



## AGENDA FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY 2024 IN THE GUILDHALL

There are stairs to the Council Chamber but if any member of the public has mobility issues the Council can relocate to the lower Guildhall.

You are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend the **Planning Committee** on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024** at **6.30pm** for a maximum of 90 minutes in the Guildhall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**Committee Members:** Councillors T Bennett (Chair), G Allen, L Auletta, S Collinson, T Cooper, J Cummings, J Hodgson and L Smallridge.

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair will read out the following statement:

Welcome to everyone attending and observing the meeting.

A reminder that open proceedings of this meeting will be video recorded. If members of the public make presentations, they will be deemed to have consented to being recorded. By entering the Council Chamber attendees are also consenting to being recorded.

This meeting is limited to 90 minutes and therefore members are asked to raise their points succinctly and not repeat the same view expressed by colleagues if it does not add to the debate.

To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.

*The Committee will adjourn for the following items:*

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes.

*The Committee will convene to consider the following items:*

### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and update on any matters arising.  
Document attached.

### 3. TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

To make recommendations on the following tree works applications:

3a. 4034/23/TCA - T1: Oak - Reduce 1x primary limb by 2 metres to appropriate subsidiary branches back to boundary, remove lower secondary limb & reduce upper secondary limb by 1-2 metres (see image) to clear from adjacent property to the West. Totnes Castle, Castle Street, Totnes, TQ9 5NU. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/4034/23/TCA>

And to note (Totnes Town Council application):

3b. 0040/24/TCA – T1: Magnolia - reduce the crown on the south side by up to 1.5m, there is evidence of previous maintenance & we will go back to this & no further, this is to remove the encroachment onto neighbouring property & T2: Sweet Bay - Prune bush on all sides by up to 1m. This bush is blocking light to a window also remove suckers coming off the bay & T3: Holly Bush - Prune bush on all sides by up to 1m - this bush is blocking light to a window & T4- T6: Buddleia - Prune bush on all sides by up to 1m & T7: Bay - Prune bush on all sides by up to 1m remove all suckers & T8: Hazel- Prune bush on all sides by up to 1m. St Mary's Church, High Street, Totnes. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/0040/24/TCA>

#### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To make recommendations on the following planning applications:

4a. 4021/21/VAR - READVERTISEMENT (revised plans) Application for variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of planning consent 4165/17/FUL. Development site at SX 809597, Steamer Quay Road, Totnes. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/4021/21/VAR>

4b. 4115/23/FUL - Creation of a new 1 bedroom, 2 storey terraced dwelling by subdividing the existing house and garden and adding a single storey extension to the south. 29 Pathfields, Totnes TQ9 5TZ. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/4115/23/FUL>

4c. 4111/23/LBC & 3999/23/HHO – Listed Building Consent and Householder application for extensions, renovations and alterations including conversion of existing double garage (which historically was a cottage) into ancillary domestic accommodation with associated link extension linking the accommodation into the existing main house. New potting shed extension on the rear of the existing vinery. Other minor renovations and alterations. Wrinklehorn, Bourton Lane, Totnes, TQ9 5JF. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/4111/23/LBC> &

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3999/23/HHO>

4d. 3987/23/HHO - Householder application for first floor extension & conversion of garage into habitable accommodation. Oak Tree Cottage, Weirfields, Totnes, TQ9 5JS. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3987/23/HHO>

4e. 3963/23/HHO - Householder application to convert detached garage into a home office with shower room. 10 Sparrow Road, Totnes, TQ9 5PR. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3963/23/HHO>

4f. 3769/23/FUL & 3770/23/LBC - Listed Building Consent for amalgamation of flat 1 & 2 into one dwelling, associated internal reconfiguration & creation of first floor garden terrace. Flat 1 & 1a Plymouth Road, Totnes, TQ9 5PH. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3769/23/FUL> &

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3770/23/LBC>

4g. 3580/23/FUL - Change of use of former bakery to residential dwelling and associated conversion works including demolition and rebuild of existing rear extension and construction of new rear canopy. The Old Bake House, South Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DZ. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3580/23/FUL>

4h. 3996/23/FUL - Change of Use to 3no apartments with parking. Cocos Nursery, Station Road, Totnes, TQ9 5JR. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3996/23/FUL>

4i. 2689/23/LBC - Listed building consent for partial demolition of chimney stack extension & repair to remaining stack & bell tower. Bowden House, Totnes, TQ9 7W. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2689/23/LBC>

4j. 4131/23/FUL - Proposed installation of roof-mounted photo-voltaic panel array, repointing of existing stone wall finishes & works to existing door & window joinery. The Forge, Collins Road, Totnes, TQ9 5PJ. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/4131/23/FUL>

4k. 3960/23/LBC - Listed Building Consent for "Phase 1" replacement of windows & façade finishes. 29 High Street, Totnes, TQ9 5NP. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/3960/23/LBC>

4l. 4091/23/LBC - Strip and reinstate natural slate roofs to lean to, replacement of guttering and downpipes. Angel Yard Cottage, South Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DZ. See

<https://southhams.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/4091/23/LBC>

#### 5. CASTLE STREET VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

To reconsider the problem of large vehicle damage to properties on Castle Street and any recommendation to Full Council on the signage proposal. Document attached.

