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to support the full final plan. We have prepared a SEA of our draft Local Transport Plan.

The SEA is used to identify the potential impacts of the proposed plan on environmental factors to help us with our planning. The SEA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5 or in hard copy on request.

Q26. We welcome your views on our Strategic Environmental Assessment. If you think there is anything we should consider relating to the environment, please add your comments below.

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We are required to develop a Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) to support the full final plan. We have prepared a HRA of our draft Local Transport Plan.

The HRA is used to identify the potential impacts of the proposed plan on areas of Kent with particular environmental protections (Specifically Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Ramsar sites and areas secured as sites compensating for damage to a European site) to help us with our planning. The HRA is available online at www.kent.gov.uk/ltp5 or in hard copy on request.

Q27. We welcome your views on our Habitats Regulation Assessment. If you think there is anything we should consider relating to the findings of our assessment, please add your comments below.

Please do not include any personal information that could identify you within your response.

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