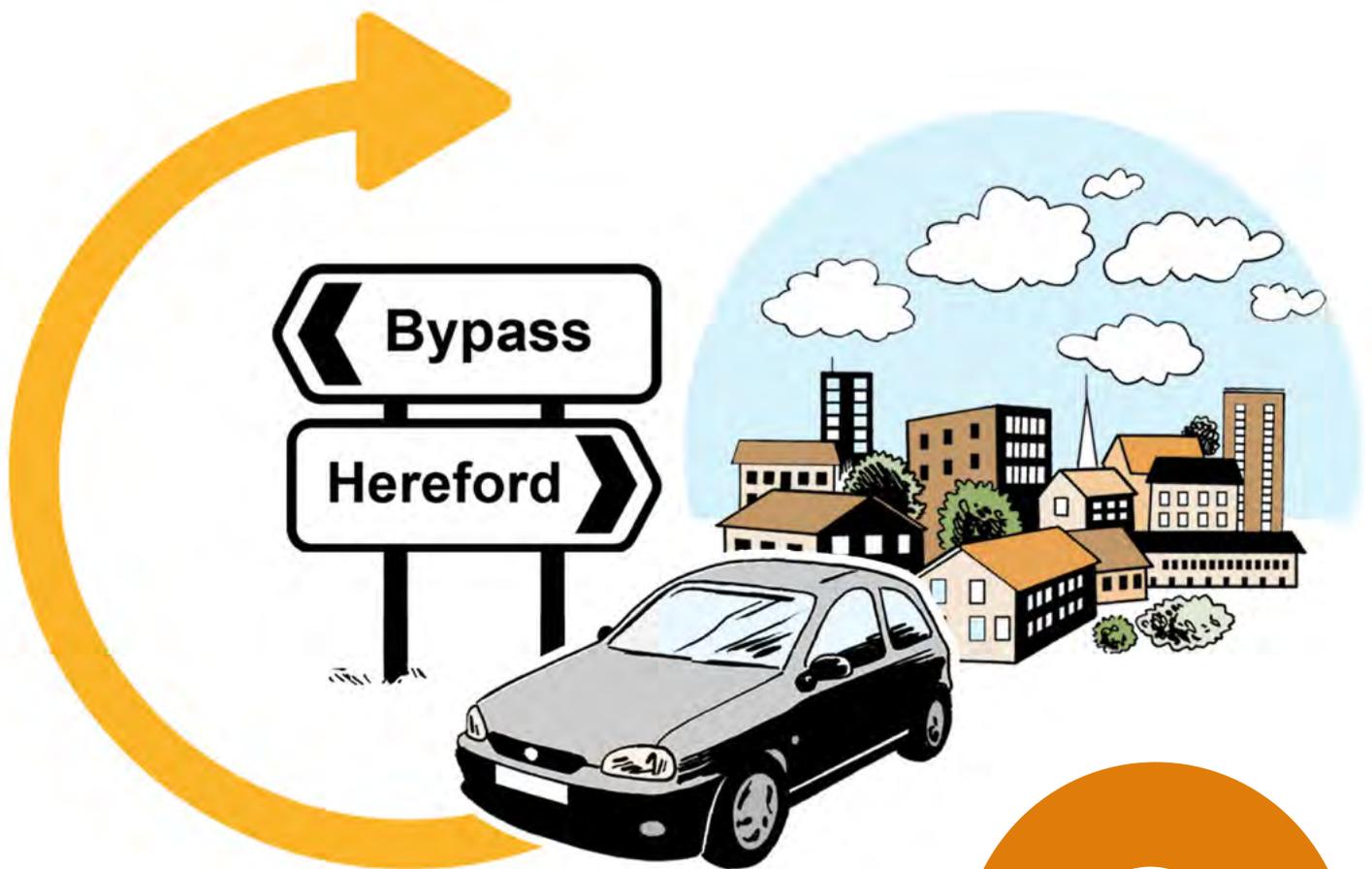


Hereford Transport Package (HTP)

