

# ACTION PLAN



The draft LTP4 is a long-term strategy, accompanied by an action plan of measures. An indication of priorities for different methods of travel is shown below:

- Expansion of Multi-use trail network, including completion of Tarka Trail and Drakes Trail and progressing Teign Estuary and Clyst Valley Trails
- Green lanes to deliver local priorities for walking, cycling and horse-riding
- Active Exeter: 50% of trips in the city to be made by walking and cycling
- Delivery of Bay Trails and Newton Abbot to Torbay Cycle route
- Delivery of priorities in Growth area LCWIP's



- Continued delivery of Devon Metro, including increased frequency from Exeter to East Devon, Barnstaple and 15-minute frequency to Digby & Sowton
- New stations at Cullompton, Edginswell, Monkerton and Okehampton East
- Reinstate railway from Tavistock to Plymouth
- Resilience works at Dawlish and enhanced diversionary capacity of Waterloo Line
- Increased services to London from Torbay and Okehampton/Barnstaple



- Bus priority measures in Exeter and Barnstaple
- Roll out of modern low emission buses throughout Torbay, Exeter and Barnstaple
- Bus/rail Interchange at Polsloe Bridge and Digby Park and Ride
- 15-minute frequency bus services between Exeter and surrounding towns
- New bus services from Torbay to East of Exeter



- Completion of North Devon Link Road and A382 enhancements
- Sherford Southern Access Route
- Dinan Way Extension
- Improve resilience of M5 between J29 – J31
- Trial reduced speed limits on strategic routes



- Low Carbon Procurement Strategy
- Develop Low Carbon Design Toolkit
- Electric vehicle charge points and promote Peer to Peer charging
- Energy generation on Park and Ride sites
- Work towards zero-emission transport subscription service in Exeter



# HOW TO RESPOND

View consultation documents and provide feedback by 30 November 2024 at:

[devon.cc/LTP4](https://devon.cc/LTP4) or post to the Transport Planning Team, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4QD.

If you require more information, or a different format, please email: [transportplanning@devon.gov.uk](mailto:transportplanning@devon.gov.uk) or write to the above address.



# DEVON & TORBAY: DRAFT LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4



Consultation draft

The draft Devon and Torbay Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) is the strategic document that sets out the priorities for transport across the county between 2025 and 2040. Transport and connectivity have a vital role in helping make Devon and Torbay the best place to grow up, live happily and healthily, and prosper.

Many of the projects from the Local Transport Plan 3 have now been delivered, and changes in technology, working patterns and climate change mean the way we travel is changing.

Our vision is that:

**Transport will facilitate sustainable growth and support Devon and Torbay in reaching net zero carbon by 2050 at the latest. Well-integrated, accessible and inclusive transport will improve travel choice and benefits the health and wellbeing of everyone.**

There are six objectives underpinning the draft LTP4 to achieve this vision:

- Decarbonisation
- Easier Travel
- Reliable and Resilient Network
- Unlock Development
- Greater Places for People
- The Place to be Naturally Active

**Different places across Devon and Torbay have distinctive characteristics and different transport challenges and needs. The draft LTP4 includes four place-based strategies and action plans covering:**

- Torbay
  - Exeter
  - Growth Areas
  - Rural Devon and Market & Coastal Towns
- The draft LTP4 also includes strategies and action plans for:**
- Connecting Devon and Torbay
  - Asset Management and Road Safety

## Projects Completed since LTP3

M5 J27, J28, J29 & J30 upgrades	2012-16
Drakes Trail including Gem Bridge	2012
Redworth Junction, Totnes	2013
Roundswell Roundabout	2014
Holsworthy Agri-Centre Access	2014
Cranbrook & Newcourt Rail Stations	2015
South Devon Link Road	2015
Brixham Road Widening	2015
Blundells Road Enhancement	2016
Exe Estuary Trail completion	2017
Bridge Road Exeter Widening	2018
Torbay Western Corridor	2019
Emergency Active Travel Fund Measures	2020
Dartmoor Line reopening	2021
A3123 & Lynton Cross Roundabout	2022
Magdalen Road Exeter	2023
Marsh Barton Railway Station	2023
Tiverton Eastern Access	2023
North Devon Link Road Upgrade	Onsite

We are now seeking **your views** on this draft strategy to ensure it addresses current priorities and the needs of communities.

