

Sudbury Community Forum

Sudbury Congestion Relief Scheme

13 July 2018

Introduction/ Welcome

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Agenda

1. Why are we here?
2. Background
3. Sudbury Vision
4. Sudbury Transport Study
5. Questions

Why are we here?



The last 40 Years

June 1982	Bypass schemes for A134 east and A131/A134 west of Sudbury included in Sudbury District Plan approved by Babergh District Council
January 1986	A134 bypass to east of Sudbury opened
March 1987	SCC Public Consultation - Sudbury Bypass and Relief Road
September 1987	SCC Highways Committee approval for Western Bypass, associated traffic management measures and investigations into town centre link
September 1990	SCC Public Consultation – Sudbury Western Bypass, Southern Link Road and associated HGV traffic management measures
May 1992	Babergh Local Plan protects routes for Sudbury Western Bypass and Southern Link Road
September 1994	Inspectors report into the Babergh Local Plan recommended deletion of Sudbury Southern Link Road and investigation into traffic management measures in conjunction with Sudbury Western Bypass
February 1995	Commencement of Sudbury and Great Cornard Transportation Study
October 1997	Sudbury and Great Cornard Transportation Study – Draft Transport Strategy Report published
July 2003	SCC Submit Funding bid for Western Bypass as a major scheme
December 2003	Government rejects bid for funding
January 2005	Traffic Management schemes proposed
2005-2011	SCC Local Transport Plans maintain option for Sudbury Bypass/ Relief road. Some traffic management schemes implemented
September 2015	Review of environmental issues by WSP
Early 2017	Strategic Outline Business Case Published

Government response to 2003 bid

“Although this scheme generates positive transport economic benefits and relief to Sudbury by removing traffic from the town, Ministers have concluded that these benefits are outweighed by the adverse environmental impacts of the scheme, particularly on the landscape, biodiversity and heritage resources. Taking this scheme forward would not be consistent with the Government’s policy presumption against new or expanded transport infrastructure that adversely affect environmentally sensitive areas and sites.

Taking account of these impacts the scheme does not provide good value for money and the Ministers have therefore rejected the proposal. **You should consider the implementation of measures within the town centre to reduce and manage the impact of high traffic volumes. We recognise that these measures may not meet in full the objectives of the bypass and, therefore you should monitor the situation over a number of years before any further consideration is given to bypassing the town”**

Why now?

- 15 years since Government decision
- Limited progress in delivering a difference in Sudbury
- Emerging Major Road Network opportunity
- Further growth- housing and tourism opportunities
- Sudbury Vision

Sudbury Vision



Sudbury Vision for Prosperity



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Public and Partner Engagement

- Summer 2017 – **Partner workshops** to establish VfP
- 12 October **Public engagement**
 - BDC-driven, partner buy-in
 - Drop-in public presentation at Sudbury Town Hall
 - Draw together the plethora of projects, plans and interventions
 - Establish priorities

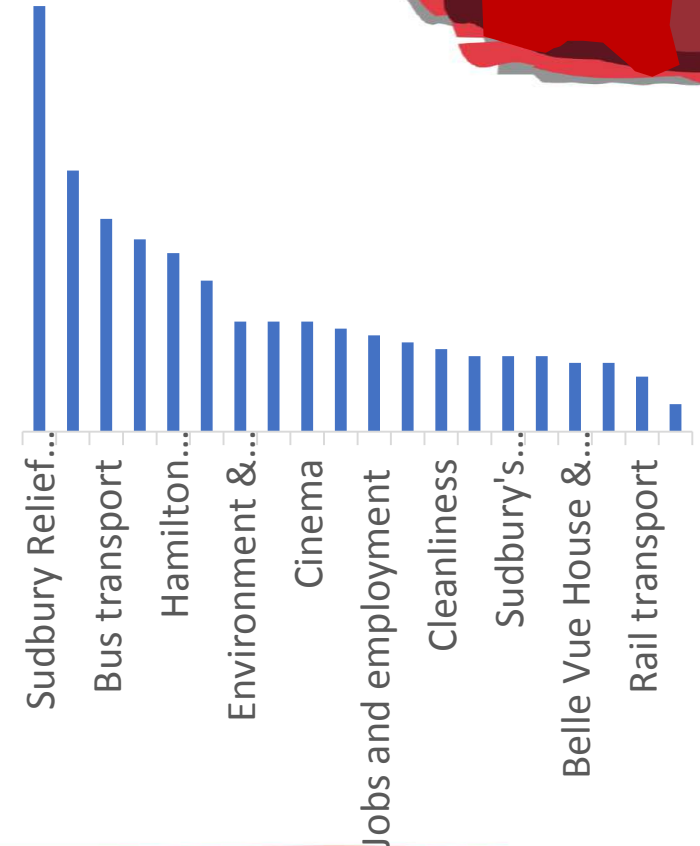


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Public response

- Mostly well received, but “nothing new”
- Overwhelming response was frustration around information void concerning the existing plans/projects
 - Sudbury Bypass/relief road
 - Belle Vue Park and House
 - Hamilton Road Quarter (Borehamgate centre, cinema, bus station)
 - Chilton Woods
 - Car Parking



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VFP response

- BDC responded to all of the points raised but we're **focusing on the Action Plan.**
 - Linking existing projects to demonstrate a joined-up investment in Sudbury (nothing in isolation)
 - Giving up-to-date information and commitments
 - Paving the way for more projects

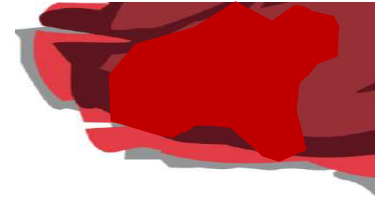


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- A3 poster format - simple
- Launched on Suffolk Day when Sudbury Town Council hosted the local BBC radio coverage
- Positive press coverage
- Cross-party political support
- VFP is a brand, not a document
 - More announcements to come as project develop
 - More projects to be added
 - Keep momentum and discussion, information flow



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Current activities

Questions