Introduction/ Welcome

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Why are we here?
# The last 40 Years

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<td>Bypass schemes for A134 east and A131/A134 west of Sudbury included in Sudbury District Plan approved by Babergh District Council</td>
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<td>January 1986</td>
<td>A134 bypass to east of Sudbury opened</td>
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<td>SCC Public Consultation - Sudbury Bypass and Relief Road</td>
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<td>SCC Highways Committee approval for Western Bypass, associated traffic management measures and investigations into town centre link</td>
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<td>SCC Public Consultation – Sudbury Western Bypass, Southern Link Road and associated HGV traffic management measures</td>
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<td>Babergh Local Plan protects routes for Sudbury Western Bypass and Southern Link Road</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>Commencement of Sudbury and Great Cornard Transportation Study</td>
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<td>SCC Submit Funding bid for Western Bypass as a major scheme</td>
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<td>December 2003</td>
<td>Government rejects bid for funding</td>
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<td>Traffic Management schemes proposed</td>
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<td>2005-2011</td>
<td>SCC Local Transport Plans maintain option for Sudbury Bypass/ Relief road. Some traffic management schemes implemented</td>
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<td>Review of environmental issues by WSP</td>
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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

Delivering a Vision for Prosperity
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
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
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
• 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