Local Development Framework
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Fact Sheet Number 8
What kind of local transport will we need?

Introduction
This fact sheet explains why we have proposed a transport policy based upon sustainability and making best use of the transport network we already have.

Background
Four main considerations were used to formulate proposed transport policy:
- Regional Strategies
- National Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) such as PPG13: Transport
- Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy and Local Transport Plans.
- Public feedback and engagement

The Government has recently announced its intention to abandon Regional Strategies and the Regional Transport Strategies (RTS) that these contained. The RTS for Yorkshire and the Humber outlined an overarching land use and transport policy that aimed to:

- Reduce travel demand and congestion
- Use public Transport accessibility as a key determinant for LDF’s, Transport Assessments and Planning Applications.
- Make best use of the existing transport network
- Protect the function of the Strategic Road Network for longer distance travel (in Rotherham, this means the M1,M18 and A57 east of the M1)
- Address congestion in urban areas and on the Strategic Road Network using sustainable travel choices such as public transport (including bus priority), improved facilities for cycling and walking, travel awareness campaigns, car clubs, car sharing.
- Consistent parking strategies and policies related to demand and strength of the local economy.
- Other demand management measures e.g. road charging.
• Introduce maximum parking standards for new developments (the Coalition Government has since abandoned maximum parking standards for residential developments).

• Manage freight on road, rail and canal with emphasis on promoting rail and canal use.

Whilst the RTS will no longer form part of Rotherham’s development plan when the Government’s Localism Bill becomes law, being based predominantly upon other policies which shared a similar objective to integrate planning and transport at the national, regional, strategic and local level (such as PPG13) it provided a good framework from which local policies could be developed.

The Sheffield City Region (SCR) produced its own 15 year transport strategy in 2011 which echoed RTS, PPG13 and the latest transport policy guidance from Government. The SCR transport strategy developed area wide transport policies for the whole SCR which includes the Derbyshire Dales, North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Bassetlaw, Sheffield, Rotherham, Doncaster and Barnsley.

The Transport Act 2000 and subsequently the Local Transport Act 2008 introduced a statutory requirement for local transport authorities to produce a Local Transport Plan (LTP) every five years and to keep it under review. Government guidance requires Local Transport Plans to:

- Support Economic Growth
- Reduce carbon Emissions
- Promote Equality of Opportunity
- Contribute to Better Safety, Security and Health
- Improve Quality of Life and a Healthy Natural Environment

The current detailed local transport policies and implementation plan for Rotherham are contained in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011-15. This document is closely related to the SCR Transport Strategy.

**Local Transport Strategy and the LDF in Rotherham.**

As a statutory ‘policy’ document, the Local Transport Plan has been used to inform the LDF and develop the Core Policies within it - specifically draft Policies CS4, CS13, CS22, CS31, CS32.

Taking CS13 as an example, the Draft Core Strategy proposes that accessibility will be promoted through development in highly accessible locations. In effect this means developments will be concentrated in locations near to transport routes or that could have existing public transport diverted through them or could realistically be served by new public transport services. These locations may also be served by existing or new walking and cycling routes. Such land use planning is in line with our Local Transport aspirations (see the five bullet points above) and ensures that national, regional and local sustainable transport objectives are embedded in the LDF.

The Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy and South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan can be found here: [www.syltp.org.uk](http://www.syltp.org.uk)