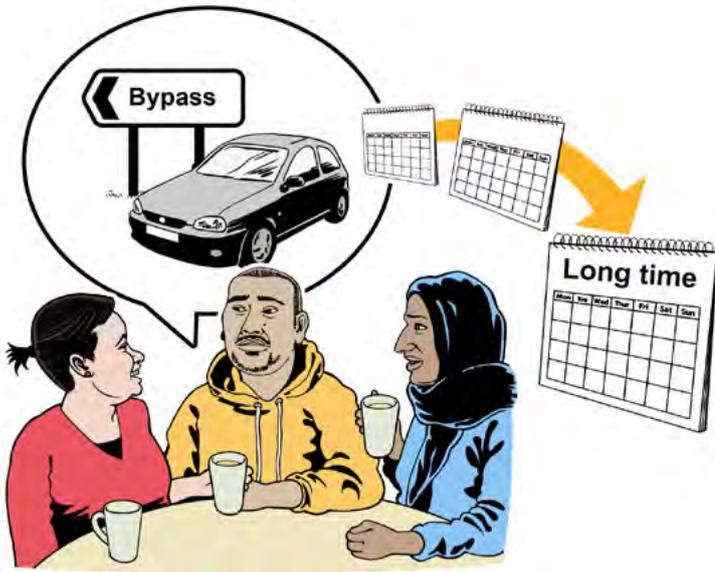
Public Consultation 2 Guide

This consultation will run until 20th March 2018

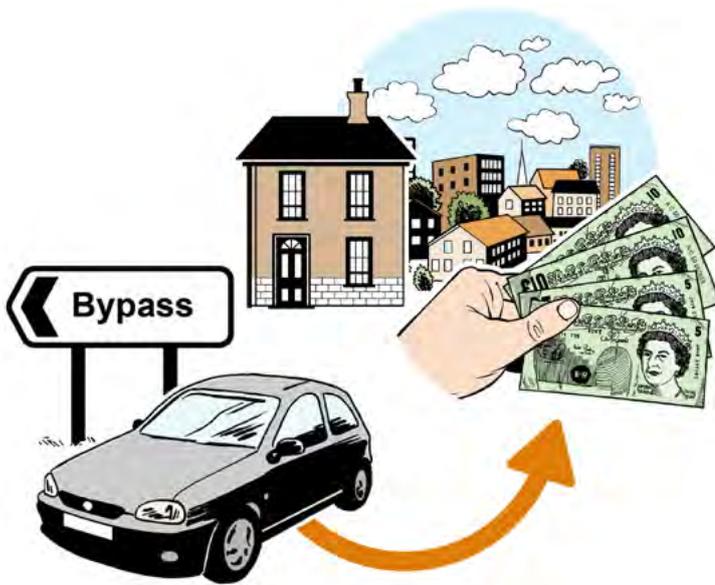


Easy Read

Forward by Councillor Price



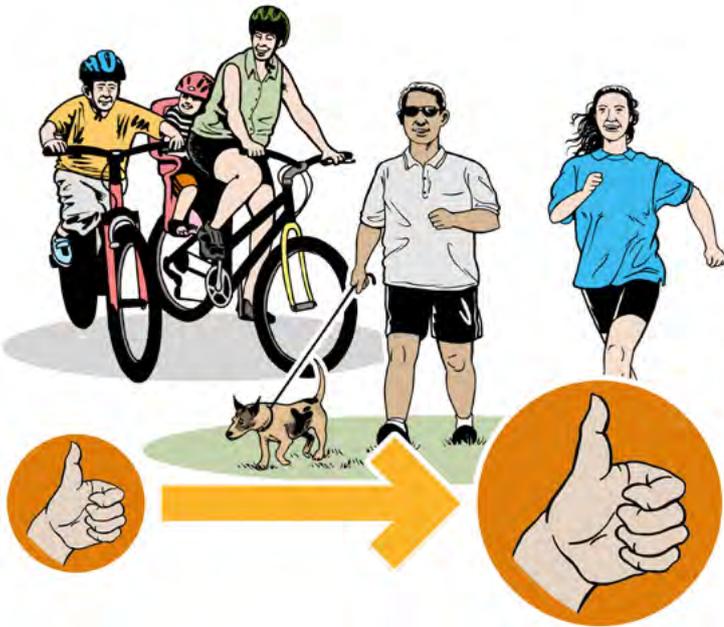
There has been talk of a bypass for Hereford for a long time.



We think the bypass would help the area grow through better road links, new homes, and new businesses.



We also think building a world class university would help the area grow.



We think we could make walking and cycling in Hereford better and bring down traffic congestion.

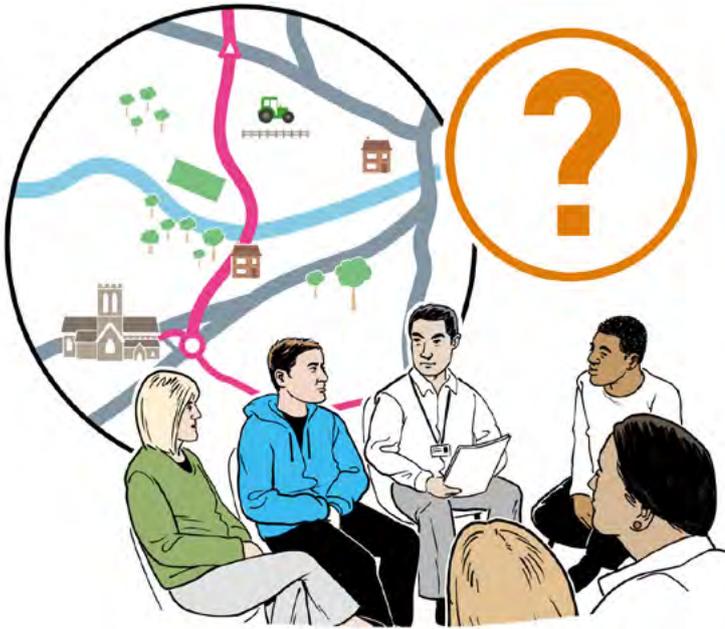


I believe the HTP would improve the lives of all the residents.



I am happy we are working with Highways England on the Bypass and with the support of Marches LEP, the Welsh Government, and Midlands Connect.





We are now consulting on the next phase of the bypass which is a list of possible routes.

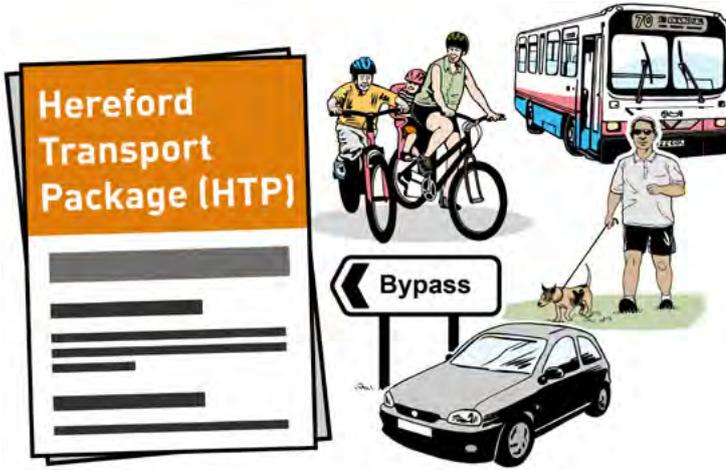


We would like your views to help us move forward.



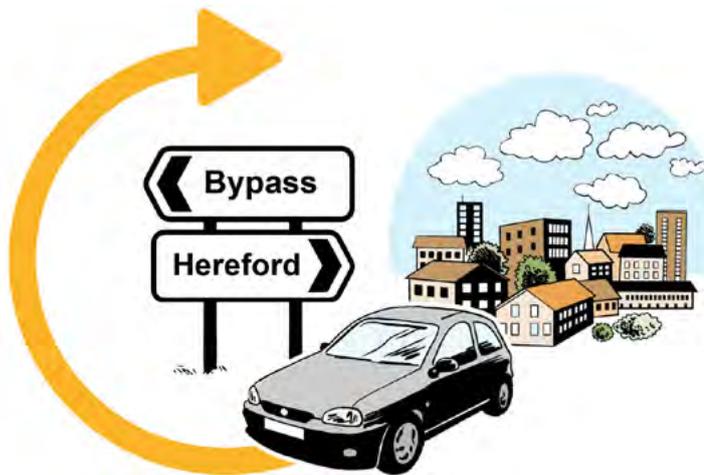
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Cabinet Member for
Infrastructure

The Hereford Transport Package (HTP)



The HTP includes the Hereford bypass and the improvement of walking, cycling, bus and public areas.

