East Dunbartonshire Council - **Local Transport Strategy**

Transport Options Report 2018

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Bishopbriggs, Torrance, Balmore and Bardowie

Local Transport Strategy

The Transport Options Report is the first step in refreshing East Dunbartonshire Council's Local Transport Strategy. The Transport Options Report has been developed on an evidence base including policy, transport data, route corridor studies and community consultation. The full process of refreshing the Local Transport Strategy is shown below:

Transport
Options
Report

8 week
consultation

Draft LTS

8 week
consultation

Final LTS

Consultation

As the Local Transport Strategy diagram shows, a key part of this process is consultation. We want to encourage as many people as possible to engage with this strategy to ensure we capture the needs of the people of East Dunbartonshire, as well as developing effective partnership working with key transport organisations and providers.

This round of consultation on the Transport Options Report provides an opportunity for the community to help steer the future of transport in East Dunbartonshire.

There are several ways to contribute to this consultation and details are provided at the back of this booklet. Please let us know your thoughts on the contents of the Transport Options Report - including all of the options and any you believe are missing.

The Transport Options Report sets out preferred and alternative options that are applicable to the whole area and details options for individual community areas. This booklet features the options for Bishopbriggs, Torrance, Balmore and Bardowie.

Transport Planning Objectives

Following an extensive review of evidence including transport policy, transport data and previous public consultations, the following Transport Planning Objectives were derived which deliver overall objectives for the Local Transport Strategy to deliver.

1. **Increasing modal shift towards more sustainable modes of travel for both travel to work/study and leisure trips**

2. **Reducing inequality by providing high quality access for all**

3. **Reducing emissions through reduced vehicle mileage in East Dunbartonshire**

4. **Facilitating sustainable economic growth by improving connections across our boundaries and between our communities**

5. **Improving health by increasing walking and cycling rates**

6. **Improve safety on all modes of transport.**

East Dunbartonshire Area Wide Transport Options

Active Travel

These actions are carried forward from the 2015-2020 Active Travel Strategy including infrastructure and behavioural change actions. The infrastructure actions include creation of an East Dunbartonshire circular walking and cycling route.

The behavioural change actions include actions designed to encourage greater levels of walking and cycling in East Dunbartonshire including for trips to school, work and leisure facilities.

ATS Action Point	Description
1.13	East Dunbartonshire Loop
1.14	Improve access by active travel to green network/open spaces.
1.15	Cycling in EDC parks
1.16	Secure cycle storage at Rail stations and town centres.
1.17	Planning policy and development management
1.18	Town centre strategies
1.19	20mph zones

ATS Action Point	Description
1.20	Signage improvements – Healthy Habits signage
1.22	Maintenance
2.1	Ensure all primary and secondary schools provide School Travel Plan or Active Travel co-ordinator
2.4	Educate the school community on Active Travel by incorporating into the school curriculum.
2.5	Encourage participation in national events such as Walk to School Week
2.6	Minimal car access to all new build schools
2.7	Provision of funded personnel to deliver school active travel plans and implementation of actions.
2.8	Provide major employers in East Dunbartonshire with relevant information to assist with developing Workplace Travel Plan or appointing an Active Travel Co- ordinator/ Champion
2.9	Promote cycle friendly employer status for East Dunbartonshire employers
2.10	Assist employers to support/designate an Active Travel Ambassador or a Workplace Cycling Instructor
2.11	Promote adult and commuter cycle training to businesses
2.12	Promote dedicated workplace active challenges to local employers
2.13	Encourage/assist businesses to send employees on a cycle ride leader course
2.14	Create and promote dedicated active travel section on EDC website
2.15	Continue 'Healthy habits' programme and develop across East Dunbartonshire
2.16	Produce pocket size Active Travel Route guides
2.17	Develop an annual 'Programme of Active Travel events' calendar
2.19	Encourage schools, businesses and community groups to 'befriend'; sections of local Active Travel Routes

