

## 2. The vision for Nottinghamshire

The Nottinghamshire Strategic Plan 2010-2014 sets out the County Council's promise to the people of Nottinghamshire; priorities for the next four years; and how we aim to support the people of Nottinghamshire to be aspirational, independent and to share with us responsibility for the future. The Strategic Plan sets out the County Council's vision for Nottinghamshire, it states:

***“Our vision is for Nottinghamshire to be a county that is safe; economically prosperous; a place where businesses want to invest; and where we are proud of our past and ambitious for our future”.***

### **Nottinghamshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020**

The Strategic Plan complements the wider Nottinghamshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 which is the collective plan that outlines how organisations in the county will work together to promote and deliver a better Nottinghamshire. The Sustainable Community Strategy identifies six priorities for the future:

1. **A greener Nottinghamshire** – this includes improving the environment, recycling, public transport, decent and affordable housing, the countryside, biodiversity, green space and cutting greenhouse gas emissions
2. **A place where Nottinghamshire's children achieve their full potential** – this includes education, safety, health, opportunities to enjoy sports, leisure and arts facilities, and economic issues affecting children and young people
3. **A safer Nottinghamshire** – this includes crime and anti-social behaviour
4. **Health and well-being for all** – this includes improving general health and life expectancy, tackling obesity, helping disabled people, as well as ensuring older people and vulnerable people are well looked after
5. **A more prosperous Nottinghamshire** – this includes helping businesses to start up, grow and flourish, making sure that there are enough jobs, and people have the right skills and qualifications
6. **Making Nottinghamshire's communities stronger** – this includes access to services, culture, heritage and sport, community life, and a sense of community belonging and identity.

Table 1 on page 15 shows how the LTP3 goals will help address these six priorities, whilst table 2 on page 17 shows how the local transport objectives will help deliver the six Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 priorities.

### 2.1 The role of transport

Transport is not an end in itself but a means to enable people to access employment, training, health, shopping, leisure and other essential services. Similarly, transport infrastructure does not exist in isolation but as part of a wider pattern of land-use. Transport strategy must therefore be closely integrated with other national, regional and local plans and strategies designed to improve the quality of life for local people and to encourage sustainable communities. The LTP3 therefore has been developed to ensure that it supports the wider local, regional and national goals. This chapter looks at the role of transport set out in the LTP3 in delivering the vision for Nottinghamshire; addressing the priorities within the Nottinghamshire Sustainable Communities Strategy 2010-2020; as well as delivering national and regional transport priorities. Figure 6 below shows the general process for the development of the LTP3 strategy.

