



## Foreword

### Shropshire's Local Transport Plan (LTP)



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“Transport is an essential part of everyday life. Our quality of life is enriched by the ability to get to the places we need to go to conveniently and safely. Efficient transport is also essential in supporting our local businesses and economy. However, our transport activities and choices can also have undesired impacts on health, the safety of communities and the viability of local services. It is vital that we take steps to minimise such impacts so future generations can enjoy the County as we do today. Inevitably this will mean making difficult decisions about specific schemes and budgetary restraints.

The County Council aims to provide local transport infrastructure and services which meet local needs and minimise negative impacts on our communities and environment. This Local Transport Plan describes how we will achieve this over the next five years, and sets out a detailed strategy and action plan for improving transport in our beautiful County.

Shropshire County Council's first Local Transport Plan covered the period April 2001-March 2006. As a result of implementing this plan we have achieved a number of tangible improvements to transport in Shropshire including:

- Safer roads, with the lowest number of road accident casualties for decades
- 20 new, clean, low floor buses and significant growth in bus use
- New demand-responsive minibus services in many rural communities
- The successful completion of the A53 Hodnet bypass
- Town centre enhancement schemes in seven of our market towns, including Ludlow and Oswestry
- Almost half of all schools have adopted school travel plans with 49 schools benefiting from Safer Routes to School funding since 2000, demonstrating our commitment to improving safety around schools and reducing congestion from the school run

We want to build upon the achievements of the previous LTP period and maintain an excellent transport network which meets the aspirations of Shropshire people whilst ensuring good value for money. It would be impossible to do this on our own and we will continue to work closely with our District and Borough partners, as well as other key stakeholders both within and outside the county.”

**John Everall**

## This document

This is the Shropshire's second Local Transport Plan. It sets out a vision and objectives for transport in the County looking forward to the year 2020. It also contains a detailed programme of work and outcome targets for the period April 2006 to March 2011.

It has been developed in line with government guidance, building on the successes of our first LTP and taking into account the views expressed by the public and stakeholders every step of the way.

The plan builds on the Provisional Local Transport Plan (2006-2011) which was published in July 2005. In line with Government guidance, changes to this provisional plan have been made as a result of:

- Further assessment of accessibility problems and development of solutions to improve access.
- Revisions to the Integrated Transport capital funding allocations, announced by DfT in December 2005.
- A full Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Provisional Plan.
- Feedback on the Provisional Plan from central government, stakeholders and local people.

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