

LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN NEWS

Welcome to the Local Transport Plan News for 2015-16.

This is our opportunity to tell you what Northumberland County Council has been doing to maintain and improve the highway and transport network.

Here are some of our achievements from 2015-16:

- **Delivered 77 highway maintenance schemes**
- **Resurfaced 215miles of road**
- **Surface dressed 44 miles of road**
- **Addressed accident blackspots by introducing safety measures.**
- **Implemented major projects on public rights of way, including surface improvements and bridge replacements**
- **Continued to progress the project to reintroduce passenger rail services on the Ashington, Blyth & Tyne line**
- **Continued to progress the Morpeth Northern Bypass**
- **Provided an extension to the car park at Alnmouth Railway Station in response to demand.**
- **Made additional repairs to the road network using 'Pothole Grant' funding.**
- **Implemented repairs following flooding events using 'Severe Weather Recovery' funding.**



What is the Local Transport Plan?

The Local Transport Plan (LTP) sets out what the Council wants to do to maintain and improve the local transport network. This means taking care of roads, footpaths, cycleways and bridleways and providing facilities to enable their safe use, such as street lighting, dropped kerbs, signs and road markings.

The LTP programme is developed to maintain and improve these facilities. Highway and transport issues are prioritised with input from local County Councillors and Parish/Town Councils. The programme is made up of appropriate solutions designed to resolve the issues identified as priorities. Examples of the types of issues that are typically considered each year for the LTP programme are set out below alongside possible solutions.



ISSUE: Concerns over speeding traffic.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: Traffic calming or a speed restriction.



ISSUE: Lack of pedestrian facilities

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: Provision of a new footway.



ISSUE: Three or more accidents in a three year period.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: Tailored safety measures such as improved signs and road markings or anti-skid road surfacing



ISSUE: Poor road condition

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: Road reconstruction or resurfacing