# LTP4 EVIDENCE AND STRATEGY OVERVIEW



## Key Statistics



Devon and Torbay have a combined population of 940,000. This is an increase of 8% in the last decade, and the highest growth of 14% was in East Devon.



Digital access to services is reducing the need to travel, with each individual making 13% fewer trips in 2019 compared to 2002.



Transport accounts for nearly a third of carbon emissions. 63% of which come from private cars and a third from freight.



The majority of freight is moved by road. In Devon in 2019, there were an estimated 1.4 million HGV trips carrying 27 million tonnes of goods.



The majority of residents of Exeter do not drive to work, including approximately a third who walk or cycle to work.



Highest proportions of commuting by car use are typically in Torbay and in the Growth Areas.



Bus is the most common form of public transport in Devon and Torbay, with over 24 million bus trips made during 2023/24.



Rail patronage is now 50% higher than in 2010, with over 15 million rail trips made from stations in Devon and Torbay during 2022/23.



The number of injured in road traffic collisions in Devon and Torbay has decreased by 31% since 2013.

## Asset Management and Road Safety

**Reliable and Resilient network:** Continue to prioritise maintenance of A and B roads, enhance maintenance of active travel routes and parking systems.

**Decarbonisation:** Reduce carbon in highway maintenance and construction, through low carbon procurement, a carbon design toolkit and upgrading the streetlighting network.

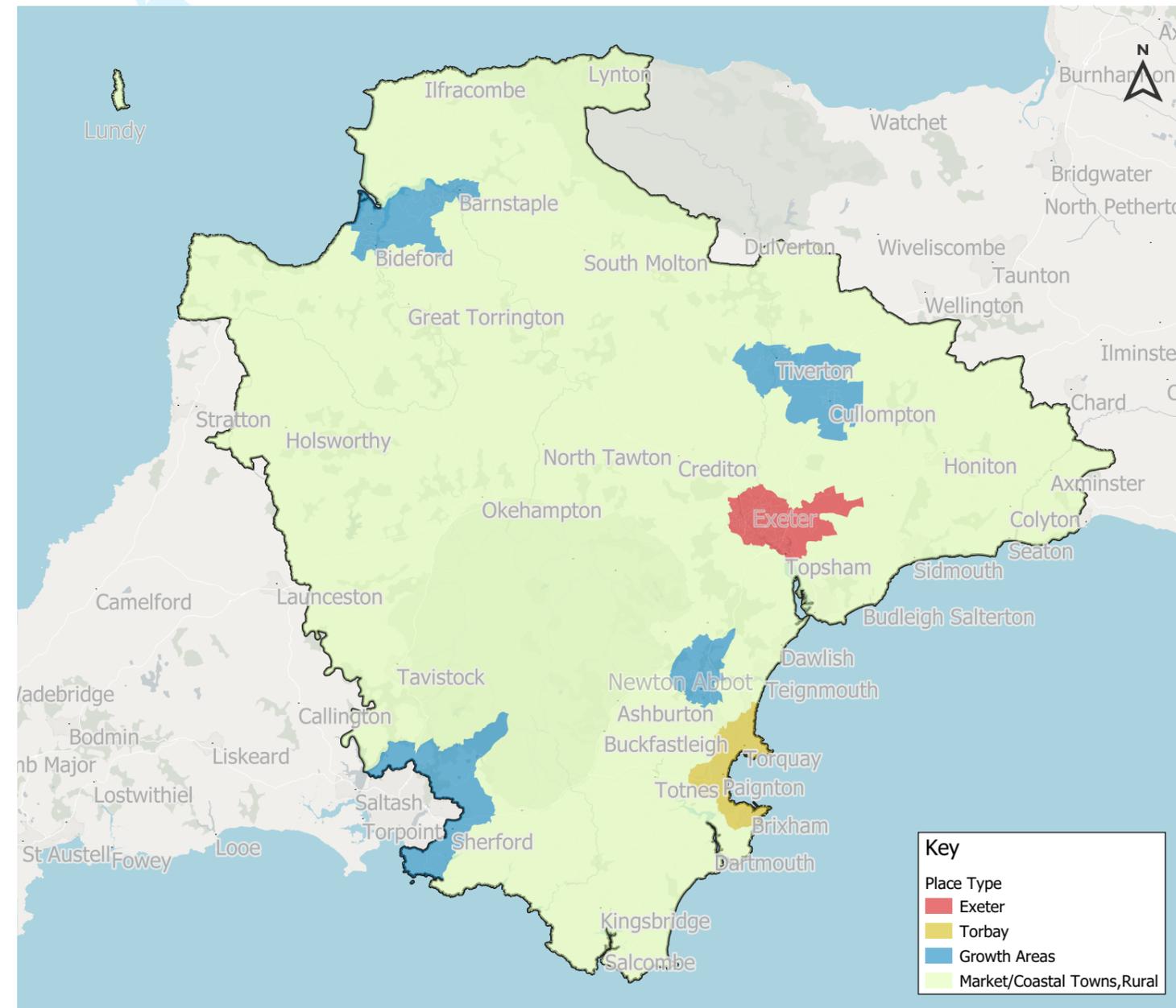
**Greater Places for People:** Work to reduce injuries to road users, with an aim of halving the number of people injured on the highway by 2030. This includes reducing speed limits on some routes to reduce collisions.

