

Foreword

Over the next decade, Cambridgeshire will experience a significant amount of development and a major growth in population. This will include an expansion in the high tech, research and education industries, as well as the provision of housing to ease the shortage in the region. We face a challenge in maintaining and enhancing the quality of life and the environment whilst ensuring that this growth takes place.

Transport is a key factor in ensuring sustainable growth. As one of the documents setting out how we will manage the growth of the region in a sustainable way, the Local Transport Plan is a fundamental element in achieving this. In partnership with the five district councils, the LTP sets out our objectives for the County, our strategy and approach to tackling transport issues, and gives details of the measures that we will introduce to meet and deliver these objectives. It details a transport strategy that is consistent with land-use policies within the Structure Plan, and shows how we will build on existing and developing partnerships so as to achieve an integrated approach for the benefit of all.

The measures that we need to implement are very substantial and this is reflected in the scope of the LTP, which covers a seven-year period. We face a major challenge to achieve our objectives in the light of the planned development during this time and the transport infrastructure required to support it. The LTP demonstrates how we will use the experience gained from our successful record of delivery to develop new ways of working, which will assist us in the implementation of our strategy and ensure we achieve this task.

The funding bid contained in the LTP is an ambitious one. It is, however, essential to meet the needs of the County and the region over the life of the plan and beyond. The strategy and programme of schemes set out in the LTP will present us with major challenges but are achievable. We look forward to reporting on our successes in future Annual Progress Reports.

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