

Parish Council Responses

Cusop Parish Council

Cusop Parish Council has one comment in response to this consultation:

The "priority network of core bus services" (see map on p29 of the Plan) should extend the Hereford-to-Madley route as far as Hay-on-Wye, with its continuation to Brecon also indicated. This route is as important as the core routes to other market towns such as Kington and Bromyard.

Although Hay is just outside the county, it is a major tourist destination and its prosperity is as important to Herefordshire as to Powys. Indeed, Herefordshire Council markets our county as the "gateway to the Hay Festival".

Ballingham and Bolstone Parish Council

Ballingham and Bolstone have no bus service and we fund a shopper's bus once a month which is predominantly used by the elderly (it used to run twice a month but is no longer viable that often).

Hoarwithy has a reasonable service but having to change at Kings Thorn is a big disincentive for users.

St. Owens Cross residents have to walk some way to a bus stop on the A49. The service used to divert some busses along the A4137 to the cross roads and then turn onto the B4521 back to the A49. There is not likely to be much use if the bus goes straight up the A49 but diverting via St. Owens Cross would give the residents a service and the bus company possibly extra fares.

Residents in rural areas have to use their cars because the services are inadequate and quite expensive even with subsidies so if traffic is discouraged from the town centres, particularly Hereford, partly by raising parking charges this will hit the rural areas very heavily.

Sutton St. Nicholas Parish Council

Regarding the above the Parish Council has completed the online survey , the Parish Council also resolved agreement with the Strategy subject to the Bodenham Route being extended to Leominster and the Bromyard Route also being extended to Leominster