Public Transport

Preferred	Alternative
Continue to deliver bus stop and shelter improvements in partnership with SPT	*Continue to provide essential maintenance and cleaning on bus infrastructure*
Deployment of Real Time Passenger Information systems across East Dunbartonshire	*Deliver Real Time Passenger Information on the A81 and A803 corridors*
City Deal Bus Infrastructure Fund – *Work with SPT to improve the bus network through funding from City Deal*	*Allocate Council capital funding to improve bus infrastructure*
Support greater synchronisation of bus and rail timetables at rail stations	*No reasonable alternative*
Support development of Edinburgh Glasgow Improvement Programme	*No reasonable alternative*

Roads

Preferred	Alternative
Investigate having a Car Club – *A car club is a membership scheme that allows members access to pay-as-you-drive vehicles*	*Increase Council pool car provision/ Increase bus service provision in the evenings*
Review of procedures and conditions of taxi firm licensing	*Continue without reviewing*
Vehicle idling enforcement	*No reasonable alternative*
Vehicle emissions testing	*Reduce the effort of emissions testing*
Council fleet replacement programme – *Continue to replace Council fleet on a 3-5 year vehicle lease to ensure high efficiency standards*	*Replace Council fleet when vehicles fail standard tests*
Fuel efficient driver training – *Investigate offering training to Council employees to help them drive more efficiently*	*Continue only with current testing procedures*

Preferred	Alternative
Introduce ECO Stars Fleet recognition scheme – *the scheme aims to encourage organisations with fleets to operate more efficiently*	*Continue with current procedures*
Promote EDC participation in Liftshare scheme - *A lift sharing opportunity available for Council staff to share trips to and from work*	*Continue with current procedures*
Ongoing road maintenance	*No reasonable alternative*
Respond to road defects in a timeous manner	*Investigate a proportion of defects based on assessment of seriousness of defect*
Carry out a 'pothole blitz' programme	*Carry out pothole repairs when the road maintenance programme allows*
Provision of low level cycle signals at traffic signals and at carriageway crossings where appropriate	*Implement toucan crossings at all signalised junctions or crossings where width allows*
Provision of Advanced Stop Lines with lead in cycle lanes at signal controlled junctions where appropriate	*Continue with current procedures*
Continue to support trunk road improvements outside of East Dunbartonshire	*No reasonable alternative*
Promote road safety through schools	*Provide signage near schools warning drivers of children crossing*
Establish a pool bike scheme for Council employees	*No reasonable alternative*
Use electronic information signs to warn drivers of delays, accidents or closures	*No reasonable alternative*
Continue to roll out traffic control systems such as SCOOT to improve traffic management	*Implement traffic control systems such as MOVA across the authority area*
Road options to enforce/reduce speeds and enhance appeal of sustainable travel	*Introduce 20mph zones along the majority of A81 and A803 corridors*

Parking

Preferred	Alternative
Assess and improve availability of electric vehicle charging infrastructure	*Maintain current infrastructure*
Monitor and review parking charges brought in for selected Council car parks	*Have free parking across the authority area*

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Active Travel

Actions carried forward from 2015-2020 Active Travel Strategy including:

1.5 -   East-West connectivity improvements –
              Allander Walkway to Cadder Bridge
1.6 -   A803 Improvements
1.7 -   Bishopbriggs Relief Road/Westerhill Road – Active Travel Corridor
1.8 -   Torrance to Birdston via the River Kelvin railway path
1.10 -   Kirkintilloch/Lenzie to Bishopbriggs route
1.12 -   A807 Torrance to Milngavie/Bearsden
1.11 -   Milngavie & Kirkintilloch – Active Travel Town
1.12 -   A807 Torrance to Milngavie/Bearsden

Preferred	Alternative
Bishopbriggs path improvements *- investigate the feasibility of improving the path network in Bishopbriggs by creating new connections to existing paths and green spaces*	*Maintain current core path network*
Promote Wester Way through active travel events, signage and social media - *Wester Way is a dedicated walking and cycling route on the section of Westerhill Road replaced by Bishopbriggs Relief Road Phase 4*	*Promote Wester Way through installing appropriate signage*

