

and services, particularly from the rural area where current services are more limited.

- 11.1.14 The rail network is a significant public transport asset for the District. The Council will continue to work with Network Rail, Northern Rail and other stakeholders to secure improvements to the wider rail network, including from Worksop, Shireoaks and Retford stations.
- 11.1.15 Increasing opportunities for accessible and safe walking and cycling is a key priority for the Council Plan³. As well as providing walking and cycling routes to and through the strategic site allocations, local improvements, such as measures to enhance connectivity within and to the town centres and their environs, recognised by Policy ST12 will be taken where appropriate through the delivery tools for each town centre area.

Longer term transport improvements

- 11.1.16 The Local Plan identifies sizable strategic site allocations, such as site HS1: Peaks Hill Farm and HS13: Ordsall South and priority areas for regeneration, including Worksop Central (identified by Policy ST3). Their delivery will go beyond this plan period. On that basis, transport infrastructure improvements may not be fully delivered by 2038.
- 11.1.17 The National Planning Policy Framework recognises that large scale new development, as identified by the Local Plan, may be delivered over more than one plan period. Associated infrastructure requirements may not be capable of being identified fully at the outset. On that basis, this Local Plan recognises the importance of ensuring that infrastructure, in this case transport infrastructure, is appropriately phased alongside development. The Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2023² identifies the transport infrastructure required to deliver the growth identified by this Local Plan in a proportionate and timely manner.
- 11.1.18 The Local Plan acknowledges that many transport infrastructure improvements will be developer funded. Nevertheless, the Council will continue to pursue a range of funding mechanisms in order to finance infrastructure, through collaborative partnership work with the D2N2 LEP, Homes England and Nottinghamshire County Council for example. Further information on the delivery and funding of transport infrastructure is set out in the Bassetlaw Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2023².

POLICY ST52: Transport Infrastructure

1. The Council will work with Nottinghamshire County Council and other transport infrastructure partners to:
 - a) support and facilitate the delivery of measures identified in the Local Transport Plan and the Bus Service Improvement Plan for the district;
 - b) deliver the transport infrastructure which improves movement within and to Bassetlaw, including measures that help support delivery of the site allocations

identified by this Local Plan as identified by the Bassetlaw Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2023²;

- c) ensure that the impacts of new development on the strategic and local road network, including the A57 and A1, are adequately identified through a vision statement and Improvement Plan, and are appropriately and proportionately mitigated through partnership working with the Local Highways Authority, relevant neighbouring planning and highways authorities, and National Highways;
 - d) support, in association with major development, the delivery of new or improved roads, such as a distributor road and sustainable transport improvements, linked where appropriate;
 - e) support and facilitate measures that improve the management of the strategic and local highways network including through demand management, traffic management and calming initiatives required as a result of site allocations identified by this Local Plan;
 - f) support and where appropriate, enable sustainable transport measures that improve access to/from proposed major development around Worksop, Retford and Harworth & Bircotes;
 - g) support plans for enhanced active travel connectivity within Worksop Central, Retford town centre and Harworth & Bircotes town centre and to surrounding areas;
 - h) promote through major development the delivery of a more comprehensive network of multi user transport nodes;
2. Proposals for new development which have significant transport implications that either arise from the development proposed or cumulatively with other development proposals will need to submit a Transport Assessment or a Transport Statement, and where relevant a Travel Plan alongside an application. These documents will need to take into account Nottinghamshire County Council guidance and national Planning Practice, and where appropriate, the scope should be agreed with National Highways.
 3. Appropriate provision for works and/or contributions may be required towards 1a-1h of this policy to provide an adequate level of accessibility by all modes of transport and to mitigate the impacts of development upon the transport network. Consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of relevant development both in Bassetlaw and within neighbouring authorities, and how this links to planned infrastructure improvements. This should take into account the Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2023² and Local Plan Transport Assessments, which, where relevant, will inform the scoping of the Transport Assessment and Travel Plan.
 4. Where relevant, evidence obtained from a site-specific Transport Assessment or Transport Statement will inform the number and phasing of homes to be permitted on proposed development sites and will be established (and potentially conditioned) through the planning application process, in consultation with the highway authority.
 5. Proposals that prejudice the efficient and safe operation of the local and strategic highway network or future improvements to transport infrastructure identified through mechanisms within Policy ST56 and/or the Local Transport Plan, will not be supported.

