

Winchester Movement Strategy Consultation:

Frequently asked questions

About the Movement Strategy

What is the Winchester Movement Strategy trying to achieve? Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council want to remove constraints to travel and transport around Winchester to enable growth and make the city a healthier and more accessible place to live, work and visit.

We need a widely supported strategy, based on strong evidence, which clearly demonstrates realistic, safe and affordable priorities. This will help us to identify initiatives to improve movement across the City and put us in the best position to prepare strong business cases to bid for future funding.

How will the Movement Strategy meet everyone's needs and aspirations? Transport and the Strategy alone cannot meet everyone's needs. Given the number of often conflicting, competing and polarising views, ideas, and visions for the city, in so far as possible, we need to identify shared priorities and focus on the activities that will make the greatest positive impact on these.

In addition, Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council between them have a number of statutory responsibilities (legal duties that we must provide). These are in addition to the wide range of services that we provide in the best interest of Hampshire and its communities – for example services relating to health and wellbeing, land-use planning, air quality and road safety - that the Strategy must address.

Will the Movement Strategy just be about engineering-based solutions to address traffic rather than improving how the city looks and feels? This will depend on the priorities that are identified, but it is likely that the Strategy will have to continue addressing traffic challenges to improve air quality, reduce congestion, improve journey times and address casualty reduction. However, all measures will have to demonstrate how they fit within the local area. Over the longer term, we may need to shift the priority away from motorised traffic and provide improvements that focus on people and spaces, rather than traffic.

Implementing the Movement Strategy

Over what timescales will the Strategy be delivered? The Strategy will set out a phased implementation plan for the next 20-30 years (exact timescales are yet to be agreed).

What are *high-level options*? High-levels options are a package of possible solutions and are not detailed designs for specific measures and improvements.

What funding is available to deliver the measures that the Strategy is likely to propose? Currently, we have very limited funding. Producing a Strategy based on sound evidence, including peoples' views, ensures that we are best placed to produce strong business cases to bid for the likely future funding that we will need to deliver the Strategy.

How much funding is needed to deliver the likely outcomes of the Strategy? This will depend on what the outcomes of the Strategy are but it is possible that improvements could cost around £50 million - or even up to £100million, based on experience. Costs will become clearer as the Strategy develops.

What is being done to ensure that existing major developments across the city are working within the Strategy? Hampshire County Council and Winchester City Council are working closely to ensure that individual developments, their combined effects, and the Strategy inform each other as required.

What is a Clean Air Zone (CAZ)? A CAZ is a geographically defined area where high polluting vehicles are restricted, banned or discouraged from accessing to help improve air quality. In some cities this only applies to Heavy Goods Vehicles, light good vehicles or buses (sometimes the most polluting vehicles accounting for almost over 50% of the most harmful emissions). In others (such as London) it may also apply to all diesel cars, including those in private ownership which account for approximately 41% of the most harmful emissions.

Consultation on the Movement Strategy

How can people comment on the Strategy without any traffic flow, congestion, crossing use, or bus delay information? Stakeholders' and residents' views are being sought as early as possible so that right from the outset, high-level priorities and ideas for improvement are built around your feedback. Alongside this, the two councils are building a comprehensive evidence base, including a range of statistics and information relating to traffic and travel for the city. This data will be used alongside consultation feedback to inform more detailed proposals, which will be subject to further consultation next summer.

Can we see the results of the evidence and testing of the options? The website launched with the autumn 2017 consultation will publish the evidence and consultation results when available. Public consultation next summer (2018) will present the option testing and more detailed proposals in a draft Strategy.



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