Public Transport

Preferred	Alternative
Bus Park and Ride adjacent to Bishopbriggs Relief Road - *investigate feasibility of bus-based park and ride facility in this location*	*Bus Park and Ride in the vicinity of the B757/KLR - while this alternative option is not situated in this area, it is a reasonable alternative to the bus park and ride adjacent to BRR as both provide an option to have a bus park and ride on the A803/806 corridor*
A803 Quality Bus Corridor (QBC) Package - *measures can include Real Time Passenger Information, improvements to bus stops and shelters, and bus priority and bus detection measures at signals*	*Continue to develop bus infrastructure through reliance on annual SPT capital programme for stop and shelter improvements*
Bishopbriggs integrated transport hub - *the hub would be an interchange area with provisions made for making it easier to move between modes of sustainable transport - specifically walking, cycling and public transport. Work is required to determine the most suitable location.*	*Segregated cycleway on the A803 - constraints on carriageway north of town centre mean this may not be feasible and is not compatible with A803 Quality Bus Corridor*
Auchinairn bus hub - *improve the existing bus stops along Auchinairn Road, through upgrades and implementation of Real Time Passenger Information. Create a bus hub in Auchinairn to include cycle stands.*	*Implement RTPI in Bishopbriggs and Lenzie alone*

Public Transport (Continued)
Option not taken forward as preferred or alternative

Option	Why it is not being taken forward as preferred or alternative
Westerhill Rail Station - *the proposal to investigate the feasibility of a rail station at Westerhill was included in East Dunbartonshire Council's Local Plan 2. This feasibility work was completed in 2015 as part of a route corridor study by independent consultants, AECOM.*	*The Council wrote to the Scottish Government in June 2018 seeking an update on its position on a proposed station at Westerhill. In the response received, the Council was advised that the proposal for a new rail station at Westerhill did not feature in the Scottish Government's future investment priorities. With this in mind, the proposal to deliver a rail station at Westerhill has not been included in this options report as preferred or alternative.* *However, the proposal for a rail station at Westerhill remains a long-term aspiration for East Dunbartonshire Council. It is recommended that the existing safeguarding of the potential rail station location is retained within the emerging Local Development Plan 2.*

Roads

Preferred	Alternative
Support delivery of phase 5 of BRR - *providing a continuous bypass, connecting north Bishopbriggs and Torrance with the M80 to the south, with the aim of relieving traffic from Bishopbriggs town centre and the A803*	*Leave phase 4 as final phase*
Continue to monitor air quality in Bishopbriggs Town Centre in line with obligations for an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA)	*No reasonable alternative*

Town Improvements

Preferred	Alternative
Deliver the actions in the emerging Bishopbriggs Town Centre Strategy	*No reasonable alternative*

Have your say on the **Transport Options Report**

Now is your chance to get involved!
What do you like about the options?

What would you change?

Online survey available from 3 December!
Available at:
www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/transport-options-report

Consultation period
3 December 2018 – 11 February 2019

We are having a consultation period and we want to hear your views about the future of transport in East Dunbartonshire and you can do this in a number of ways, including drop-in sessions, workshops, an online survey and more!
Come along to our drop-in sessions and have a chat about the Local Transport Strategy and discuss the options with us.

Where?	When?
Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre	Tuesday 4 December - 3pm-7pm
Leisuredrome, Bishopbriggs	Thursday 6 December - 3pm-7pm
Caldwell Halls, Torrance	Thursday 13 December - 2.30pm-5.30pm
Fraser Centre, Milngavie	Monday 17 December – 3pm-7pm
Lennoxtown Community Hub	Monday 7 January – 3pm-7pm
Lenzie Union Church Hall	Tuesday 8 January – 3pm-6pm
Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre	Tuesday 15 January – 12pm-3pm
Bearsden Community Hub	Monday 21 January – 3pm-7pm

Visit our website at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/transport-options-report from 3 December onwards for further information and to access the online survey. Alternatively, copies of the documents are available at Council offices, community hubs and libraries, and comments can be posted to:
Land Planning Policy Team, East Dunbartonshire Council, Southbank House, 1 Strathkelvin Place, Kirkintilloch G66 1XQ

For further information e-mail: development.plan@eastdunbarton.gov.uk
or call the Land Planning Policy Team on **0300 123 4510**

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