#### 6. PENINSULA TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

To consider the Peninsula Transport draft transport strategy and make a recommendation to Full Council [consultation closes on 5th February]. Document attached and see

<https://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk/peninsula-transport-strategy-consultation/>

#### 7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall.

S Halliday

Governance and Project Manager

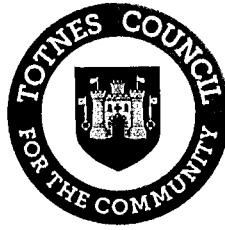
17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### USE OF SOUND RECORDINGS AT COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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## DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

### MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 IN THE GUILDHALL

Present: Councillors T Bennett (Chair), G Allen, L Auletta, T Cooper, J Cummings, J Hodgson (arrived 1840) and L Smallridge.

Not Present: Cllr Collinson

In Attendance: Members of the public, Cllr Beavis, C Marlton (Town Clerk).

#### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

**To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.**

Cllr Bennett read out a statement about how the meeting would be conducted and recorded.

There were no apologies received. [Note: Cllr Collinson had emailed her apologies but due to officer illness this email was only read after the meeting had taken place).

*The Committee will adjourn Standing Orders for the following items:*

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public and Castle Street resident expressed concerns about the safety of larger vehicles damaging buildings.

A member of the public explained that a public letter to Dartington Trust has been circulated to all Councillors in draft form and the author(s) agreed to forward a final version to the Clerk to send to all Councillors. Given the urgency the Clerk agreed to forward it to all Councillors to ask for individual support/non-support rather than a formal committee and then Full Council consideration.

Four members of the public raised concerns and queries about the South West Water solar panel proposal in Littlehempston, including:

- Why it needed to be 20 acres of prime farming/agricultural land used when none of the existing buildings (including the expansion) have them.
- No formal consultation with South Devon Railway who have operational/safety concerns.
- The visual impact from a large surrounding area.
- Requests that any proposal (or indeed if no proposal is agreed), access over that land to the river is necessary to allow for safety routes from Totnes to Littlehempston and beyond.

*The Committee reconvened Standing Orders.*

#### 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**To approve the minutes of 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and update on any matters arising.**

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

### 3. TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

**To make recommendations on the following tree works applications:**

3a. 3894/23/TPO - G1: Scots Pine - x2 crown lift to 5m from ground level, reduce laterally on NE aspect to provide 1m clearance from telephone line, reduce laterally by 1m on SW aspect to reduce overhanging neighbouring boundary to provide more natural light. 5 Redworth Terrace, Totnes, TQ9 5JN.

Support.

3b. 3649/23/TCA – T1: Japanese Maple - crown height reduction by 1-2m, lateral reduction on all sides by 1m, T2: Silver Birch - 2m lateral crown reduction & 3m crown height reduction, T3: Holly - Crown lift to clear the wall. 20 South Street, Totnes, TQ9 5DZ.

The Committee felt it did not have enough information to formally comment. They expressed concerns over the amount of reduction proposed and asked the Tree Officer to visit and review the proposal.

### 4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**To make recommendations on the following planning applications:**

*Note: Cllrs Allen and Hodgson observes and do not vote on any applications which would potentially be discussed at a Development Management Committee meeting at SHDC.*

4a. 2929/23/FUL - Installation of photovoltaic solar arrays together with transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements. Land at Littlehempston Water Treatment Works, Hampstead Farm Lane, Littlehempston, TQ9 6LZ.

Object. The Committee has the following comments:

- Concerns on lack of flood assessment data.
- Concur with the heritage concerns raised by Heritage England.
- Visual impact from miles around.
- Loss of Grade 3A Farmland.
- Residents concerns.
- The size of the proposal (particularly when existing buildings do not have panels).
- The ecological impact (particularly on sites 5 and 6 which are floodplain grazing marshland as identified by DCC).
- Impact on and lack of consultation with the Heritage Railway.

4b. 3732/23/FUL, 3733/23/FUL, 3734/23/FUL & 3735/23/FUL - Provision of an agricultural storage building and engineering works to create a level yard area. Land at SX 805 583, Ashprington [consulted as neighbouring parish].

Object. The Committee has the following comments:

- Asked for a condition to ensure that year round indoor husbandry of livestock does not occur.
- Concerns about water run off from 4 large buildings is not adequately planned for.
- Concerns on how animal waste/slurry is cleared/stored.
- Increased traffic volume on small road.
- No lighting constraints included.
- No solar use included.
- Request agricultural advisor assessment to ensure the large scale is necessary.

The Committee voted to extend the meeting until 20.20hrs.

4c. 3416/23/HHO - Householder application for single storey side extension. 33 Westonfields, Totnes, TQ9 5QU.

Comment - Extension should be pushed back behind the façade of the building frontage – in line with other examples in the area.

4d. 2813/23/HHO - Householder application for proposed loft conversion to create additional space (part permitted development). 55 Punchards Down, Totnes, TQ9 5FD.

Comment - Dormer should be set back by 300mm from the gable end and gutter line – in line with other examples in the area, to keep the current form of the bungalow design and to preserve the street scene.

4e. 3857/23/VAR - Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of planning consent 1614/22/VAR to replace timber cladding with render. Brutus Centre, Fore Street, Totnes.

Support. It was noted this was partly retrospective due to work having started.

4f. 2868/23/HHO – READVERTISEMENT (amended plans) Householder application for demolition of extensions & construction of replacement two storey extension & single storey extension, garage conversion for ancillary accommodation & internal reconfiguration. Beech Hill, Jubilee Road, Totnes, TQ9 5BW.

Support.

## 5. CASTLE STREET VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

**To consider the problem of large vehicle damage to properties on Castle Street and any recommendation to Full Council.**

The Committee expressed concerns about the lack of physical barriers to these vehicles passing through the narrowest section and asked Cllr Hodgson to raise concerns with DCC officers about how to proceed.

