

To all Town and Parish Councils

Your ref:

Our ref: LTP 2026-27

Enquiries to: Highways Programme

Email: HighwaysProgramme@northumberland.gov.uk

Date: 1st September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

Local Transport Plan Capital Programme 2026/27 to 2028/29

We are starting the process of preparing a 3-year Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme for the period 2026-27 to 2028-29. As part of this process, we would like to know what the highways and transport priority issues are for your area. This will assist with programme development and ensure that no issues are overlooked.

The LTP capital programme is a programme of interventions designed to achieve the objectives of the North East Transport Plan (NETP).

The NETP provides a transport strategy for the seven local authorities in North East England, (Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside, and Sunderland), and is centred on connecting people to good employment opportunities and generating economic growth, while enabling the region and its people to move to healthier and more sustainable ways of travel. Our criteria when assessing priorities submitted is aligned with those of the NETP.

Your input on issues which you consider are a local priority is valued and assists us to develop an LTP Capital Programme that reflects local needs. As I'm sure you will appreciate, it isn't possible for everyone's priorities to make it into the final agreed programme, but all eligible priority issues you submit will be considered against the criteria, and those with the highest ranking will be considered for inclusion in the Programme. By moving to a 3-year capital programme we expect that more of the priorities put forward that are eligible for consideration will actually make it into the programme and be taken through the process of scheme development, consultation, design and delivery over the next 3 year period.

To assist you in deciding your priorities a series of advice and guidance workshops has been arranged for September. The aim of these workshops is to improve understanding over how priorities are evaluated and scored so that you can make more informed decisions about which priorities you choose to submit. These workshops will last around 90 minutes and will involve a brief presentation on the LTP process and the evaluation and scoring arrangements, followed by staff from the Highways Programme team being on hand to discuss any issues/answer any queries you may have. Details of these workshops and how you can confirm your attendance are as follows:-

- **North Area – Monday 29th September 18.00-19.30 St James Church Centre - Alnwick**
- **West Area – Monday 15th September 18.00- 19.30 Hexham Community Centre**
- **SE – Thursday 18th September 18.00- 19.30 Bedlington Community Centre**
- **Central – Thursday 25th September 17.00- 18.30 County Hall Morpeth**

We would like to invite two representatives from each council to the workshops, so please confirm if you would like to attend one of the workshop sessions by emailing highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk and stating which session you wish to attend, your name and the council you represent.

To further assist you in deciding your priorities please note the following:

- Guidance notes are enclosed with this letter.
- Previous years priorities can be re-submitted.
- Due to the large number of submissions received, a maximum of 3 priorities will be considered per parish.

- Inclusion on a combined list of priorities for consideration does not imply that a scheme will be successfully included in the capital programme. Details of the approved capital programme will be publicised in March 2026.

You are asked to submit your priorities by email to **highwaysprogramme@northumberland.gov.uk** before **Friday 17th October**.

Finally, I would also like to confirm that the LTP Capital Programme for 2025-26 has now been approved and is well underway. If you submitted priorities for consideration for the 2025-26 programme, feedback on these is enclosed with this letter. Copies of the delegated decision report and appendices detailing the approved programme for 2025/26 can be found under LTP Programme on the following webpage <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Highways/Transport-policy/Transport-plan.aspx>.

Should you have any queries when it comes to submitting your future priorities, officers will be happy to provide advice as necessary.

Yours sincerely,



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