Worcester Transport Strategy

**Pro-forma for use when responding**

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| ***Contact name and title:*** | Sarah Evans, Climate Change Assistant. |
| ***Interest (eg trade; local authority; passenger representative)*** | Transition Worcester is a local grass-roots initiative working to create local solutions to improve quality of life by enabling the transition to a sustainable, low carbon lifestyle and economy. The voluntary group are looking for creative, practical ideas and involvement from all people in Worcester and surrounding areas to achieve solutions for climate change and address the threats from peak oil. While much needs to be done on a international and national level, there is a lot we can do here in Worcester in order to reduce our reliance on fossil fuel usage, which everyone can be involved in.Transition actively supports modal shift to sustainable modes in particular walking and cyclingThe Transport Group within Transition Worcester focuses on creating local solutions to transportation issues and encouraging greater use of more healthy and sustainable and transport modes. |
| ***PHASE 1 ONLY*** |  |
| Do you support the proposals for 'Phase 1' of the Worcester Transport Strategy?  | Transition Worcester Transport Group is promoting the use of sustainable transport modes to help combat the effects of climate change and peak oil in Worcester. Public transport improvements, such as rail station enhancements, a new parkway station, local railway stations, and improving cycling and walking infrastructure are strongly supported. However, it is felt that major strategic highway improvements including the construction of the North West Link road, and local highway improvements will increase carbon emissions in the local area and do not offer a sustainable solution to transportation issues. Futhermore there is no strong evidence that sustainable modes will have prioritised and “fast-track” routes to actively encourage use. In many cases the routes for walking and cycling are too circuitous and planned around the car and therefore are a disincentive to use. Direct route pathways actively encourage use and should be developed further |
| Do you have any comments on the proposals for 'Phase 1' of the Worcester Transport Strategy?  | Additional park and ride sites should include Powick.There is a lack of cross town cycle routes, which sould be implemented to promote cycling across the city and ensure the safety of cyclists.Safer pedestrial crossing points would be welcome, especially at busy junctions. In particular, there are a number of lines of severance for sustainable travellers, whilst the Diglis bridge is a positive step to overcoming the natural severance of the river, the west to east routes from Cripplegate park in Worcester, through the city and across the City Walls Road to Shrub Hill station are very poor and need prioritised attention |
| Are there any other issues that you think ought to be covered in Phase 1 of the Worcester Transport Strategy? | The general feeling towards phase one of the Transport strategy is that whilst there are some very welcome improvements in terms of walking, cycling and public transport infrastructure, however, the strategy is heavily weighted towards the car and does not provide a long term sustainable solution which transforms the attractiveness of the City |
| **The full Worcester Transport Strategy** |  |
| Do you support the proposals for the full Worcester Transport Strategy?  | Transition Worcester supports the proposals for the full Worcester Transport Strategy to an extent for the reasons outlined in phase 1. |
| Do you have any comments on the proposals for the full Worcester Transport Strategy?  | Transition Worcester fully supports the initiatives created by the ‘Choose How you Move’ project, and would welcome further initiatives to maintain the momentum of promoting sustainable travel models now that this project has finished.Awareness raising of positive alternatives can reduce carbon emissions thus mitigating and adapting to the effects of Climate Change and Peak Oil.Park and Ride improvements are also fully supported, as they will provide people with an alternative to driving into the City Centre, which further reduces carbon emissions. |
| Are there any other issues that you think ought to be covered within the full Worcester Transport Strategy? |  Transition Worcester would prioritise the ability to use road space for more sustainable modes of transport than the car. Transition actively supports the sustainable heirachy of walking, cycling and mass transit with personal motor travel as the least favoured option for the City’s long term sustainable future. |

# Notes:

1. Opportunity to influence and explanation of constraints

The views of the Stakeholder will be considered and taken into account wherever possible within the context of the technical assessments that have already been undertaken to date.

2. Contact:

If you wish to submit a response to this consultation, or have any questions about the consultation process, please e-mail to mcjones@worcestershire.gov.uk or alternatively send to:

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4. Deadline:

**Responses should arrive no later than 5pm,** **12th March, 2010**, **please.**

5. Worcestershire County Council’s **Code of Practice on Consultation**

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[http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/wcc-con-strategy - cs-con-strategy-appendix1](http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/wcc-con-strategy%22%20%5Cl%20%22cs-con-strategy-appendix1) http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/advice-and-benefits/marketing-and-communications/community-involvement.aspx

 If you have any suggestions of others who may wish to be involved in this consultation please contact us.

6. <http://worcestershire.whub.org.uk/home/wcc-con-toolkit-stage5-guide1> Data protection Statement

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