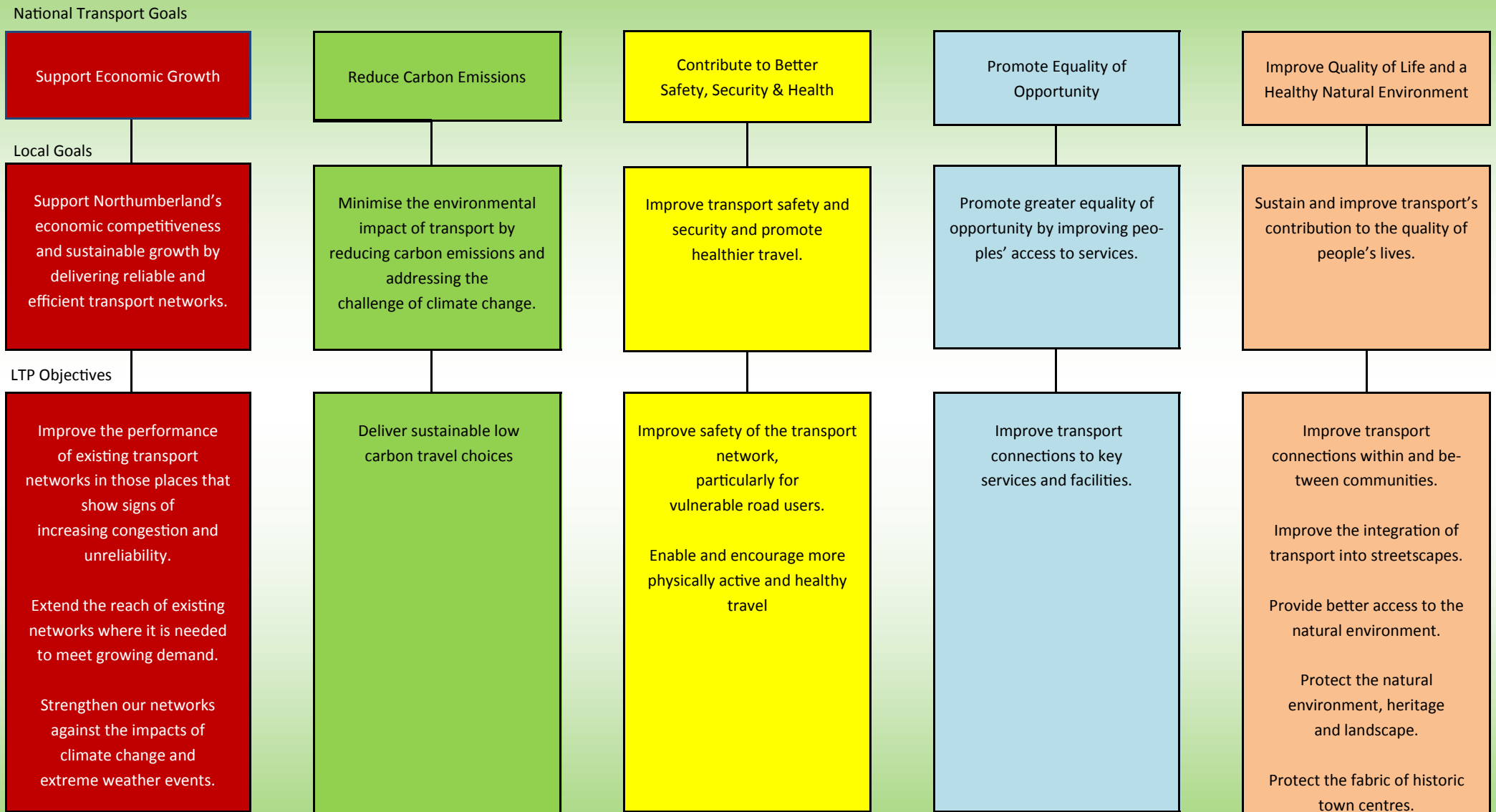


ISSUE: No access for the disabled

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: Dropped kerbs or a ramp.

These sorts of solutions need to reflect local priorities (goals) and contribute to the achievement of LTP objectives. Local goals and LTP objectives are detailed in the flow chart below, which demonstrates how these local measures can also contribute to national transport goals.

Transport Goals and Objectives



What do we spend in the LTP Programme?

Funding is provided for the LTP Programme through a grant allocation of two blocks of funding. This is for two types of programme, 'Integrated Transport' and 'Highway Maintenance'.

The Integrated Transport Programme is designed to make improvements to the highway and transport network by providing new facilities that improve road safety, reduce congestion, and create better access and amenity for local communities. It is made up of different types of (usually) small schemes that have benefits for pedestrians, cyclists, public transport passengers and other road users.

The Highway Maintenance Programme is concerned with making improvements to maintain the existing highway and transport network and includes road and bridge maintenance, street lighting column replacement, landslip repairs and public rights of way maintenance. LTP expenditure in 2015-16 is shown in the table below.

Integrated Transport	Expenditure £
Improvements for Pedestrians & Cyclists	883,339
Public Transport Infrastructure Improvements	268,292
Improvements for Road Users	350,176
Local Safety Schemes	248,150
Sub total	1,749,957
Maintenance	
Principal Road Maintenance	1,478,041
Non Principal Road Maintenance	3,268,410
Road Surface Dressing	1,657,818
Road Structural Refurbishment	2,210,559
Advance Scheme Design	243,793
Landslip Repairs	684,603
Public Rights of Way Maintenance	348,019
Bridge Maintenance & Strengthening Schemes	1,373,975
Car Park Maintenance	99,427
Sub total	11,364,644
TOTAL	13,114,601

Want to find out more?

The full LTP 2011-26 can be viewed or downloaded from the Council's website www.northumberland.gov.uk

Examples of LTP Projects 2015-16

Car Park Extension, Alnmouth Station

The Issue

High demand for car parking at the station led to parking in the surrounding residential streets.

The Solution

Acquire land and provide an extension to the car park.



Before



During



During



After

New Footway, Wark

The Issue

Pedestrians using the sports facility at Wark had to walk in the road.

The Solution

Provide a footway.



Before



After



Local Safety Schemes

Gateway Feature, New Ridley Village

The Issue

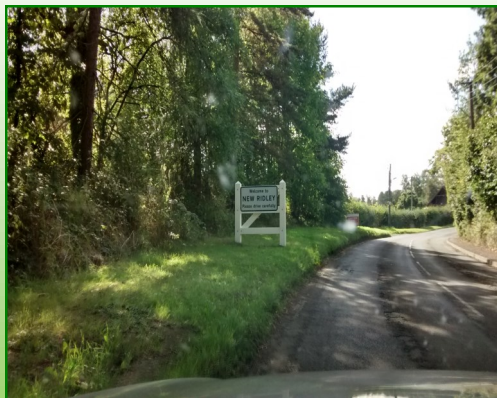
Concerns over the speed of traffic entering the village.

The Solution

Provide a 'Gateway' feature to highlight to drivers they are entering the village.



Before



After

Road Maintenance

The Issue

Road surfaces deteriorate due to erosion by vehicles and the weather.

The Solution

Resurface the road.



Thropton Before & After



East Ford Road Stakeford Before & After