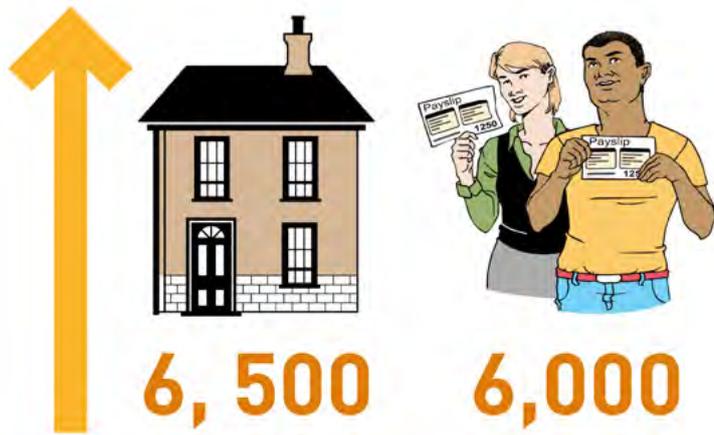
Hereford Bypass



The bypass will be a new road to the west of Hereford crossing the River Wye.



It will offer a different way for cars to go so they don't have to drive through Hereford.



The bypass would help 6500 new homes to be built and 6000 new jobs.



It will also help us to build a new university and make the Hereford Enterprise Zone bigger.

Walking, Cycling, Bus and Public Area Improvements



There is a group of planned improvements in Hereford to increase walking, cycling and bus use for short journeys.

Hereford Transport Package Aims



An aim is a goal or something that you want to happen. In the first consultation we had five aims for the HTP.



Since then we have thought about what you told us and turned the 5 aims into these 8 aims.



1.

Help the area to grow financially



2.

Improve road connections in the area



3.

Encourage healthier lifestyles



4.

Create alternatives to car transport for journeys in the city



5.

Reduce the impact of accidents and breakdowns on the city's road network



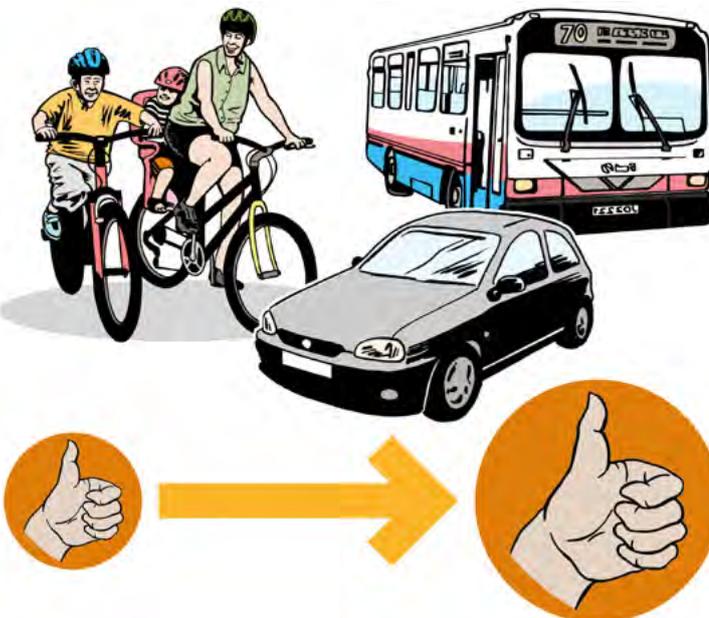
6.

Improve air quality and reduce noise



7.

Improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists



8.

Improve safety for all road users

Public Consultation 1 – Your Feedback



Our first consultation on the HTP took place between April and May 2017.



We asked people what they thought about transport problems in Hereford and the plans for the bypass.



We also asked for ideas on ways to improve cycling, walking, and bus journeys in the City.



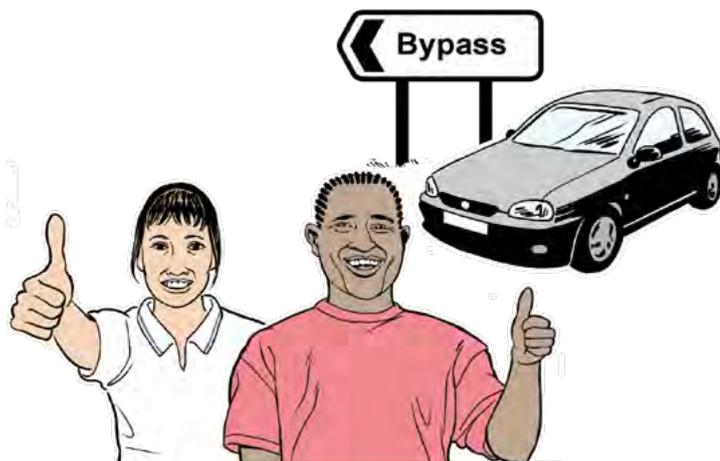
You can read about the findings here:

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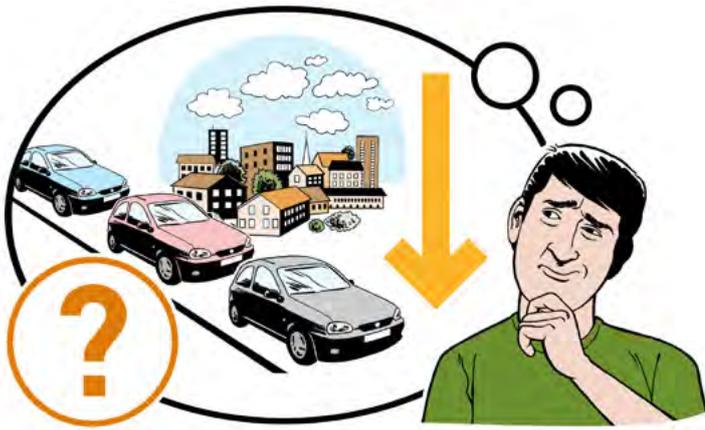
Traffic Conditions



Congestion is thought to be one of the biggest problems in the city.



The idea of a bypass road to solve the transport problems was supported.



People felt that the most important things to consider when working out whether a bypass was a good idea were:

1. Whether the route would reduce traffic in the city



2. How the route would affect the landscape and historic buildings.



3. How the route would affect homes.



4. How the route would improve the area for cyclists, walkers, and bus users.

Walking and Cycling



The first consultation showed that improving walking and cycling routes was important.