## 6. PENINSULA TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

**To consider the Peninsula Transport draft transport strategy and make a recommendation to Full Council [consultation closes on 5th February].**

It was **AGREED** to defer discussion to the January Planning Committee. Cllr Auletta agreed to draft some proposed wording ahead of the committee meeting.

## 7. TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT FORUM

**To note the minutes from the Traffic and Transport Forum held on 12th December 2023, including a response to the Devon County Council Public Rights of Way Consultation (deadline 22 December 2023).**

The minutes were noted and the wording on public rights of way was ratified.

## 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

**To note the date of the next meeting of the Planning Committee – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall.**

Noted.

C Marlton  
Town Clerk  
December 2023





**CASTLE STREET:** requests for improvements to avoid further accidents or incidents that have caused substantial damage to buildings and endangered life. This is the response from DCC Highways Team:

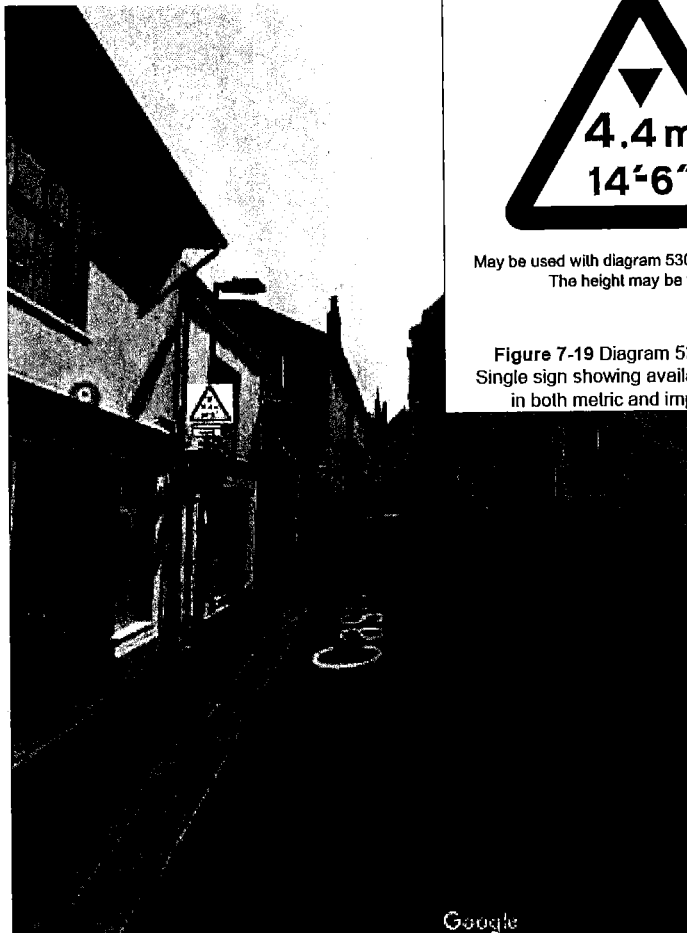
*"There are already signs on the approach to this section of Castle Street so I am simply not sure additional signs will have any effect. Delivery drivers are now so focused on their schedules that they appear to drive without the necessary due care and attention driving requires, to mount a kerb because of the size of your vehicle and the width of the carriageway really should ring alarm bells!*

*DCC are not in a position to consider new restrictions, but it may be possible to adjust the existing signage. I can have a design drawn up to replace the existing advisory sign at Antrim Terrace to include both width and height. I would need to seek advice as the building does not actually overhang the carriageway, but we may be able to install warning sign 530A and 530.1 on lamp column 3 as you approach the hazard.*

*My only concern is that the sign at this location is not very prominent. Finding another location is tricky, the most prominent location would be the old lamp column at the entrance to the castle, but during the walkaround with TTC it was thought this column should not be used due to its appeal and association with the conservation area.*

*I agree with the view that this incident is likely only to be stopped by closing Castle Street between North Street and High Street. However, this does have an impact on the residents who live in the centre of the town so would have to be considered by the Planning Committee and Traffic and Transport forum in conjunction with the other traffic projects being investigated.*

*Please let me know if you want me to progress the signage changes and additions outlined."*



<p>May be used with diagram 530.1, 530.2 or 572. The height may be varied.</p>	<p>May be used only in combination with diagram 530A. A distance, an arrow pointing to the left or right or both may be added. "building" may be varied to "buildings" or to "structure"</p>
<p>Figure 7-19 Diagram 530A (S2-4-2) Single sign showing available headroom in both metric and imperial units</p>	<p>Figure 7-20 Diagram 530.1 (S2-5-1) Building overhanging part of a carriageway</p>

*It would have to be fitted above the light for the 'No Left Turn' but would appear something like as shown below:*

**Please can the Town Council indicate their views on the DCC response and this signage proposal.**



## PENINSULA TRANSPORT: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORT ACROSS THE SOUTH WEST

### Briefing note: Peninsula Transport Strategy consultation, December 2023

Peninsula Transport, the sub-national transport body for Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay councils, is running a public consultation on its draft transport strategy.

The strategy will be used to guide regional transport investment decisions through to 2050. It sets out four outcomes and a route map to achieving a strategic transport network that works for everyone – from businesses to communities and visitors.

By 2030 the desired outcomes are:

- **Easier journeys:** integrating walking and wheeling with the bus and rail network, to make getting around without a car easy.
- **Going electric:** affordable zero-emission transport through a reliable electric vehicle charging network.
- **A connected peninsula:** safe, reliable and resilient road and rail travel within the peninsula and beyond.

These outcomes will ultimately lead to the key objective of:

- **Completing the network:** improved connections within a growing and fully integrated transport network on a path to net zero.