## Connecting Devon and Torbay

**Reliable and Resilient network:** Complete the rail resilience works on the Dawlish and Waterloo line, enhance the resilience of M5 J29 – J31 and explore changes to speed limits on major A roads.

**Easier Travel:** Provide additional long-distance rail services, enhance bus and rail integration, introduce single bus branding with enhanced ticketing as well as better mobile connectivity on trains.

**Decarbonisation:** Support the delivery of alternative fuel stations, electric vehicle charging points and new technologies.



## Exeter

**Greater Places for People:** Reduce dominance of vehicles within the city and support the delivery of Liveable Exeter housing developments in areas such as Water Lane, East Gate, Southgate and Red Cow.

**Easier Travel:** Provide a consistent standard of sustainable transport to surrounding towns, including half-hourly rail, 15-minute bus frequency as well as a comprehensive citywide cycle network.

**Decarbonisation:** Support roll-out of low emission vehicles, a single transport ticketing system, a shared cycle hire scheme and the testing of new measures and/or network changes.

## Torbay

**Greater Places for People:** Revitalise the public realm spaces in the town centres and improve access to transport interchanges.

**Easier Travel:** Construct a new railway station at Edginswell with links to Bristol, Exeter, and London, roll-out zero emission buses with enhanced bus stop access and facilities, and offer shared cars and bicycles for hire.

**Places to be Naturally Active:** Improve the Bay Trails network for local travel as well as the connections to the Devon multi-use trail network.

## Growth Areas

**Unlock Development:** Deliver and enhance transport links to enable sustainable strategic development.

**Easier Travel:** Provide more frequent and attractive bus and rail services, with faster journeys and cleaner vehicles. Includes aspiration for half-hourly trains on the Tarka Line.

**Greater place for People:** Enhance town centres through reducing the dominance of vehicles and improving public realm, and progress delivery of LCWIP priorities including the Teign Estuary and Tarka Trails.

## Rural Devon, Market & Coastal Towns

**The Place to be Naturally Active:** Expand the multi-use trail network, delivery of local priorities for 'green lanes' and 20mph communities.

**Easier Travel:** Enhance and expand bus and rail integration by providing hub-and-ride services, establishing new stations, improving connections between buses and trains, and upgrading bus stop facilities for long-distance services.

**Decarbonisation:** Deliver Electric Vehicle charging points, decarbonise rural transport fleets, and improve digital access and online services in rural areas.