

# Bolton Transport Strategy

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **1) What is the expected timeline for this strategy to start?**

Following the outcome of this public consultation, it is anticipated that the Transport Strategy and its action plan will be adopted in Summer 2024. Key actions will be delivered over a 5, 10 and 15 year period, up until 2040.

### **2) Does the timeframe have an overlap with the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan (LTP)?**

Yes. This delivery timeframe has been aligned with the current Great Manchester Local Transport Plan (LTP). We have also built in flexibility into the delivery plan to re-align the timescales when the statutory Great Manchester LTP is updated. The document will also inform the Bolton Local Implementation Plan of the Greater Manchester LTP.

### **3) Is the Bolton Transport Strategy a statutory document?**

No. The Bolton Transport Strategy is not a statutory document, however, it does inform the Greater Manchester city-region LTP, which is statutory.

### **4) How have the priorities in the Bolton Transport Strategy been identified?**

The priorities have been identified through engagement with Bolton Council Elected Members at the three Town Councils (Blackrod, Horwich and Westhoughton). We have also engaged wider stakeholders, including the strategy team at Transport for Greater Manchester, Bolton Active Travel Forum, and Bolton Public Health Department. This engagement highlighted key issues and identified other policy areas that the strategy needed to align with.

### **5) Will all priorities within the strategy be implemented?**

Whilst our ambition is to implement all priorities within the strategy, it is very much dependant on the budgets available to us and how soon we can implement a business case for funding. Our committed and funded priorities are within the first 5 years of the delivery plan being implemented.



## **6) Is there a process for deciding on how transport priorities are progressed?**

Yes. We will look at each transport priority individually, taking account of each of the following areas:

- The transport network's needs
- The funding opportunities available
- The appraisal criteria
- The detailed scheme assessment
- The development timescales

## **7) Are the priorities included within the strategy responding to Bolton's transport concerns?**

Yes. The priorities included within the strategy address the main concerns across all modes of transport in Bolton. The team have already undertaken a lot of engagement and analysis to ensure the priorities and objectives are appropriate for Bolton. The priorities also align with our Greater Manchester neighbours; the Government transport net zero policy; and the funding we are likely to receive.

## **8) Are the priority timescales final?**

The timescales have been suggested based on when we can launch the strategy. However, they may change slightly depending on when the priorities actually start, how they are funded, and their alignment with other growth plans for Bolton.

## **9) How will Bolton Council monitor progress?**

Monitoring of the priorities is necessary to understand what actions have been completed, what still needs to be progressed and to also assess the strength and challenges of our work and the impact the strategy has on our town.

We also need to monitor progress to understand if the funding, policy or organisational environment is beneficial to a particular priority. It also helps us to respond to new Government policy and decisions, as well as help us apply for new funding opportunities.

Bolton Council will monitor the progress of the priorities against the six strategy objectives, as well as the overall delivery plan. We will carry out reviews annually.



## **10) Who can take part in the consultation?**

We would like feedback from Bolton residents, businesses and people that visit Bolton. This feedback will be reviewed, alongside that from earlier engagement, and will inform the final preparation of the strategy before it is implemented in Summer 2024.