The strategy will be the foundation of a Strategic Investment Plan which will identify and prioritise transport schemes and projects that reflect national and regional policies and best meet the needs of the user. The transport strategy does not replace Local Transport Plans developed by local authorities but provides a series of strategic objectives to guide the development of local policies.

The strategy is available on our consultation space held on [www.peninsulatransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk)

### CONSULTATION AND EVENTS

Our consultation is now open and we invite stakeholders to review the Peninsula Transport Strategy and feedback to Peninsula Transport through a short online survey that can be found at: [https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/transport/peninsula\\_transport\\_strategy](https://plymouth-consult.objective.co.uk/public/transport/peninsula_transport_strategy)

**Webinars:** Peninsula Transport will be hosting free webinars throughout January 2024, open to anyone interested in finding out more about the strategy. Dates will be released shortly any people can pre-register interest at [www.peninsulatransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk).

**Share:** help spread the work and share our consultation with others. Please feel free to share this briefing and the link with your networks. We are also promoting the strategy via our social media channels and would welcome your support in sharing content across your own channels.

- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/peninsula-transport/>
- X (formerly Twitter): <https://twitter.com/PensTransport>

### EVIDENCE BASE

We consulted on and finalised our vision, which also set out a series of high-level goals for the STB to take forward, in 2021. Since then, we have produced a comprehensive evidence base to create a

strong understanding of how the peninsula works and what will bring the biggest benefits to the region. The recommendations and priorities identified in individual pieces of technical work were brought together to define the four key outcomes set out in the transport strategy and develop a route map to achieving a better strategic transport network. Our full suite of technical works can be accessed: <https://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk/technical-work/>

### **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

Once the consultation closes, we will take the time to review and analyse all the responses, using the feedback to finalise the Peninsula Transport Strategy. The final draft of the Peninsula Transport Strategy will then be submitted to the Peninsula Transport Board to approve its adoption.

If adopted, we expect to publish the final strategy in March 2024. It will then be used to develop the Strategic Investment Plan and we will work with government, industry and local authorities to deliver its aims for the peninsula.

To keep up to date with the work of Peninsula Transport you can join our mailing list here: <http://eepurl.com/hynxmf>.

### **ABOUT PENINSULA TRANSPORT**

Peninsula Transport is the sub-national transport body (STB), bringing together the five lead transport authorities in the peninsula (Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay) to work directly with the Department for Transport (DfT) on the strategic transport priorities for the region. Sub-national Transport Bodies were established as part of the Cities and Local Government Act 2016.

Formed in 2018, we are a partnership established to transform transport and boost economic growth for the peninsula. Our role is to guide and advise government on our regional transport priorities and investment by developing and then maintaining a regional transport strategy. Our work is aimed at enhancing strategic cross-boundary connectivity and complements the work of our local authorities to enhance local connectivity.

More information is available on our website, <https://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk/>, or you can contact us by emailing [info@peninsulatransport.org.uk](mailto:info@peninsulatransport.org.uk)



Sub-National Transport Body



# Peninsula Transport Strategy

## Strategic Transport Priorities to 2050

**Easier Journeys**

**Going Electric**

**A Connected Peninsula**

**Completing the Transport Network**

National Highways / Coastal

# A Single Voice for Regional Transport

## Peninsula Transport is one of seven Sub-National Transport Boards (STBs) in England.

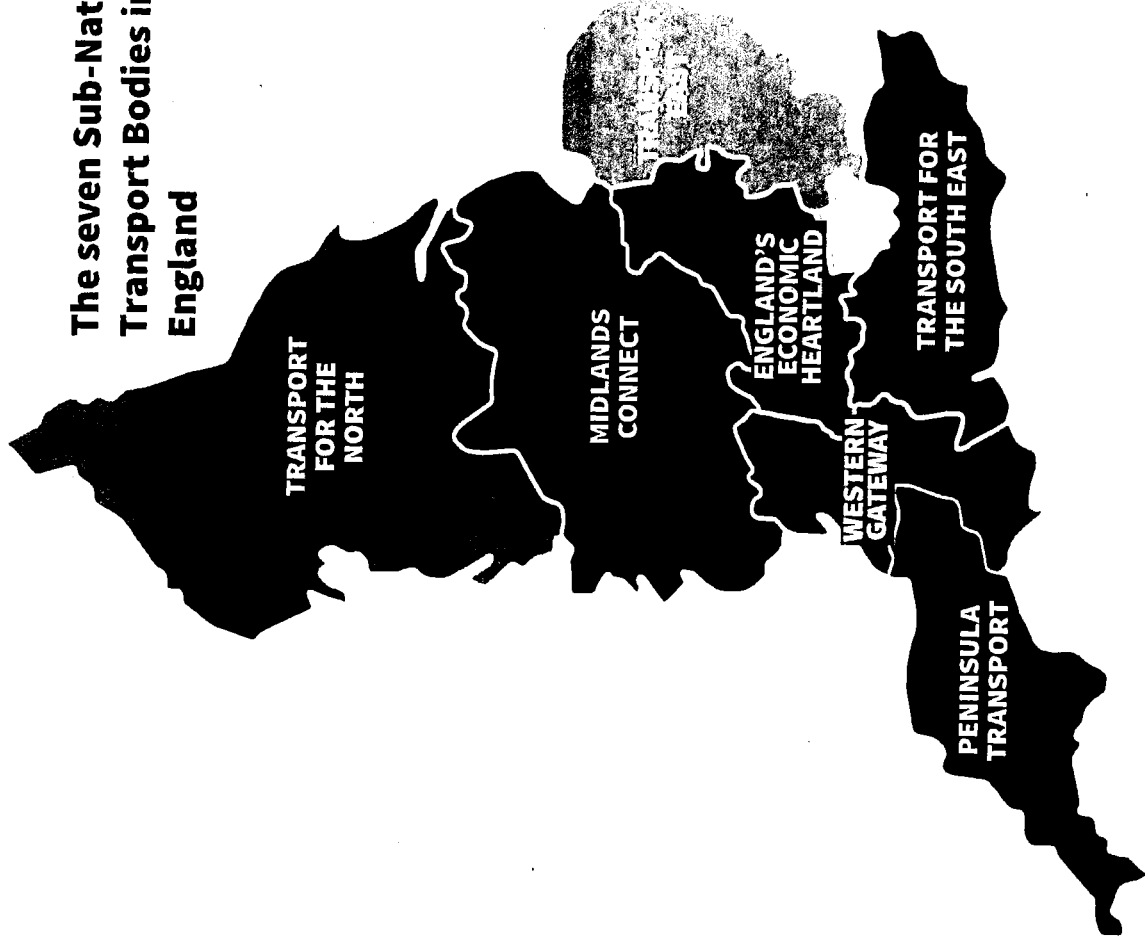
Working closely with local transport authorities, transport operators and key stakeholders from the private and public sector, STBs are responsible for defining and prioritising the strategic transport improvements for their area and working closely with central Government to deliver them.

