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## Cheshire East Council launches consultations on transport and parking

Cheshire East Council has launched public consultations on local transport and parking plans across the borough.

The consultations, which begin today and end on 31 January 2021, will seek to engage with communities, towns, elected members and stakeholders.

The results of this exercise will inform the future direction of how to improve transport, walking and cycling in our towns. It will also inform proposals, which would be subject to further consultation, regarding changes to parking provision and potential changes to car parking charges in the borough.

The local transport plan consultations are based around the following themes:

- **Accessibility for all** – considering all travel needs;
- **Sustainability** – improving walking, cycling and public transport;
- **Quality of the public realm** – managing traffic to support town centres and the visitor economy;
- **Better neighbourhoods** – improving amenities where people live; and
- **Connectivity** – the strategic links needed to access work, education and essential services, such as hospitals.

Councillor Craig Browne, deputy leader of Cheshire East Council, said: “This consultation is an opportunity for us to work together and get the right blend of local transport provision in the right places.

“Alongside these plans, we are also developing town centre vitality plans for our key service centres, helping us to better understand and respond to local needs.

“We must also consider the potential longer-term impacts of Covid-19. This may include using our spaces differently to enable social distancing, more reliance on active travel and public transport, as well as increased home working.”

The car parking consultation looks at:

- The role of parking in accessing town centres (current and future);
- The level of parking charges in Cheshire East and scope for harmonisation;
- On-street parking restrictions; and
- Improving parking services.

Councillor Laura Crane, Cheshire East Council cabinet members for highways and waste, said: “The local transport plan sets out a need for greater harmonisation of parking arrangements across Cheshire East, during the period 2020 to 2025.

“The parking consultation, alongside the development of town vitality plans, will engage many stakeholders to ensure we have a broad strategy moving forward, taking into account the economic, environmental and community elements that car parking brings.”

The responses to the consultations will be used to shape policies and proposals going forward.

To find out more and take part in the consultations visit the council’s web page at: [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/LocalTransportEngagement](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/LocalTransportEngagement)

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