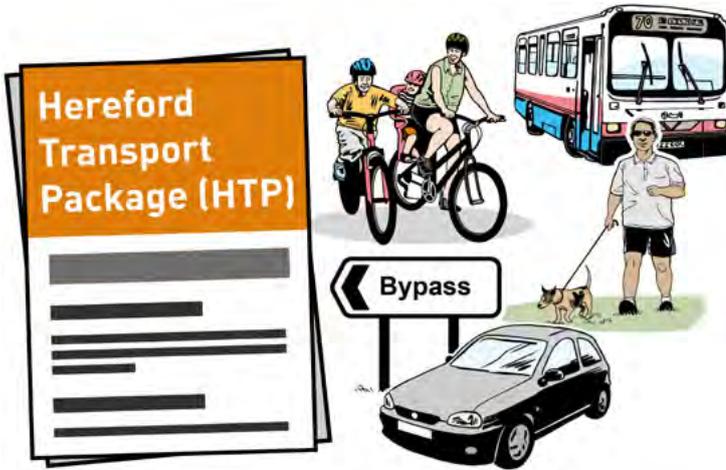
But people felt that even after improving these routes there would still be barriers e.g. safety and cost.

Bus services



People think that bus service in the city is poor. And that an improved bus service is important.

Hereford Transport Package Development



The HTP is a part of a wider transport strategy.



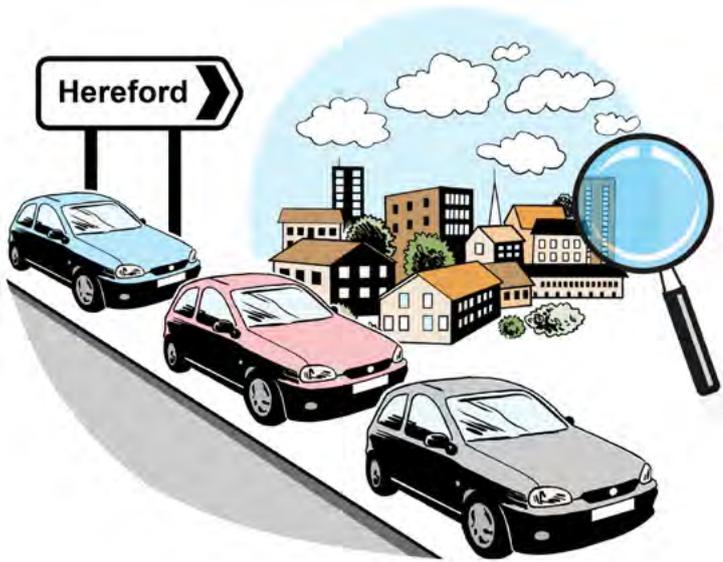
This means the planned improvements will help the areas outside of Hereford including the Marches Region.



Over the past year we have looked at ways that we can meet the eight aims. We followed these steps:



1. In 2015 we worked out an area for the bypass routes. We called this the bypass corridor.



We looked at the transport conditions in Hereford and past consultations.



This was to see what would help people to walk and cycle more.



2.

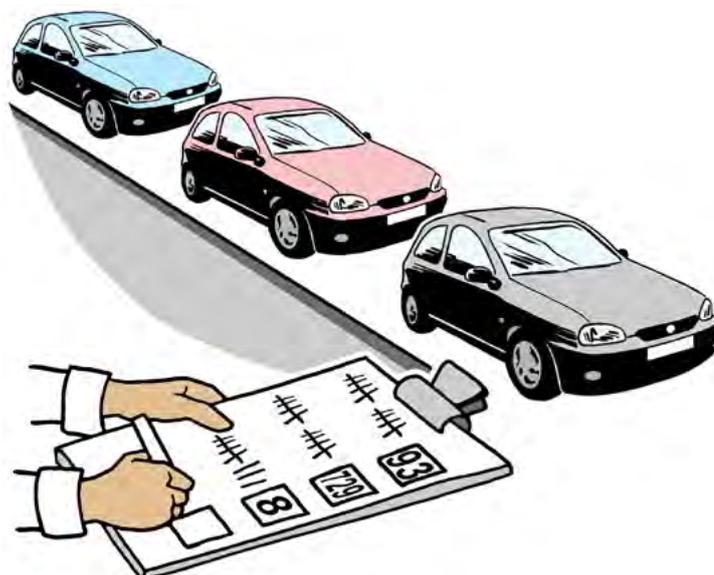
We looked at 24 possible routes for the bypass.



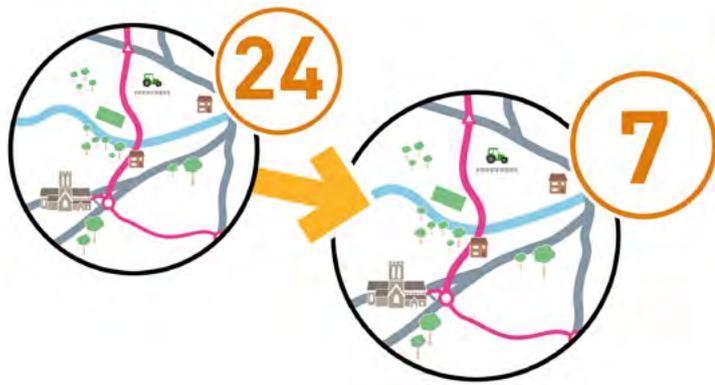
We thought about how we could improve cycling, walking, buses and public space in the city.



We carried out environmental, noise, and air surveys in 2017.



We carried out traffic counts and transport surveys.