We cover the entire transport system across the peninsula and beyond, providing an important link between local needs and ambitions and national policy and resources. We work with our five local transport authorities covering **Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth, Somerset and Torbay**; our strategic transport partners at Network Rail and National Highways; and other key stakeholders.

We have developed a long term transport strategy which responds to the unique challenges across the region and provides a framework for creating a **single integrated transport system for the peninsula** capable of meeting the Government's target for net-zero by 2050. The strategy supports the national priorities for economic growth, levelling up and reducing environmental impacts, whilst at the same time, supporting the delivery of local land use and transport plans.

The Peninsula Transport region is an amazing place to live, work and visit with considerable diversity from large towns and cities to market towns, villages and very rural locations. Good transport connections are vital for a vibrant community and sustainable growth – this strategy sets out our ambition to improve our transport system for everyone.

## The seven Sub-National Transport Bodies in England



# Our Journey So Far

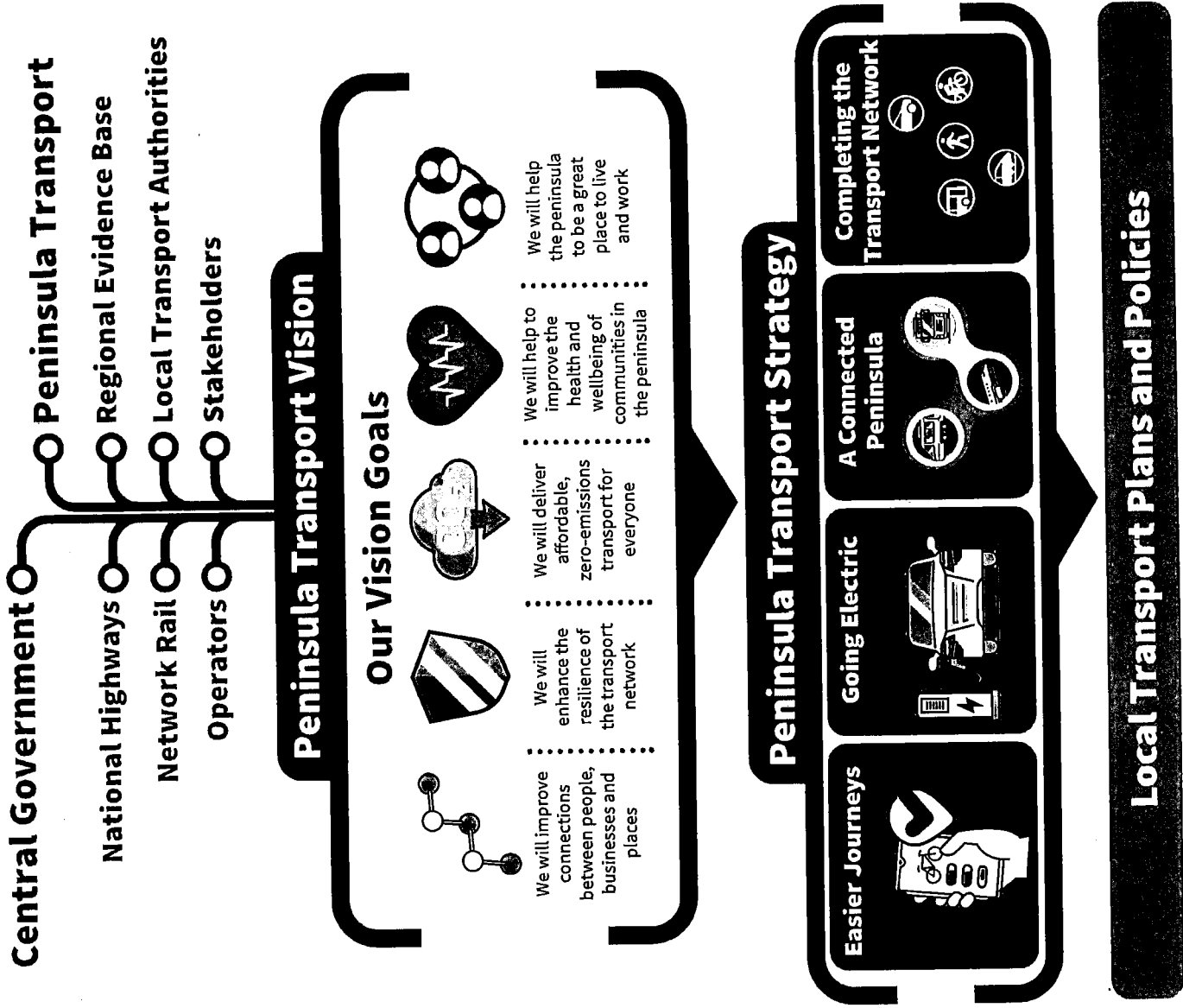
## Since the establishment of Peninsula Transport in 2018, the STB has:

