

**Report from Stratford Society representative (Jann Tracy)
on the Town Transport Group (TTG)**



During the last year TTG meetings took place every month, with two being via Zoom and one at the Town Hall. Events in South Warwickshire seem to move very slowly, with the same items on the Agenda month after month.

Objections have been submitted by TTG regarding the fourth Draft Local Transport Plan (LTP4) as follows. The document provides no leadership on how transport will be enhanced. There is no long-term plan for the town aimed at tackling its transport problems. It is the TTG's view and experience that if funding is to be forthcoming from any source it is necessary to demonstrate a clear and well thought-out plan, which will generate confidence, and it is the TTG's view that the current Draft LTP4 does not do that for Stratford-upon-Avon, and therefore it does not support the needs of the town. The Draft LTP4 is very disappointing.

TTG also objected to the proposed siting of All Things Wild (Campden Road) due to the increase of traffic, especially over Clopton Bridge: Developments such as this have continuously been brought forward, without any meaningful changes to the town's transport infrastructure. The result is that traffic congestion in the town and its hinterland has continued to deteriorate, with all the attendant problems of poor accessibility, queuing, poor air quality, noise, visual intrusion, and general nuisance affecting the well-being of residents and visitors alike. The economy of the town is threatened, and it is the TTG's view that the development of sites such as this, scattered around the town, has to stop without proper transport infrastructure.

Perennial issues are: buses and the lack of bus routes factored into proposed developments; changes to the Clopton Bridge/Tiddington Road interchange; the new Evesham Road roundabout; Long Marston and the South West Relief Road (SWRR), etc.

However, improvements to the structure of the Greenway have been ensured; the closing of Shop Mobility has been delayed; cycleways have been successfully incorporated into the Birmingham Road infrastructure changes.

According to one Councillor, there is a shortage of transport planners in both WCC and SDC, which might explain the lack of purpose in some proposals.

However frustrating it is month after month to hear "no change" or "no update", I believe that it is important for groups such as TTG continue to press for advantageous change to Council plans, and that the Stratford Society, as one of the keepers of the town's historical heritage, maintains an input.

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