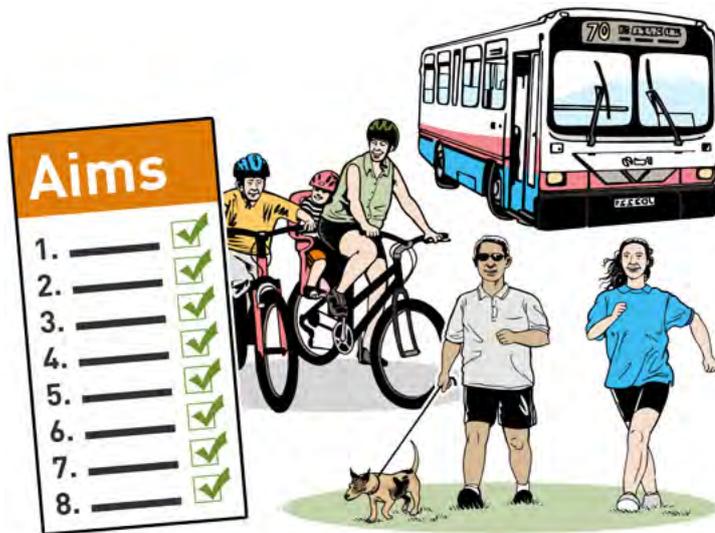
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We assessed the 24 possible bypass routes and came up with 7 routes to bring to this consultation.



The assessment can be viewed here:

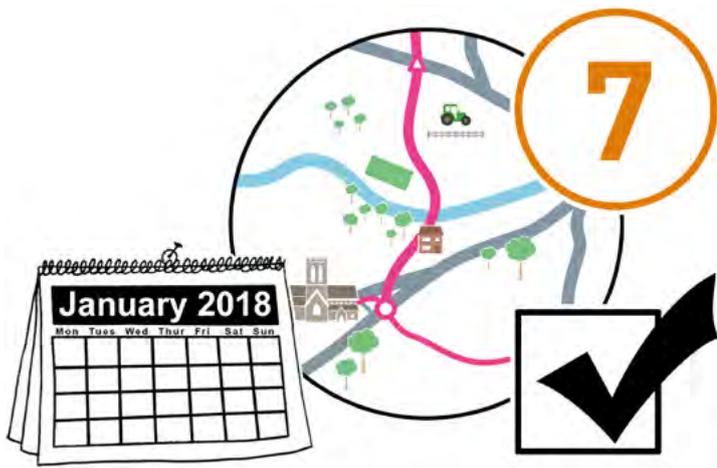
www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP



The walking, cycling, bus and public space improvements that meet the 8 aims have been written up for consultation.



A series of air, field, and tree surveys were completed.



The outcome of these steps was that:

The seven possible bypass routes were approved in January 2018 by the Council's cabinet.



The possible walking, cycling, bus and public space improvements were also approved.

We are consulting with you about seven suggested routes for the bypass.

The effects

Each route has been assessed to show what effect the bypass would have on different parts of Hereford.

We have used a coloured key to show the effects with:

Dark green	There will be no effect on the environment and area
Light green	There will be a very small effect on the environment and area
Amber	There will be some effects on the environment and area
Red	The bypass will affect the environment and area a lot
Purple	There will be a very large effect on the environment and area

The next pages will show you the suggested routes and their possible effect on Hereford.

Suggested Route 1

Colour Orange



This route will:

Be 8.1-8.6km long

Have 4 junctions

Cost £129million

Have a 280 metre bridge

The effects

Sharper turn	Southern Link Road (this is the pink line on the map)
4	4 houses that will be demolished
	Belmont Abbey (Grade 2 listed) and its grounds
	Belmont Lodge (Grade 2 listed) and its park and gardens.
	Belmont Lodge unregistered park and gardens.
	Green Lane Ancient Woodland
	Veteran (very old) trees
	Landscape and visual effect north of the River Wye
	Landscape and visual effect south of the River Wye
	Landscape and visual effect on the River Wye corridor
	Wye Coppice / Rough Coppice Ancient Woodland
	Landscape and visual effect of central and northern part of the area
58 - 69	There will be 58-69 farming fields affected
	Queen Elizabeth II playing fields
	Three Elms housing project

Suggested Route 2

Colour Cyan (light blue)



This route will:

Be 7.9 – 8.1km long

Have 4 junctions

Cost £129-£134million

Have a 280 metre bridge

The effects

Sharper turn	Southern Link Road (this is the pink line on the map)
3	Number of houses that will be demolished
	Belmont Abbey (Grade 2 listed) and its grounds
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	Landscape and visual effect of central and northern part of the area
70 - 81	Number of farming fields affected
	Queen Elizabeth II playing fields
	Three Elms housing project

Suggested Route 3

Colour Yellow



This route will: Be 7.9 – 8.1km long

Have 4 junctions

Cost £129million

Have a 280 metre bridge

The effects

Sharper turn	Southern Link Road (this is the pink line on the map)
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	Landscape and visual effect of central and northern part of the area
58 - 69	Number of farming fields affected
	Queen Elizabeth II playing fields
	Three Elms housing project

Suggested Route 4

Colour Red



This route will:

Be 7.9km long

Have 4 junctions

Cost £129million

Have a 280 metre bridge

The effects

Normal turn	Southern Link Road (this is the pink line on the map)
3	Number of houses that will be demolished
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	Landscape and visual effect of central and northern part of the area
58 - 69	Number of farming fields affected
	Queen Elizabeth II playing fields
	Three Elms housing project

Suggested Route 5

Colour Olive (dark green)



This route will:

Be 7.9km long

Have 4 junctions

Cost £129million

Have a 365 metre bridge

The effects

Normal turn	Southern Link Road (this is the pink line on the map)
3	Number of houses that will be demolished
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58 - 69	Number of farming fields affected
	Queen Elizabeth II playing fields
	Three Elms housing project

Suggested Route 6

Colour Black 1



This route will:

Be 8.1 – 8.6km long

Have 4 junctions

Cost £129-£134million

Have a 365 metre bridge

The effects

Normal turn	Southern Link Road (this is the pink line on the map)
5	Number of houses that will be demolished
	Belmont Abbey (Grade 2 listed) and its grounds
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	Landscape and visual effect of central and northern part of the area
70-81	Number of farming fields affected
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	Three Elms housing project

Suggested Route 7

Colour Black 2



This route will:

