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Dear Sir / Madam,

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CONSULTATION

The County Council, as Local Transport Authority for North Yorkshire, has a statutory duty to have and maintain a Local Transport Plan. The current Local Transport Plan (LTP3) runs until 31 March 2016. It is therefore necessary for the County Council to renew the Plan which will set out the council's plans and strategies for maintaining and improving all aspects of the local transport system for the next 30 years.

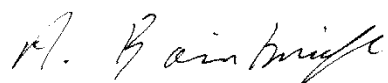
As you may be aware, our first phase of consultation with our Citizens Panel, the public and our statutory stakeholders has now ended. Initial indications show that the views of the stakeholders and of the public are broadly the same as those received during consultations for and during LTP3. Further details are provided in the briefing attached as an annex to this letter.

Based partly on the responses from the first phase of consultation, on our on going engagement and discussions with stakeholders and building on the experience gained from LTP3 we have formulated a draft hierarchy of consideration and some draft Objectives for LTP4.

We are interested to hear your views on this draft hierarchy and Objectives alongside any other comments or observations you may have on the Local Transport Plan and transport issues in North Yorkshire. To aid your response we have enclosed a pro forma with this letter however please feel free to respond by letter or e mail if this is preferable by 15 September 2015.

Please note that there will be an opportunity to comment on the final draft version of the Plan during a further phase of consultation in November 2015.

Yours sincerely,



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LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4 (LTP4)

Phase 1 Consultation - What you told us

Thank you to all of you who responded to Phase 1 of our LTP4 stakeholder consultation and completed our questionnaire. Whilst some of the questions we asked were intended to determine your satisfaction with how we deliver certain elements of our transport service, some are being used specifically to help shape how we deliver our transport service in future.

Initial analysis of the responses to these questions has now been carried out and the sections below provides some feedback on what you told us.

Question 4

In Question 4, we asked you which parts of our transport services you thought were important. The results of the survey showed that over 90% of people felt that the 'Quality of repairs to roads and footways', the 'Condition of road surfaces', and 'Gritting and snow clearance' were fairly or very important. This contrasts with for example 'New facilities for pedestrians', 'New routes and facilities for cyclists' and 'Introducing traffic calming' for which only 40% to 50% of people rated as fairly or very important.

Question 6

In Question 6, we asked which part of the transport service you would like the County Council to retain expenditure on if we had less money available. Over 95% of people felt that retaining expenditure on road maintenance was fairly or very important, with retaining expenditure on 'Road safety' and 'Maintaining bus services' also seen as fairly or very important by over 70% of respondents.

On the basis of the above, the County Councils current approach of 'managing and maintain our transport infrastructure and services' as being a higher priority than provision of new services and infrastructure, still appears to be supported by the public. It is therefore suggested that for LTP4, we will retain our Commitment to (in this order of importance) Manage, Maintain and Improve transport networks and services.

Do you agree with this approach?

Local Transport Plan 4 – Objectives

Based on our on-going discussions with partners and stakeholders and partly on the outcomes of Phase 1 of the public and stakeholder consultation, the County Council suggest the following as draft objectives for LTP4. These are what we trying to achieve from the provision of transport services and infrastructure and are very similar to the Objectives adopted in our last two Local Transport Plans:

To contribute towards:

- economic growth by delivering reliable and efficient transport networks and services **(economic growth)**
- managing the adverse impact of transport on the environment **(environment and climate change)**
- improving road and transport safety **(road safety)**
- promoting healthier travel opportunities **(healthier travel)**
- improving equality of opportunity by facilitating access to services **(access to services)**

In the last LTP the adopted objectives all had an equal priority. No objective was seen to be more important than any other. Given the ongoing cuts in public funding available for transport, the County Council would be interested to find out whether stakeholders feel that for LTP4 we should be prioritising any of the objectives.

Do you feel any of the above objectives are more important than the others?

To help us develop LTP4 it would be useful if you could complete and return the attached short questionnaire by 15 September 2015.

Thank you in advance for your help.