



# Hitchin Urban Transport Plan

Hertfordshire County Council in partnership with North Hertfordshire District Council is developing an Urban Transport Plan (UTP) for Hitchin. The aim is to develop a range of transport schemes, across all modes of travel, which will address existing problems and prepare Hitchin for future growth.



# The Urban Transport Plan

The UTP sets out the proposed transport improvements for the next 5 years. The plan is designed to meet local needs. Following consultation, the UTP will be adopted by Hertfordshire County Council in its role as Transport Authority.



To complement the schemes shown on the map the following schemes are included in the UTP for implementation over the next 5 years.

The map overleaf displays the improvements we propose to make to the roads and transport infrastructure across Hitchin over the next 5 years. In addition to these, the UTP also proposes a number of other schemes which are designed to complement the physical improvements. See the green box on the opposite page for a list of these.

## Your chance to have your say

The public consultation exercise is seeking to gather your views on the Hitchin UTP and understand how local people view transport in the town.

The consultation will begin on 6th September 2010 and finish on 15th October 2010.

### You can view the UTP document at:

- **Website:** [www.hertsdirect.org/hitchinutp](http://www.hertsdirect.org/hitchinutp)
- **Local Venues:**
  - Hitchin Library
  - Hitchin Town Hall
  - Hitchin Town Centre Managers Office
  - North Herts District Council Offices - Letchworth

### Please send in your views by either:

- Completing the questionnaire attached to this leaflet
- Completing an electronic copy of the questionnaire at [www.hertsdirect.org/hitchinutp](http://www.hertsdirect.org/hitchinutp)
- Attending an exhibition



## Have your say at one of the exhibitions

Hitchin Library  
Paynes Park  
Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG5 1EW

Wednesday 29th September, 3.00pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 2nd October, 10.00am - 1.00pm

### Walking Schemes

- Provide more pedestrian crossings in Hitchin
- Improve the lighting and cleanliness of alleyways around the town centre
- Provide footpath access to new residential developments
- Improve pedestrian links to the industrial area
- Review the quality and provision of footways across Hitchin (including lighting and signing)

### Cycling Schemes

- Provide advance stop lines for cyclists at junctions
- Improve signing on the cycle network
- Upgrade Nightingale Road Pelican Crossing to a Toucan crossing

### Public Transport Schemes

- Provide a designated shared taxi area outside of the railway station
- Improve bus stop facilities/waiting areas
- Introduce real time information across the bus network to provide up to the minute information on arrival times
- Revise the boarding and alighting points of buses within the town centre
- Improve the availability of public transport information across Hitchin

### Sustainable Schemes

- Introduce car sharing/car clubs
- Produce a strategy for marketing all non-car modes of travel to promote more sustainable modes of travel
- Introduce more work place travel plans
- Introduce more school travel plans

### Highway Schemes

- Direct goods vehicles appropriately and restrict lorries from using the High Street
- Limit the through movement of traffic in the town centre
- Review road signing within Hitchin
- Address rat runs through and around the town
- Improve operation of Cadwell Lane junction to minimise the impact of HGV's on the local area and improve crossings

### Parking Schemes

- Increase parking enforcement, for example through the use of permits
- Review the number of disabled parking spaces in the town centre
- Introduce real time information for car parks to show available spaces