Be 8.1 – 8.6km long

Have 4 junctions

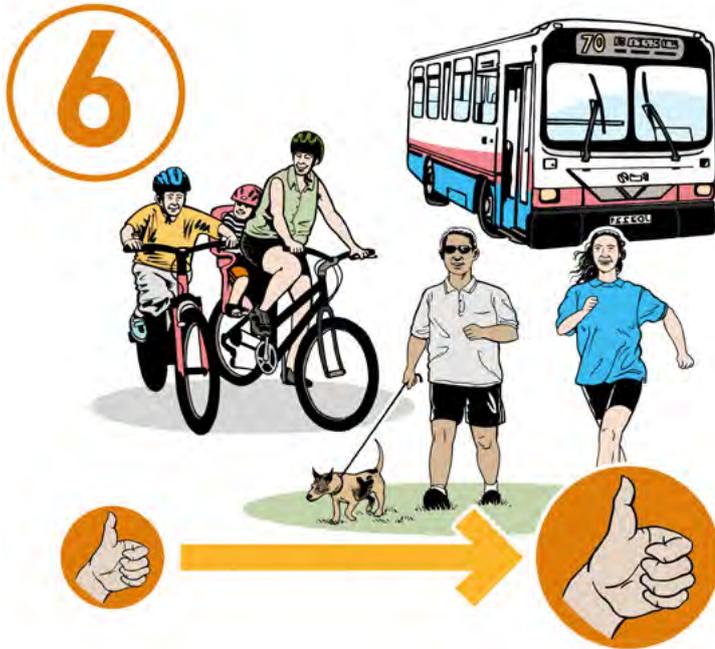
Cost £135-£140million

Have a 280 metre bridge

The effects

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We are also consulting with you about walking, cycling, bus and public area improvements



There are six key themes for improving walking, cycling, bus and other short journeys in Hereford.

The following list shows the improvements to be made and where they may happen:

1. Traffic Management



Improvements:

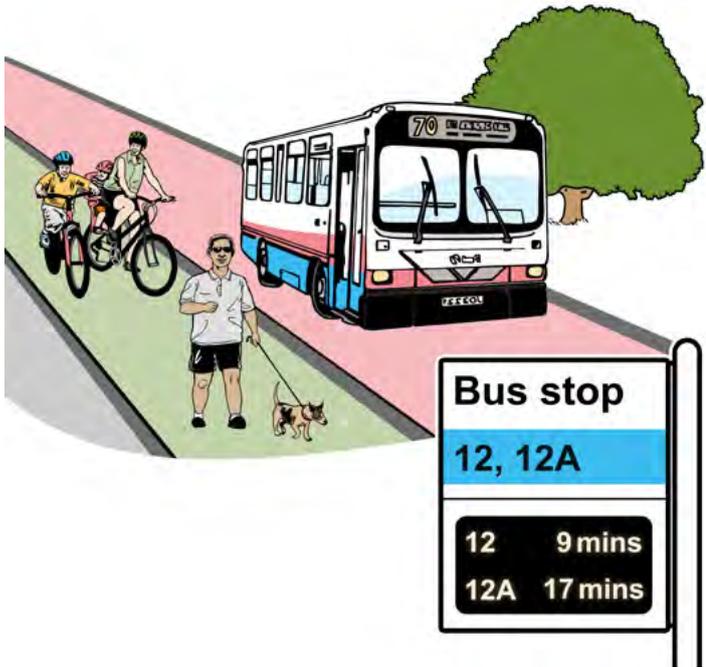
- 20mph speed limit
- HGV restrictions



Where:

- 20mph on residential streets
- HGV restrictions between bypass junctions and the city centre

2. Better use of public space



Improvements:

- Shared walking and cycling paths
- New bus lanes
- Wider footways and cycle lanes
- Improved streets with trees
- Improvements to bus stops, for example real-time information



Where:

A49 north of ASDA superstore, Eign Street, Whitecross Road, King's Acre Road, Ledbury Road, Eign Mill Road, Aylestone Hill, Three Elms Road, Burcott Road, Widemarsh St, Granstand Road, Yazor Road

3. Junction improvements for walkers, cyclists, and bus users



Improvements:

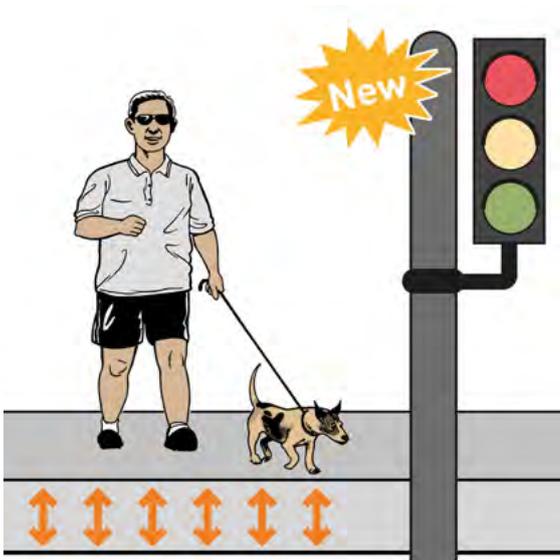
- Safe crossings at junctions
- New crossings
- Cycle friendly junction designs
- Better junctions for buses



Where:

A49 and A465 ASDA gyratory, A49 junction with Barton Road, A49 and A438 (Steels) roundabout, A49 junction with Blackfriars Street
Edgar Street and Newtown Road roundabout, Whitecross roundabout
Grandstand Road and Yazor Road roundabout, Outfall Works Road and Eign Road junction, Roman Road and Holmer Road roundabout

4. Crossing improvements along and across main roads



Improvements:

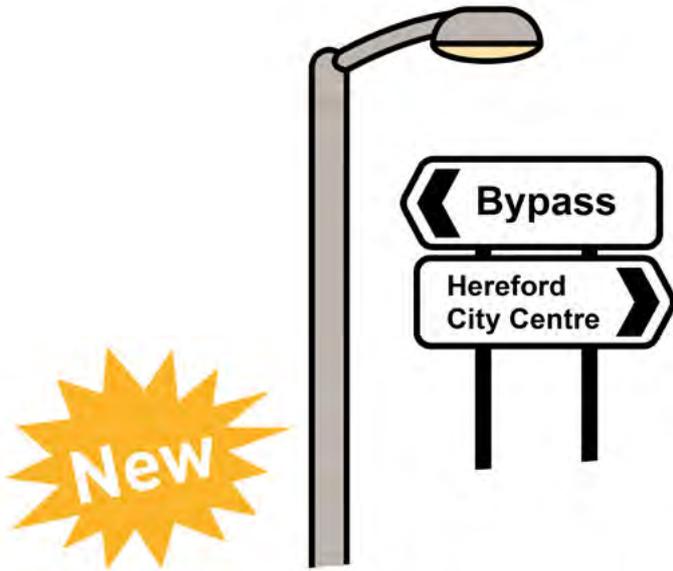
- Giving walking and cycling more priority, for example by raising footways
- New or updated crossings



