

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a Local Transport Plan?

The Local Transport Plan (LTP) are statutory documents which set the strategy for the management, maintenance and development of the area's transport system.

The LTP explain how funds, largely allocated by the government, will be used to deliver improved transport and help meet the key objectives for transport established by both government and local authorities.

What is Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4)?

All councils are legally required to have a Local Transport Plan, and this will replace the existing plan, named LTP3, that expires across Dorset in 2026.

The new joint Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) will set out how transport is delivered across the whole of Dorset for the next 10-15 years to meet some of the demanding challenges the area faces.

Dorset Council and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council are working together to create LTP4, which will provide both with the opportunity to shape new plans focused on feedback from those who live, work and visit our wonderful county.

What's the aim of Local Transport 4 (LTP4)?

The aim of the Local Transport Plan is to get residents' views on the below:

- How to improve transport across both rural and urban areas
- Ensure all ages and abilities can access services
- Make it easier for people to be more physically active
- Enable more opportunities for affordable, available and accessible public transport
- Help people feel safer on our roads and on public transport
- Reduce congestion and carbon emissions
- Improve digital and real-time travel information

What are we doing to shape LTP4?

Following the Opportunities and Issues engagement for LTP4 which closed in early 2024, we are now engaging with local businesses through a Business Travel Survey ([link](#)) to help BCP Council better understand the travel and transport requirements of local business. We want to hear from

businesses about their travel needs and views. The information collected will help us to support workplace travel and transport initiatives and the survey results will support the emerging LTP4 strategy development.

We'll also be conducting some research on resident travel patterns and behaviours in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and surrounding areas in South East Dorset during March and April 2025. In addition the council are hosting a business conference in late March 2025, to exchange views with business and stakeholders which will also help us shape the LTP4.

What are the next steps once the survey closes?

The analysis of all the feedback received will take place during the early summer and will feed into the LTP4 strategy development.

We plan to undertake a public consultation on the draft joint LTP4 strategy and implementation plan in late summer/early autumn 2025. The feedback from the public consultation will be considered by Dorset Council and BCP Council, before adoption of the new LTP4 in spring 2026.

How much is the Local Transport Plan costing?

There is no cost to LTP4 as this is just seeking the feedback to help shape the plan at this stage.

The feedback we receive will help shape decision-making over the coming years, but projects that fall under the Local Transport Plan are largely funded by the Government so local authorities can meet their key transport objectives.

How will the Local Transport Plan shape things like cycle lanes, reduced speed limits and Ultra Low Emission Zones (ULEZ)?

It's important to note that **no decisions are being made at this stage**.

The exercise aims to understand the travel patterns and requirements of local residents and business and gather feedback on their travel needs and views to support the LTP4 strategy development. Comments on any related topics are greatly welcomed and appreciated during the surveys and the business conference.