- **Regional evidence base** – established a diverse and invaluable evidence base, accessible to all stakeholders and to support the case for investment
- **Great Western mainline** – successfully making the strategic case for the investment required to make the line more resilient and reliable and improve journey times between Exeter and Newton Abbot
- **Major highway improvement schemes** – gaining approval for £making the case to Government to prioritise roads investment to deliver schemes in Cornwall, Devon, Plymouth and Somerset
- **Rural transport needs** – Championed and advocated for successful funding applications for transport improvements and resilience works across the region
- **South West Freight forum** – Established, in collaboration with Western Gateway, a regional steering group with key representatives in the freight industry to drive forward improvements and initiatives in the freight transport in the southwest
- **Mobile connectivity** – Worked with Network Rail to establish a case for improved mobile connectivity across the strategic rail network in the peninsula to significantly improve journey experience.



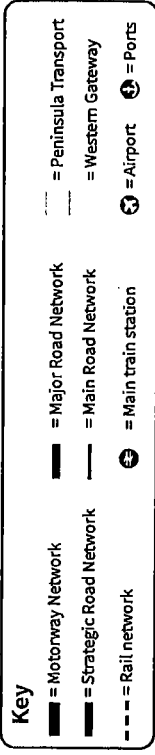
Secretary of State for Transport at the completion of the Dawlish Sea Wall Improvements

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# Our Unique Challenges

Overcoming our transport challenges will help us unlock the region's full economic potential, as well as boost its environmental and social wellbeing. This strategy is focused on tackling specific regional challenges which currently have an impact economic growth.



## Alternative Fuel Infrastructure

The peninsula currently has 1,200 public EV chargepoints for 34,000 electric vehicle.

- **High demand for charge points** – forecast to increase 20 times by 2035
- **No ultra-low emission buses** – currently in regular public use across the region
- **No hydrogen fuel stations** – with limited infrastructure planned for buses and HGVs

Sources: EV Strategy - Peninsula Transport, 2023  
SW Alternative Fuels for Freight Strategy - Western Gateway & Peninsula Transport, 2023

## Achieving Net Zero

The peninsula generates nearly 4,500kt carbon emissions from transport per year.

- **High level of car ownership** – second highest of all regions
- **Majority of travel to work trips by car** – around 90% of people drive
- **Highest private transport mileage per person**
- **Transport major source of pollution** – 44% of the peninsula's carbon emissions

Sources: Carbon Transition Strategy - Peninsula Transport, 2022

## Rural Accessibility

Nearly half of the peninsula population live in rural areas.

- **Less accessible public transport network** - 60% fewer bus stops in rural areas with less services per hour than urban areas
- **Lower rural affluence** – higher proportion of population in lower affluence percentiles in rural areas.

Source: SW Rural Mobility Strategy - Peninsula Transport, 2022

## Public Transport

Half of peninsula workers travel less than 10km to work.

- **Highest bus subsidy of any region** - £28m of support provided by local transport authorities annually
- **High number of bus operators** – over 30 bus companies operate in the region
- **Inconsistent ticketing, pricing and payment options** for public transport users

Source: Regional Evidence Base - Peninsula Transport, 2019

## Rail Connectivity

The peninsula is reliant on two strategic rail routes connecting it to the rest of the UK.

- **Slower strategic rail network** - average rail speeds are 20mph slower compared with elsewhere
- **Poor mobile connectivity** - 78km of track from Penzance to Paddington with poor/no mobile connectivity equating to 60+mins of lost productivity
- **Single-track running** – 75% of track Exeter-Salisbury is single line, limiting capacity. The majority of branch lines also single-track

Sources: Rail Strategy - Peninsula Transport, 2023

## Network Resilience

The peninsula relies on a small number of strategic links of variable standards.

- **Significant cost of network failure** - The 2014 Dawlish seawall failure incurred costs of £1.5bn to region
- **High levels of traffic delay and poor reliability** - 1,570 unplanned closures recorded on A30 in the region in last 5 years causing considerable delays
- **Inconsistent standard of SRN** - of 500km strategic network, 26% is single carriageway, much below standard with capacity and safety issues

Sources: Strategic Economic Corridor Study - Peninsula Transport, 2022

## Freight Transport

70m tonnes of freight is moved within the peninsula each year.