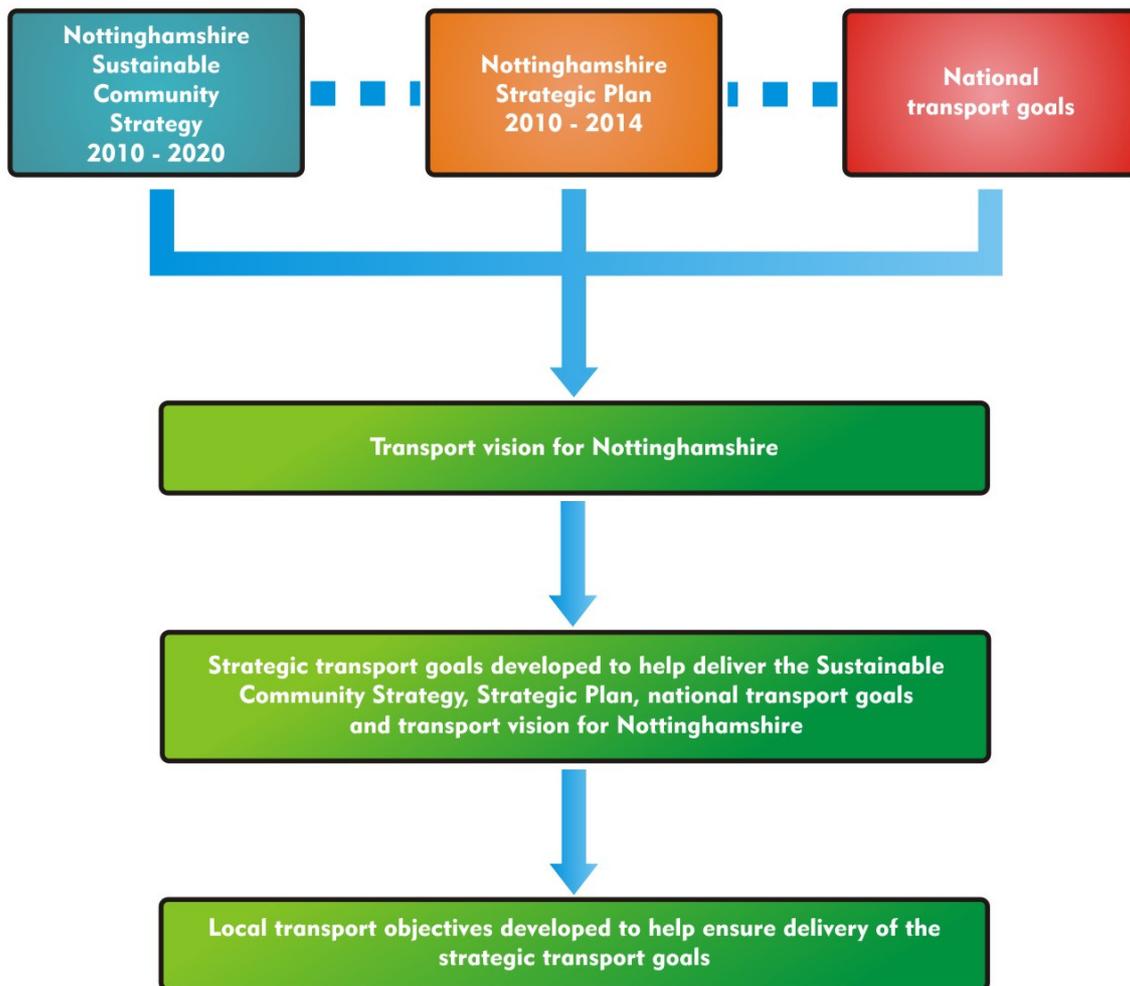


Figure 6: Process for development of the LTP3 strategy

### 2.1.1 National context

During the previous Government, as part of its Delivering a Sustainable Transport System (DaSTS) agenda, the Department for Transport (DfT) highlighted five national transport priorities that they wanted local authorities to address in their third local transport plans:

- **support economic growth** – for example, by managing congestion and the lost time this causes
- **tackle climate change** – for example, by reducing transport’s harmful emissions and ensuring effective flood risk management
- **contribute to better safety, security and health** – for example, by reducing road accidents and promoting healthy travel, such as cycling and walking
- **promote greater equality of opportunity** – for example, by helping people get to work, training or local services, and
- **improve quality of life** – for example, by minimising noise from transport and improving people’s experience of public transport.

These national goals featured significantly in the development of the LTP3. The existing Coalition Government has stated that in respect of the transport goals detailed above, the key overarching policies which they would like to be addressed in LTPs are those “**which help grow the economy and help tackle carbon emissions, while not neglecting other important priorities, including road safety, affordability, accessibility, and people’s health and wellbeing**”. This view is

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supported by the measures included within the DfT's Business Plan (2011-2015) as well as the recent White Paper, 'Creating Growth, Cutting Carbon: Making Sustainable Local Transport Happen'.

The White Paper details government's vision "*for a transport system that is an engine for economic growth, but one that is also greener and safer and improves quality of life in our communities*". It sets out how government sees the role of transport in helping create growth in the economy, and to tackle climate change by cutting our carbon emissions – through longer term and national transport improvements (such as high-speed rail). It also focuses on encouraging sustainable local travel and economic growth by making walking, cycling and public transport more attractive and effective; promoting lower carbon transport; and tackling local road congestion.

### 2.1.2 Regional context

Nottinghamshire County Council was engaged prominently in the development of regional policy, including the East Midlands Regional Plan 2009 and the regional response to 'Delivering a Sustainable Transport System' (DaSTS). LTP3 therefore reflects the various transport objectives of delivering sustainable, effective and efficient travel across the region, as outlined in documents prepared by the East Midlands region such as the soon to be abandoned East Midlands Regional Plan 2009 and Regional Transport Strategy; the regional response to DaSTS; Regional Funding Allocations; as well as delivering the economic objectives of the region, such as those pursued by the East Midlands Development Agency (emda).

### 2.1.3 Local context

In addition to supporting delivery of the Nottinghamshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 and the Strategic Plan 2010-2014 vision and objectives, the LTP3 has been aligned with the local development frameworks drawn up by district councils, and integrates with various local policies and strategies including: planning developments and growth points across the region; statutory development plans; Highways Agency programmes/strategies; neighbouring authorities' local transport plans; as well as strategies relating to housing, economic development, education, health, social inclusion, crime and disorder, environment and social services.