Where:

A49 north of ASDA superstore, Eign Street, Whitecross Road, King's Acre Road, Ledbury Road, Aylestone Hill, Burcott Road, Widemarsh St, Yazor Road

5. Improving traffic free paths



Improvements:

- Better lighting, surfacing and signage
- Wider paths
- Improving ramps and access to paths
- New connections to roads



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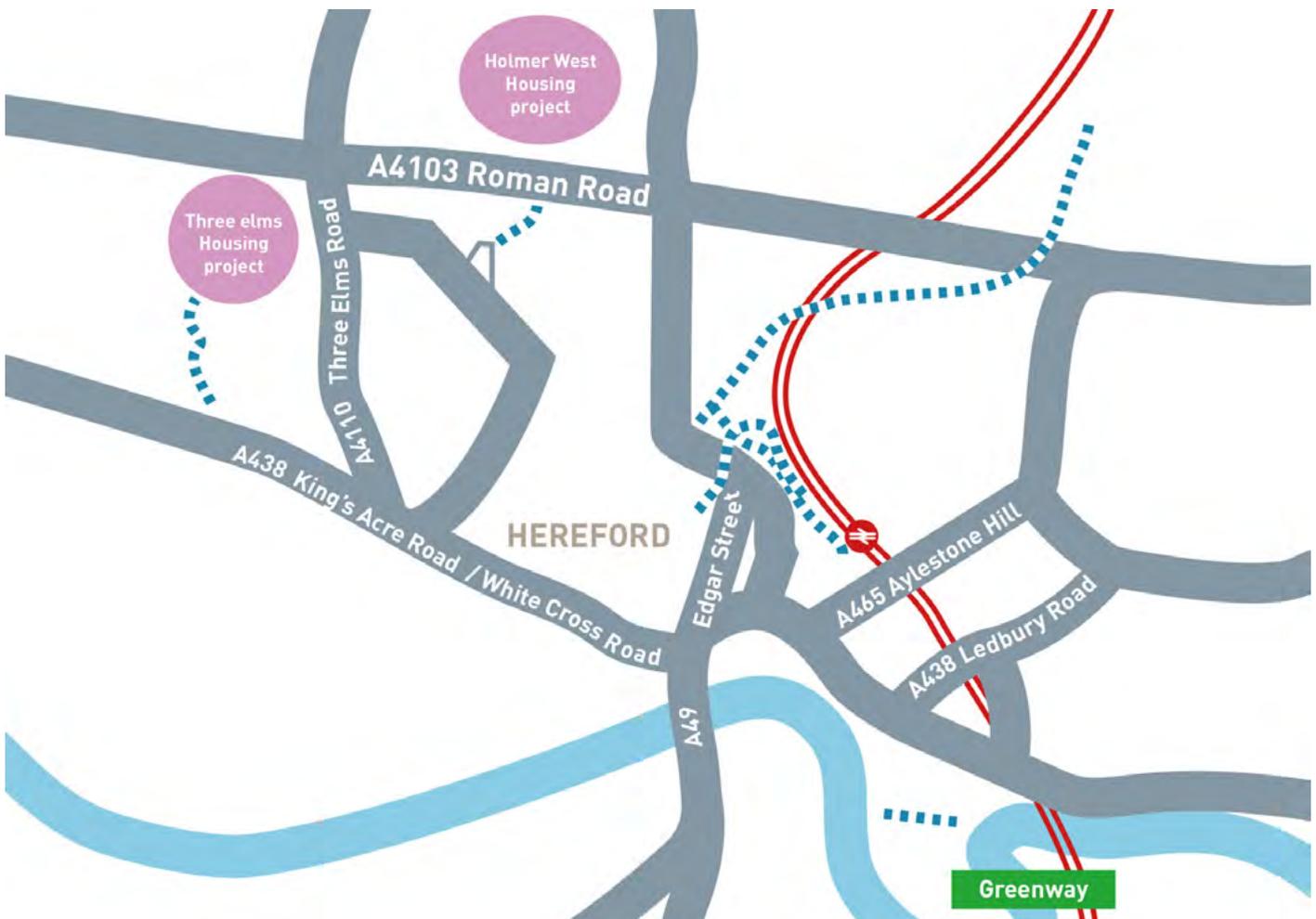
Great Western Way, Hurdman Walk, Hereford Greenway,
Belmont cycleway

6. New traffic free paths



Improvements:

- New green corridors for walking and cycling
- Connections to Holmer West and Three Elms urban expansion areas
- 'Park and Choose' sites



Where:

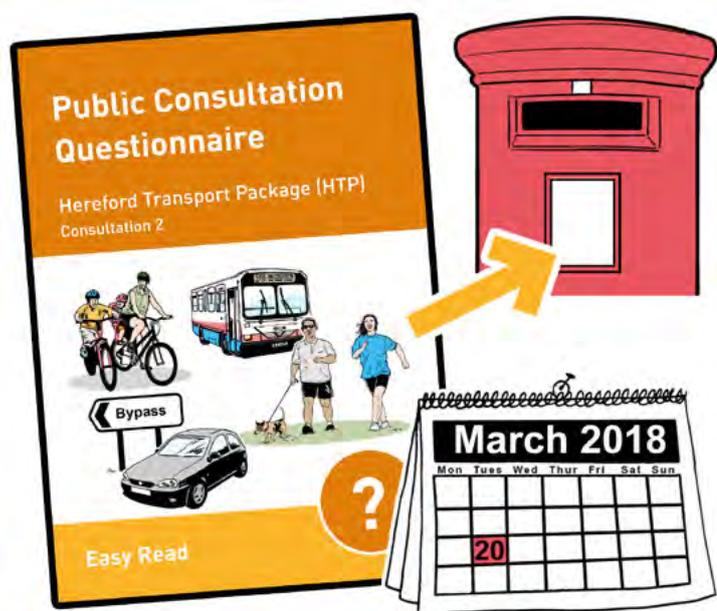
Along towpath in north-east of Hereford, Connecting the Greenway to Green Street in the south east of city centre, Connecting Roman Road to Highmore Street, On Huntington Lane connecting to Three Elms expansion