- **Significant levels of long distance freight** - 60% of freight movements begin or end outside the region
- **High 'empty running'** - 20m km of empty running freight vehicles in the peninsula each year
- **Limited rail freight** - only 5% of freight is moved by rail

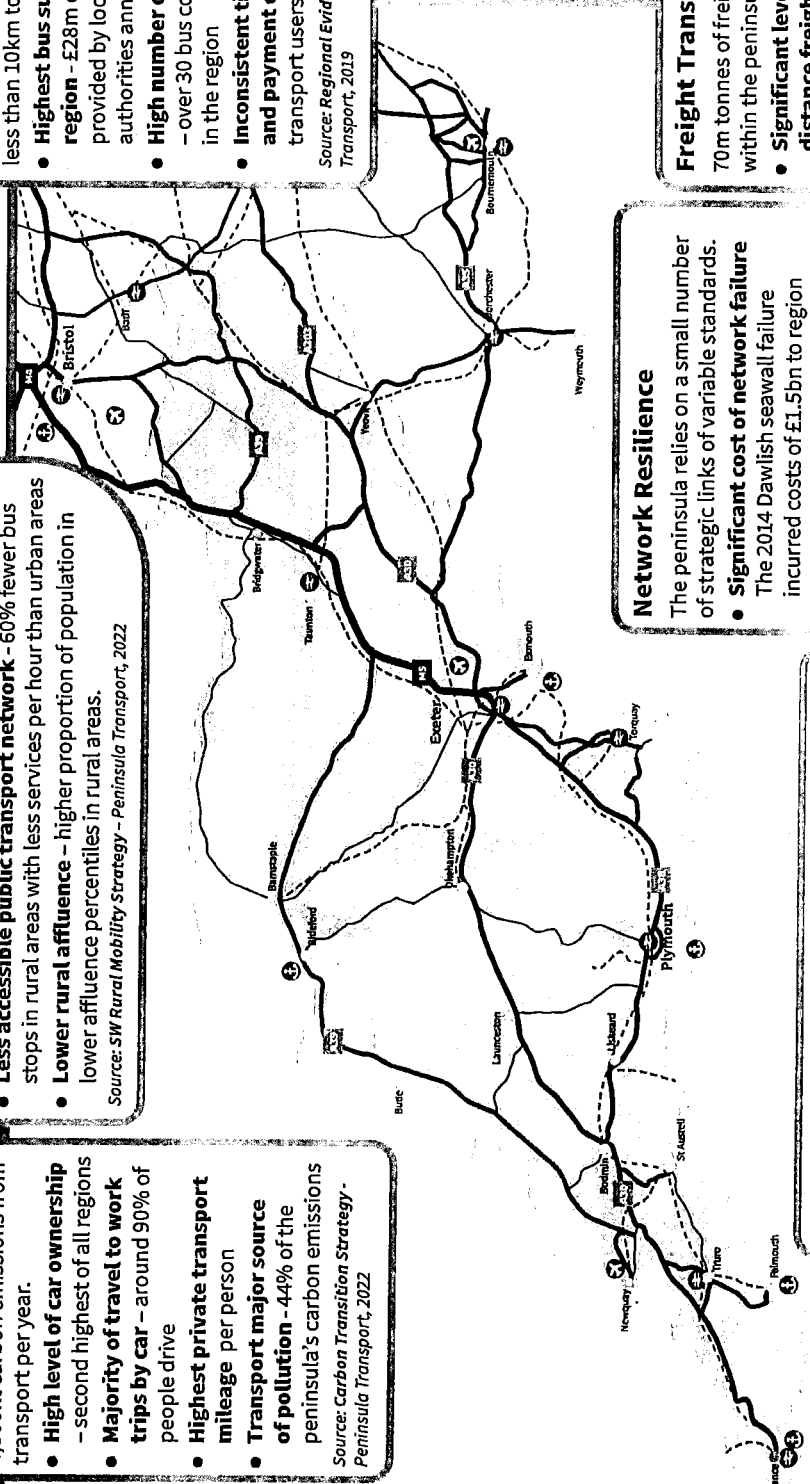
Source: SW Freight Strategy - Peninsula Transport, 2022

## Seasonal Variation

The tourism industry is worth £4.5bn a year to the peninsula economy.

- **Major tourist destination** - 18 million visitors to the region each year
- **Majority come by car** – only 15% use public transport
- **High demand on road network** – up to a 70% increase in traffic on the Strategic Road Network during the summer

Source: Strategic Economic Corridor Study - Peninsula Transport, 2022





# A Strategy for the User

To 2030

Making the most of what we have

## Walking and Wheeling

- Walking and cycling enhancements at public transport hubs

## Bus and Coach

- Integrated timetabling, ticketing and information

## Rail

- Service enhancements, new stations and resilience schemes continuing to progress

## Electric Vehicle (EV) Infrastructure

- Expanding the EV charging network including in rural areas, to meet forecast demand

## Roads

- Enhancement, safety and maintenance schemes on the major and strategic road networks

## Airports and Ports

- Improved surface access to airports and ports for passengers and freight

## Digital, Technology and Other Enablers

- EV demand forecasting, carbon quantification and other technical support to local authorities
- Delivery of pilot schemes in freight and rural mobility

2030 - 2035

Improved choice and better information

## Easier Journeys

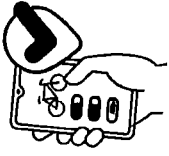
## Completing the Transport Network

2035 onwards

Cleaner, greener and safer network

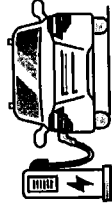
## Easier Journeys

- **Information** - single source of information for all modes
- **Ticketing** - integrated across all modes
- **Standard** - consistent across the peninsula
- **Interchange** - easy and convenient between modes



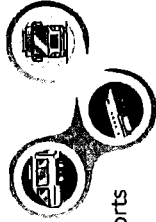
## Going Electric

- **EV charging** - comprehensive network, fairly priced and meeting demands of residents, businesses and visitors
- **Alternative fuel provision** - meeting the needs of commercial and business users including freight transport
- **Ultra-low emission infrastructure** - to support all bus and rail services across the peninsula



