WEST OF ENGLAND
“BUILDING OUR FUTURE”

JOINT SPATIAL PLAN AND TRANSPORT STUDY
Context

• The 4 Councils are committed to supporting jobs, housing growth and infrastructure investment

• MoU 2014 to undertake a Joint Spatial Plan

• Agreement to progress a new Joint Local Transport Plan
Progress to date

• Three MetroBus schemes delivering a new rapid transit network for the West of England - complete 2017.

• Integrated with MetroWest upgrades to local rail services

• 4 Core local planning strategies adopted - different timeframes.

• Since 2006 delivered 40,000 new homes (average 4,000 per annum).
Joint approach to strategic planning and transport issues:

The JSP will:

- be a statutory Development Plan Document
- provide the strategic overarching development framework for the West of England to 2036
- identify the number of new market and affordable homes and amount of employment across the West of England 2016-2036
- set out the most appropriate spatial strategy for where growth should be.

The JTS will:

- look at current and future challenges on our network and also inform the JSP to identify transport infrastructure that is needed to support development.
Current stage and timetable of next steps

Nov 2015 - Jan 2016

Autumn/Winter 2016

Spring 2017

Summer 2017 - Late 2017

Spring 2018

Mid 2018

Late 2018
2015 Consultation results
Issues and Options

The previous consultation - Issues and Options took place in November 2015 - January 2016.

We asked respondents to provide their feedback on what the priorities of the Joint Spatial Plan (JSP) should be.

Nearly 900 respondents took part and provided their feedback.

Most respondents considered the best spatial scenario for the West of England area to be:

- Transport focused development.
- Protection of the Green Belt.

This feedback has enabled us to focus the Emerging Spatial Strategy document on these two key areas.
Transport Vision - Key Principles

- 2015/16 consultation called for
  - investment on public transport corridors, walking and cycling
  - Ambitious strategy
  - Need for affordable, reliable sustainable travel options
  - Emphasis on smarter travel choices & evolving travel technology
- Corridor Packages - ambitious management of through traffic by investment in bypasses and orbital links - this then enables delivery of high quality public transport and cycling corridors
- Physical restrictions on traffic and/or financial restraint options - no easy options
Transport Vision - Corridor Key Features

- Ambition Light Rapid Transit network, plus MetroBus extensions and strategic cycling corridors
- Key enabling highway schemes and upgrades
- Core routes to Bristol Airport and Port
- Local rail improvements - increased frequencies and new stations
- New motorway junctions, dynamic motorway management and A36/A46 link
- Bristol and Weston-super-Mare area packages
- Strong overlap with JSP emerging spatial locations, and transport packages
• MetroBus basis for quality standard
• Emphasis on ring of Park and Ride sites - linked to urban living in JSP
• Remodel local bus network to improve links to Enterprise Zones/Areas and Temple Meads, also linked to urban living.
• Integration and interchange
• Opportunities from enhanced quality partnerships or franchising
• How we commute now compared to Transport Vision forecasts
• Whilst growth in trips by all modes increase from 530,000 to 670,000, total travelling by sustainable modes increases
JTS Investment Programme

- Active Modes: £0.4 billion approx.
- Bus and Rapid Transit: £1.0 billion approx.
- LRT: £2.5 billion approx.
- Rail: £1.0 billion approx.
- Enabling Road: £2.6 billion approx.
- Total: £7.5 billion approx.

(approx. £375 million per year over 20 years)
JSP Strategic Priorities

**Economic:** To identify and meet the need for housing and accommodate the economic growth objectives of the LEP Strategic Economic Plan

**Social:** To ensure that the JSP benefits all sections of our communities

**Environment:** To protect and enhance the sub-region's diverse and high quality environment and ensuring resilience including through protection against flood risk.

**Infrastructure:** To ensure a spatial strategy where new development is properly aligned with transport and other social infrastructure
Where to locate new development?

Influenced by the consultation and evidence review:

• Economic rebalancing and addressing the needs of both Bristol and Weston-super-Mare.

• Retention of the overall function of the Bristol & Bath Green Belt as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

• The environmental quality of the West of England is maintained and enhanced.

• Strategic development should be in locations which maximise the potential to reduce the need to travel, or where travel is necessary maximise opportunities to travel sustainably.
Emerging Spatial Strategy

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2016 Consultation

Towards the Emerging Spatial Strategy Transport Vision

■ Second stage consultation 7 November to 19 December

Over 1,500 responses received on the Emerging Spatial Strategy

Over 800 responses received on the Joint Transport Vision
Engagement
online channels

- Single website - including consultation information, evidence base materials and FAQ's: www.jointplanningwofe.org.uk
- Short illustrative video - providing an overview of the JSP and JTS, with 1,185 views https://player.vimeo.com/video/189143033
- Promotion through Unitary Authorities website
- Central releases issued on behalf of the Unitary Authorities
- Social media channels: Facebook and Twitter
Engagement offline channels

- Launch event attended by 150 key stakeholders
- Media briefing attended by key media - including BBC Bristol

Four themed workshops with targeted audiences:
- 21st November - Environment, Sustainable Lifestyles and Wellbeing workshop
- 1st December - Boosting Affordable Housing Delivery workshop
- 5th December - Economy and employment workshop
- 7th December - Transport and infrastructure workshop

Six business consultation events supported by Business West, attended by a range of businesses

15 local consultation drop in sessions.
Joint Transport Study results
What is your level of agreement with the following elements of the package?

- New road connections
- Freight management including consolidation centres
- Park & Ride - new or expanded sites
- Expansion of the MetroBus network
- Light Rail routes
- Road improvements, incl. junction improvements & addressing bottlenecks
- Marketing and education to change travel behaviour
- Strategic Cycle Routes - new or upgraded routes
- New railway stations
- Area packages of improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and buses
- Bus network improvements
- Rail improvements - improvements to existing services and facilities

[Bar chart showing levels of agreement with each element, ranging from strongly agree to strongly disagree.]
Joint Transport Study summary

• Strong support for both vision and strategy
• Some support for greater ambition but this was balanced against those who thought it was too great or about right.
• Park and Ride had the highest level of disagreement out of all of the package elements: linked to a specific proposal although approx 60% of respondents still agreed with P&R
• Support for reallocation of road space to sustainable modes.
• Unclear opinion on financial demand management (support 40% and neither agree or disagree 30%).
Joint Spatial Plan results

Are there any reasons why this strategy or identified locations could not be delivered?

Top 10 JSP themes mentioned by respondents
Joint Spatial Plan summary

- Overall positive support for the JSP process
- Questions raised on locations linked to deliverability
- Delivery of affordable housing is a critical issue
- Challenge made to housing need and local employment distribution
- Infrastructure needs identified including transport, health, placemaking
- Sustainability of the overall spatial strategy challenged:
  - Green Belt
  - Proximity to urban settlements, employment opportunities and services
- Over 100 sites submitted to the call for sites, (some already previously submitted).
Next steps

- Views and comments will help shape the next stages that include:
  - Analysis on housing and employment needs.
  - Analysis on deliverability of locations and infrastructure requirements
  - Phasing of development
  - Finalising the JTS recommendations

- Further consultation on both Joint Local Transport Plan and the next draft Joint Spatial Plan
  - JLTP - late 2017
  - JSP - from Summer 2017
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING