

Summary of LTP3 Stage 1 meetings and forums consultation December 2009 – February 2010

The Stage 1 meetings and forums consultation period included consultation by City of York Council at:

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| • York Equalities Impact Assessment Fair | 5 th November 2009 |
| • Without Walls Board | 23 rd November 2009 |
| • CoYC Officer Workshop | 30 th November 2009 |
| • Inclusive York Forum | 7 th December 2009 |
| • York Environment Partnership Transport sub- group | 14 th January 2010 |
| • York taxi partnership meeting | 29 th January 2010 |
| • York Independent Living Network focus Group | 1 st February 2010 |

Purpose

Attendance by CoYC at the various meetings offered the opportunity for the attendees to discuss the high level pressures and challenges that face transport in York now and in the future and also suggest actions to tackle the transport challenges.

The aim was for the consultation to help shape and inform the options to be taken forward in LTP3.

Summary

Below is a concise summary of the most common points and themes raised at the face to face consultation exercises listed above.

Summary of discussion points:

1. York should not be considered in isolation and **should look outward**, particularly in terms of the quality of connections to surrounding towns and villages.
2. It was felt that people who are **disabled, aged** or otherwise **socially disadvantaged** are **not able to share in York's prosperity**, and there is a need to **avoid York becoming a twin-tracked city**.
3. York's population is changing with **more students and people in the Black Minority Ethnic (BME)** grouping .
4. How can York's future needs be in keeping with its unique characteristics?
5. Need **City leadership on the way forward** for York and **the Council needs to 'think positive'** on transport.
6. LTP3 to link with wider policies **as LTP3 is an enabler** to meeting the wider needs and aspirations of York.
7. **How ambitious** should we be **with a reducing budget** and **can we deliver?**
8. Tackling and reacting to **climate change**

Some important challenges for York:

1. **Connectivity** to global markets
2. The **'in / out' nature** for getting around York
3. Contributing to **sustainable communities**
4. **Different solutions** are needed for both **rural and urban** transport
5. The **movement of freight conflicting** with the **evening economy**
6. Contributing to a **low carbon/emission economy** and the **infrastructure to support it**
7. Sustainable **access for visitors**
8. **Inadequate bus network and services** outside 'core hours' .
9. Being clear of **what we want** to achieve and **how we want to achieve it**
10. **Deterring inappropriate cycling on footways** through better enforcement, education and training .
11. Congested roads are a **deterrent to cycling**.
12. **Parking is expensive** compared to other cities.
13. **Winning hearts and minds** for change in **travel behaviour**
14. **Poor** travel information

Ways forward for York:

1. **New ways of working** utilising new technologies.
2. **Positive campaigns** for education and promotion – **avoid preaching**.
3. Make **better use of what we have** including the **rivers** and **voluntary sector**, but **provide new where necessary**
4. **Better** audio/visual **public transport information**.
5. **Better signing** for residents and visitors.
6. **Better integration** of public transport
7. **Better Rail** network and services
8. **Tramway** from Leeds to York
9. **Better** planning of **development**
10. **Buses** to towns **outside York**
11. **Later** running **buses**
12. **Better** (dualled) **ring roads**
13. Increasing **active travel** (cycling), particularly children
14. **Demand management** practices (e.g. remove commercial traffic in city centre and Road User Charging (RUC)) **were supported** but need to be mindful that RUC disadvantages the less well-off.
15. **Circular** (free if possible) **bus route** linking outer areas, but should be more than just hub and wheel
16. Good promotion and monitoring of **travel plans** and **rewards** in their use.
17. **Reward** the use of **low carbon/low emission vehicles**
18. More **cycle tracks**
19. More **pedestrian rights of way**
20. More **safety education** for all modes