## A Connected Peninsula

- **Resilient, safe and reliable road and rail links** - into and through the peninsula, including to ports and airports
- **Sustainable travel** - to the peninsula becomes the preferred choice for private journeys
- **Reliable intermodal freight connections** - available to enable freight to be moved as sustainably as possible with reliable journey times
- **HGV parking and driver facilities** - are improved and enhanced across the network



## Completing the Transport Network

- **Fully integrated resilient, sustainable, safe and reliable transport network**
- **Walking, wheeling and public transport** are the preferred choice for most journeys
- **Comprehensive network of EV, alternative fuel and ultra-low emission infrastructure** for journeys
- **Strategic road and rail network** meeting the demands of a growing and prosperous region



# Our Immediate Priorities

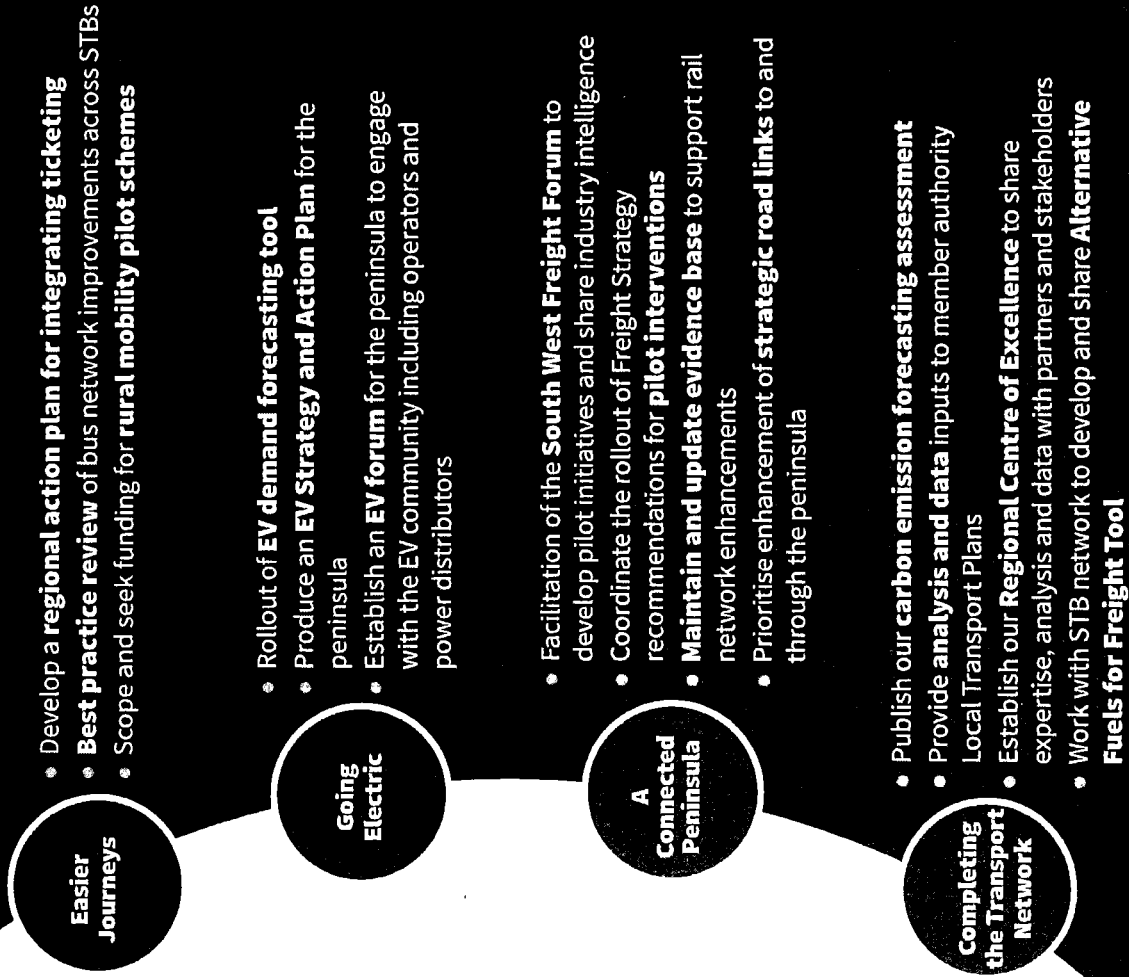
Peninsula Transport is already working with its partners to improve transport in the region. Here we set out our proposed actions for the next 12 months to implement the strategy and monitor progress towards the desired transport outcomes for the peninsula.



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# First Steps Towards Our Outcomes



# What's Next – Get Involved and Have Your Say

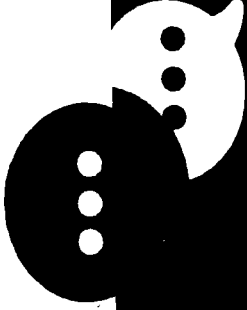
We want to hear your views on this strategy. Getting your feedback on the transport priorities for the region will help to shape our activities and focus going forward, and to develop the investment plan which will be published later in 2024. It is vital that our strategy meets the needs of those living, working, doing business and traveling within the peninsula.

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**Let us know what you think about the strategy to help us to reflect your needs best, before it is finalised. An investment plan will then be developed to support the final strategy – so it's important we have your views.**

**The consultation is available from 11 December 2023 to 5 February 2024.**

**More information is available: [www.peninsulatransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk)**

**Do you agree with the four priority outcomes for the region?**

**Which of the outcomes are most important to you?**

**Are there other areas or themes that Peninsula Transport should be focusing on?**



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Further details of the studies and technical work to inform this strategy can be found on the Peninsula Transport website [www.peninsulatransport.org.uk](http://www.peninsulatransport.org.uk)

