



Town & Parish Clerks in Fenland District
via email

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Dear Sir/Madam

TRANSPORT PLANNING GUIDE FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The Transport Planning Guide for Local Communities is a new publication aimed at local councils and community members. It is aimed at those people who may have an interest in transport or transport issues in the community that they need to address. As Town and Parish Councils within Fenland District we want to make you aware of this new resource and we hope it is of interest to you.

Getting around to work, shop, and carry out our everyday lives can sometimes be a challenge, particularly in more rural communities. Good transport planning can have a positive impact on our daily lives, helping to improve our health, our local areas and our overall quality of life.

Transport planning can be complex, so it is important that the issues involved are understood by town and parish councils and communities. It is essential that you can give input to and influence the transport systems provided at a local level. It is for these reasons that this new publication has been produced.

The Guide is being launched by the Hereward Community Rail Partnership (HCRP) with funding from the CrossCountry Community Fund. Cambridgeshire ACRE were appointed by the HCRP to develop the guide. Whilst much of the publication's information has been adapted to the North Cambridgeshire context, the principles, case studies and local solutions can be adapted.

The guide focuses on four key areas which are as follows:

- Understanding transport planning and the role of local councils - gives guidance on what's involved in transport planning, highlights the key challenges facing communities and looks at the role of local councils in transport planning.
- Establishing local transport issues - provides information on how to understand the transport issues your local community is facing
- Identifying local solutions - looks at what can be done locally to address transport issues including addressing transport matters through planning policy using a neighbourhood plan; working with local transport providers to tackle gaps in provision; and helping to address very specific unmet needs for user groups.
- Appendices - provides reference information on transport policy and objectives, sets out key principles for successful transport planning, lists useful resources; and offers sources of advice and support

An electronic copy of the guide is attached with this letter. Below is a link to the Hereward Community Rail Partnership website which also contains a copy of the document. It is hoped that you will find this guide useful and that it can be forwarded to your Councillors and others for reference now and in the future.

[Hereward Community Rail Partnership launches Transport Planning Guide | Hereward Community Rail Partnership \(herewardcrp.org\)](https://www.herewardcrp.org)

We hope that the Transport Planning Guide for Local Communities is helpful for you and for those who live within your areas.

Yours sincerely



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