

Moving Rutland Forward

A Summary of Rutland's Fourth Local Transport Plan

Our vision for a transport network and services that:

- support sustainable growth
- meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents
- help improve health and wellbeing

2019 – 2036



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1 INTRODUCTION

Rutland is a rural county with a dispersed and increasingly elderly population. It is also a county with aspirations to deliver growth in housing, and develop a thriving economy that will make it an attractive location for people and businesses to locate. These characteristics and aspirations bring with them a number of transport needs and challenges which Moving Rutland Forward (MRF) - our 4th Local Transport Plan, is designed to address.

MRF supersedes our third local transport plan (LTP3) which was launched in 2011 and covered the period up to 2026. In the short space of time since LTP3 was published we have successfully achieved a number of the aspirations within it – such as the opening of Oakham bus station in May 2014 (further detail on achievements can be found in the full MRF strategy). This, alongside changes to local policy, mean the timing is ideal to develop a new local transport plan setting out our vision for transport in Rutland to 2036. Whilst MRF sets out our long term vision, it will be a ‘living document’, and as such could be reviewed if necessary to reflect future changes to local or national policy and aspirations.

MRF is the overarching document for a range of other plans, policies and strategies. Some of these – including the rights of way improvement plan, and the passenger transport strategy – are already published. However we are only at the beginning of the journey, and during the life of the plan a number of additional documents will be produced. These include, *inter alia*, a network management plan, a road safety strategy and a local cycling and walking infrastructure plan. A full list can be found within the main MRF document.

This document provides a summary of the key elements of MRF.

2 OUR TRANSPORT VISION

MRF sets out our transport vision, shown in figure 1, and seeks to provide a transport system and services that:

- **facilitate delivery of sustainable population and economic growth by:**

- Providing resilient and adaptable infrastructure and services that cater for our most vulnerable residents, whilst boosting the vitality of our economy.
- Maintaining our highway network to a high standard through the efficient use of available resources – ensuring the safety and quality of our assets.
- Mitigating the potential impact of development on our highway network and seeking opportunities to enhance facilities and services to better meet the needs of our future population.

- **meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents by:**

- Providing an efficient network of passenger transport services that connect as many of the county's residents and visitors as possible with a range of key services and facilities in a cost-effective way.

- **support a high level of health and wellbeing (including combating rural isolation) by:**

- Making walking and cycling 'the norm' by working to remove barriers and investigating opportunities to develop an integrated network of cycleways, footways and public rights of way that provide connections between our settlements and with essential services and leisure opportunities.
- Making our roads safer by implementing a safe systems approach to road safety and adopting 'vision zero'¹ – through which we will strive to continually reduce the number of deaths and injuries on our county's roads.

¹ A vision to continually reduce the number of casualties on our roads, with the ultimate long-term goal of a highway network free from death and serious injury - a vision in line with that of the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety – see: <http://www.pacts.org.uk/safe-system/>

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Rutland's Fourth Local Transport Plan

Rutland is growing

We are planning our services to meet the new opportunities and challenges 2036 will bring.



Our transport vision:

a transport network and services that support:

Sustainable Growth

Facilitate delivery of sustainable population and economic growth



Vulnerable Residents

Meet the needs of our most vulnerable residents



Health and Wellbeing

Support a high level of health and wellbeing (including combating rural isolation)



We will maximise opportunities to work with and alongside our communities and partner organisations, encouraging community led development and delivery of transport.

Our plan's themes:

Population Growth

Planning for the future and meeting the needs of a growing Rutland

Working in Rutland

Meeting the needs of new and existing Rutland businesses, their customers and their workforce

Learning in Rutland

Helping our residents reach their full potential

Living in Rutland

Helping Rutland residents to access essential services and supporting health and wellbeing

Visiting and Enjoying Rutland

Helping tourists, visitors and residents to access and enjoy Rutland's towns, villages and countryside

3 CONTENT OF MOVING RUTLAND FORWARD

Emanating from our vision are five themes (shown in figure 1) that take into account national and local policy, feedback from stakeholders and our communities and evidence from a range of other sources. Within the main MRF document, each of these themes have a dedicated chapter – setting out the corresponding transport challenges faced, our goals in response to each of these, and the solutions proposed to help address them.

The five themes and associated goals are outlined below. Information regarding the solutions proposed to help us achieve these goals can be found in the full MRF document.

3.1 POPULATION GROWTH: PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE AND MEETING THE NEEDS OF A GROWING RUTLAND

- Passenger transport provisions and a highway network that are resilient and adaptable to changing demand.
- Sufficient parking capacity for our current and future population.
- A co-ordinated and integrated approach to highway maintenance and utility enhancements.
- Sustainable development that enhances and supports our county's rural character and heritage.

3.2 WORKING IN RUTLAND: MEETING THE NEEDS OF NEW AND EXISTING RUTLAND BUSINESSES, THEIR CUSTOMERS AND THEIR WORKFORCE

- Transport options that support economic growth by enabling residents to access employment opportunities and in doing so help fulfil workforce shortages and reduce environmental impact.
- Unique, attractive and vibrant market towns that provide enhanced provisions for residents, whilst attracting visitors and supporting economic vitality.
- Local businesses supported by transport links that enable the efficient movement of goods.
- Traffic management provisions that limit the impact of HGV and other vehicular traffic.
- Limit the impact that changes to freight and passenger rail may bring.

3.3 LEARNING IN RUTLAND: HELPING OUR RESIDENTS REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

- School transport provisions that serve the needs of our young residents, whilst being cost effective.

- High levels of walking and cycling to school and college – leading to improved health in our young, reduced congestion on our roads and improved local air quality.

3.4 LIVING IN RUTLAND: HELPING RUTLAND RESIDENTS TO ACCESS ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- Reduce car dependency within the County – in a way that doesn't hinder access to services or economic development.
- Reduce the number of deaths and injuries on our county's roads.
- Remove the barriers inhibiting our residents from walking and cycling, particularly those that would enable shorter utility journeys to be undertaken by bike and foot – helping to improve our residents' health, access to services and our environment.
- A passenger transport network that caters for our most vulnerable residents.

3.5 VISITING AND ENJOYING RUTLAND: HELPING TOURISTS, VISITORS AND RESIDENTS TO ACCESS AND ENJOY RUTLAND'S TOWNS, VILLAGES AND COUNTRYSIDE

- An integrated network of walking, cycling and public rights of way routes that connect our villages and towns with each other and enable circular walks and rides.
- Clear publicity of our public rights of way, cycling and walking infrastructure and events. Promotional materials that are easy to understand and tailored to the needs of different user groups.
- Accessible leisure, recreation and tourism opportunities, complimented by a sustainable transport network and parking provision that supports tourism.

4 DELIVERY

The delivery plan for MRF is set-out in our first implementation plan, (covering the next 5 years). This lists the actions we will implement in order achieve our vision and our approach to delivery (including seeking opportunities for further partnership working and enhanced communication and promotion of existing and new provisions and services). Appendix A summarises the actions to be delivered during the life of MRF.

Delivery of MRF has a vital role to play in the future evolution of Rutland and will – we hope – deliver upon its title and help move Rutland forward.

5 APPENDIX A – MOVING RUTLAND FORWARD ACTIONS

MRF implementation plan actions

POPULATION GROWTH				
Action	Business as usual	Implementation plan one	Future implementation plans	Delivery date
Develop a more robust internal consultation process for new planning applications		X		6 months after MRF is published.
Update the Highways Asset Management Plan (HAMP).		X		Late 2019
Adopt highway design guidance.		X		Early 2020
Work in partnership with surrounding local authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships to seek opportunities to improve the A47, where it is demonstrated as necessary, through the Department for Transport (DfT) funding such as the Major Road Network and Large Local Majors programmes investment programme.		X		Late 2020
We will work with our partnership highway authorities to deliver an upgrade to motorway standard for the A1 between Peterborough and the M62 for both safety and economic reasons at the earliest opportunity.		X		Late 2020
Produce and keep up to date a network management plan.	X	X		Late 2020
Undertake a strategic parking review and develop a new parking strategy.		X		Mid 2021

Investigate opportunities to work with community and voluntary transport providers.		X		Early 2021
Develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.		X		Late 2020
Seek further opportunities to enhance dialogue with Network Rail.	X			-
Maintain our highway infrastructure as per our highways inspection policy, highway asset management plan, winter service policy, ROWIP and PROW maintenance plan (once written).	X			-
Develop a performance management framework.		X		Late 2019
Produce a Resilient Network Policy		X		Late 2019
WORKING IN RUTLAND				
Action	Business as usual	Implementation plan one	Future implementation plans	Delivery date
Investigate an alternative to the Wheels to Work Scheme.		X		Early 2020
Work with local businesses to develop site travel plans for business and industrial sites.			X	TBC
Undertake a car sharing promotional campaign.			X	TBC
Consider replacing car sharing website with more user friendly system (funding dependent).			X	TBC
Produce market town plans.		X		Mid 2020

LEARNING IN RUTLAND				
Action	Business as usual	Implementation plan one	Future implementation plans	Delivery date
Consider alternative school transport delivery options.		X		From plan adoption.
Review post 16 education transport provisions and prepare a new post 16 education transport policy.		X		Late 2021
Assist schools and colleges with the development/ revision of travel plans.	X			-
Update and review our sustainable modes of travel strategy (SMOTS).	X			-
LIVING IN RUTLAND				
Action	Business as usual	Implementation plan one	Future implementation plans	Delivery date
Investigate additional concessionary travel privileges for residents with disabilities or SEND.		X		Late 2020
Produce a new road safety strategy.		X		Late 2019
Identify opportunities to work with local interest groups to resolve conflicts between different highway users.			X	TBC

Continue to deliver and expand our pedestrian travel training programme.	X			-
Periodically review casualty data to identify trends and priorities.	X			-
Deliver enhanced promotion of transport and highway provisions.	X			-
Develop and keep under review a sustainable travel statement.		X		Early 2022
Keep up to date a winter service policy.	X			-
Produce a skid resistance policy.		X		Late 2019
Identify priority routes where more frequent verge cutting and spraying may be beneficial for the purpose of safety.		X		Late 2023
Work with partners to promote walking and cycling.	X			-
Operate the Highways and Transport Working Group through which local highway and transport concerns will be considered.	X			-
VISITING AND ENJOYING RUTLAND				
Action	Business as usual	Implementation plan one	Future implementation plans	Delivery date
Undertake an audit of cycleway and footway markings and signage.			X	TBC
Consider opportunities to develop transport provisions that provide links to leisure, recreation and tourism opportunities (subject to funding).			X	TBC
Undertake a rolling review of existing walking, cycling and horse riding provisions. Results to be recorded in our asset	X			-

management systems and where appropriate take remedial action.				
OVERARCHING AND MISCELLANEOUS ACTIONS				
Action	Business as usual	Implementation plan one	Future implementation plans	Delivery date
Deliver and keep under annual review the sub documents and strategies of MRF.	X			-
Provide an annual progress update on MRF.	X			-
Identify grant opportunities.	X			-
Produce a highway and transport communication plan.		X		Early 2020

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