**Subject: Public Consultation - Draft East Sussex Freight & Rail Strategies**

**From:** Local Transport Plan, East Sussex County Council

Dear Stakeholder

Following the adoption of the East Sussex Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) a new Freight Strategy and an updated Rail Strategy have been drafted and published for consultation this week.

**Draft Freight Strategy**

This new strategy for the County sets out the future vision for the delivery of improvements to the movement of freight in East Sussex.  The strategy focuses on the following:

* 1 – Strategic freight movements
* 2 – Decarbonisation
* 3 – Last mile logistics
* 4– Planning & policy

**Draft Rail Strategy**
This strategy has been updated and builds upon the East Sussex Rail Strategy and Action Plan that was previously approved by the County Council in 2013. This strategy sets out the future vision for the delivery of improvements to rail travel in East Sussex, specifically for passengers, and focuses on:

* 1 - Accessibility of rail network
* 2 - Integration with other modes
* 3 -Reliability and resilience
* 4 - Decarbonisation
* 5 - Journey time competitiveness
* 6 - Customer experience

The successful delivery of both strategies will require partnership working with a range of authorities and organisations.

**Public Consultation**

**The consultation has commenced and will be available until Monday 30 June 2025. The draft strategies and links to their respective consultations** **can be found online at** [Freight & Rail Strategies | East Sussex County Council](https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roads-transport/transport-planning/local-transport-plan/local-transport-plan-4/freight-rail-strategies).