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Dear Sir / Madam,

### **Have your say on Winchester Movement Strategy (WMS) 'Next Steps' proposals**

Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Winchester City Council (WCC) have been developing proposed improvements to transport and travel in Winchester, which we are now seeking your views on.

The proposals form a package of inter-linked and complementary measures that work together to deliver the three shared priorities set out in the adopted Winchester Movement Strategy (WMS) which are to:

1. Reduce city centre traffic;
2. Support healthier lifestyle choices;
3. Invest in infrastructure to support sustainable growth.

HCC and WCC are conducting an online survey to help both councils to understand people's views on the WMS proposals. At the same time, views are also being sought on proposed cycle and walking networks for Winchester. The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete and will be available to access from noon Monday 6 December 2021 closing just before midnight on Friday 11 February 2022.

Please access the survey and the accompanying information via this link;  
[hants.gov.uk/Winchester-movement-strategy](http://hants.gov.uk/Winchester-movement-strategy)

If you, or someone you know who would like to respond but does not have access to the internet, you can request a paper copy of the survey by calling 0300 555 1388

The last consultation on the WMS was carried out in 2018, and in spring 2019 the WMS was adopted by HCC and WCC. Since adopting the WMS the two councils have been undertaking work which has included prioritising potential improvements, developing designs and identifying how much these proposed schemes would cost to deliver.

Part of this has included the preparation of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for the city that sets out a proposed strategic network comprising 13 walking routes and nine cycle routes that could be developed over the coming years.

The proposals we have developed for Winchester involve a combination of measures that would make alternatives to the car more attractive but also measures that would restrict or discourage access by private car into the city centre. It is anticipated that the impact of the proposed measures will be more people choosing to leave the car at home and, instead, walking, cycling or using public transport for their journeys into the city centre. Within the city centre, the needs of people would be given greater priority than the movement of vehicles.

The proposals have been developed to take account of Government priorities for investment in networks of walking and cycling routes and better local bus services, as well as the need to substantially reduce emissions from road transport over the coming years to fully decarbonise by 2050. The proposed measures are a response to the Climate Emergency and the local need to reduce air pollution, support businesses and the economy, and improve the health and wellbeing of those who live and work in Winchester as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic.

I look forward to your valuable feedback.

Yours faithfully,



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