## 2.2 Transport vision for Nottinghamshire

The transport vision for Nottinghamshire aims to address the issues and needs that have been identified and predicted for the future. These have been identified through the various national, regional and local strategies for transport, as well as those that transport impacts upon. Nationally and regionally, the 'Delivering a Sustainable Transport System' (DaSTS) agenda has played a significant role in developing the vision. Locally, the County Council's Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 and Strategic Plan 2010-2014 as well as district council's local development frameworks have also played significant roles in developing the vision. The long-term transport vision for Nottinghamshire is at three spatial levels:

1. Within local neighbourhoods, to provide **safe and sustainable access to local facilities and services**, such as health, schools, colleges and local shops. This will include priority for pedestrians, cyclists and those with mobility difficulties
2. To provide everyone with **safe and sustainable transport options for movement within and between our towns and district centres**. This will include a fully integrated, high quality public transport network and appropriate parking provision for private cars
3. To **connect our towns, district centres and villages to other parts of the Plan area and beyond** (including regional and national trip generators). This will include safe and sustainable strategic links by road and rail for both people and goods.

**2.2.1 Strategic transport goals**

The strategic goals for the county have been developed locally through consultation with the public, County Council elected members, and other stakeholders. Particular consideration was made to the national transport priorities as identified through the DaSTS process (detailed above) and the Nottinghamshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2010. The results of the consultation confirmed that all of the five national transport priorities are considered to be applicable to Nottinghamshire and did not identify any additional transport priorities. Supporting the economy was identified as the highest transport priority throughout the county. The overarching strategic transport goals for Nottinghamshire are therefore to:

- **provide a reliable, resilient transport system which supports a thriving economy and growth whilst encouraging sustainable and healthy travel**
- **improve access to key services, particularly enabling employment and training opportunities, and**
- **minimise the impacts of transport on people’s lives, maximise opportunities to improve the environment and help tackle carbon emissions.**

Table 1 below demonstrates how delivery of the strategic transport goals will impact on delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 priorities.

Table 1: Links between the strategic transport goals and the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities.

		Major positive	Positive	Minor positive	No impact	Minor negative	Negative	Major negative
		Sustainable Communities Strategy theme						
		A safer Nottinghamshire	Making Nottinghamshire's communities stronger	A place where Nottinghamshire's children and young people achieve their full potential	A healthier Nottinghamshire	A more prosperous Nottinghamshire	A greener Nottinghamshire	
Strategic transport goals	Provide a reliable, resilient transport system which supports a thriving economy and growth whilst encouraging sustainable and healthy travel							
	Improve access to key services, particularly enabling employment and training opportunities							
	Minimise the impacts of transport on people's lives, maximise opportunities to improve the environment and help tackle carbon emissions							

**2.2.2 Transport objectives**

Consultation with the public, County Council elected members and other stakeholders also identified 12 local transport challenges to delivering the strategic goals. Addressing these transport challenges will play a major role in delivering transport improvements and the strategic goals in Nottinghamshire. The locally identified challenges have therefore become the transport objectives that we want to achieve during the lifetime of the LTP3. They are:

- Objectives related to **supporting economic growth**
  1. Tackle congestion and make journey times more reliable
  2. Improve connectivity to inter-urban, regional and international networks, primarily by public transport
  3. Address the transport impacts of planned housing and employment growth
  4. Encourage people to walk, cycle and use public transport through promotion and provision of facilities
  5. Support regeneration
- Objectives related to helping **protect the environment**
  6. Reduce transport's impact on the environment (air quality, buildings, landscape, noise etc.)
  7. Adapt to climate change and the development of a low-carbon transport system
- Objectives related to **improving health and safety**
  8. Improve levels of health and activity by encouraging active travel (walking or cycling) instead of short car journeys
  9. Address and improve personal safety (and the perceptions of safety) when walking, cycling or using public transport
- Objectives related to **improving accessibility**
  10. Improve access to employment and other key services particularly from rural areas
  11. Provision of an affordable, reliable, and convenient public transport network
- Objectives related to **maintaining and improving existing infrastructure**
  12. Maintain the existing transport infrastructure (roads, footways, public transport services etc.).

Table 2 below demonstrates how the local transport objectives helps to deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 priorities; and the local strategic transport goals.

Table 2: Links between the strategic transport goals; the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-2020 priorities and the local transport objectives

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	Address and improve personal safety when walking, cycling or using public transport								
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	Provision of an affordable, reliable, and convenient public transport network								
	Maintain the existing transport infrastructure								