Have your say on the HTP



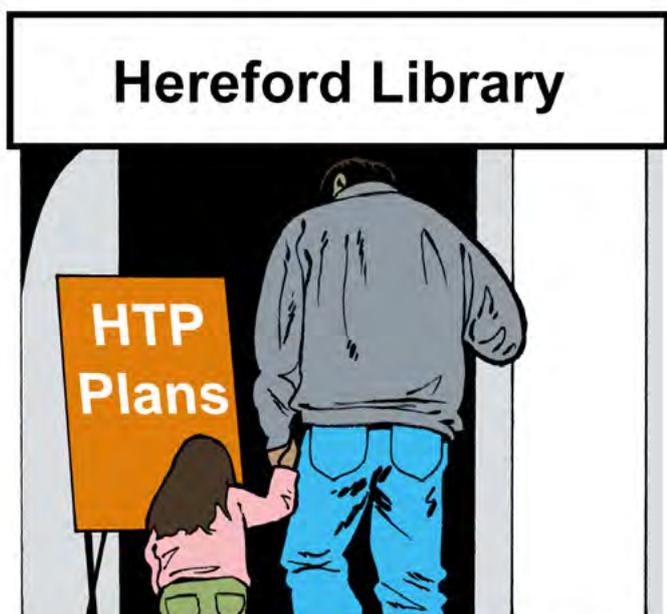
You can let us know what you think in these ways:

- A questionnaire can be completed online at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/HTP



- Or you can complete the easy read questionnaire and post it back to us at the address on the back page of this guide.

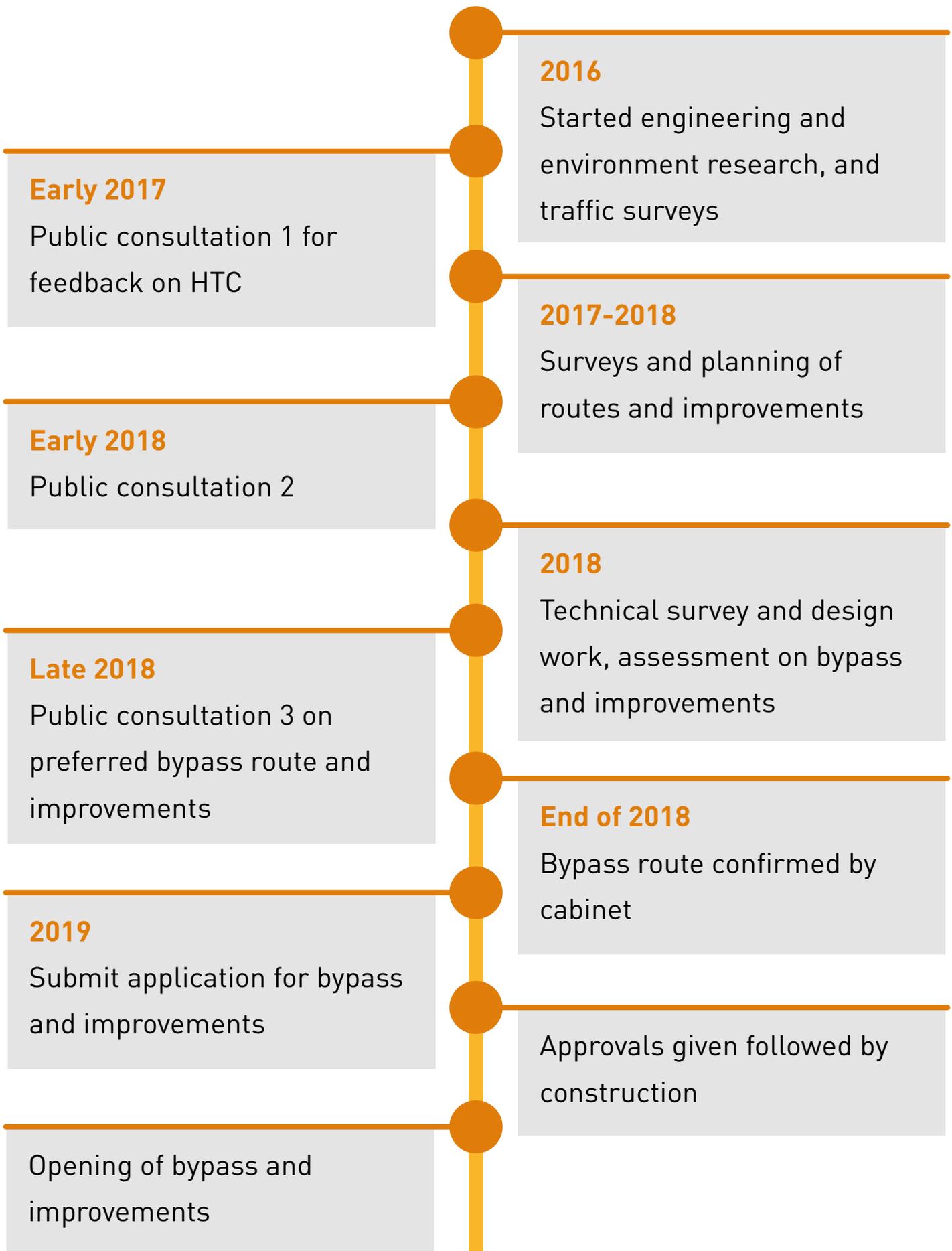
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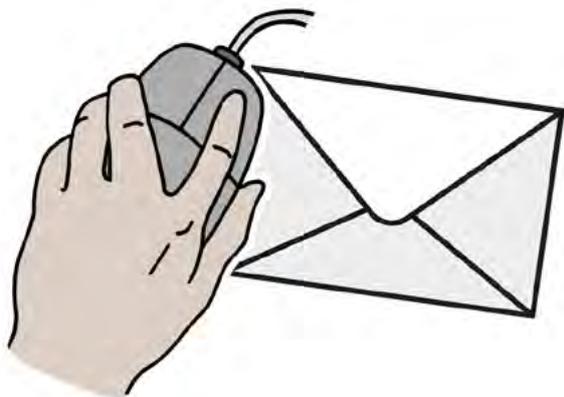
You can view the HTP plants at Hereford Library until Tuesday 20th March during opening hours.

You can also go on Saturday 10th March from 11:00 to 14:00.

Hereford Transport Package Timeline



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