

Dorchester Transport Action Group (DTAG) Survey.

Background:

The Dorchester Transport Action Group (DTAG) is one of a number of TAG's across the Dorset Council area that are working to influence improvements to public transport, walking and cycling in Dorset and to support the vision of a low-carbon transport network across Dorset. DTAG works closely with Dorchester Town Council and we have a number of Councillors as members of our group. DTAG is specifically interested in transport issues in and around Dorchester but we recognise that Dorchester has influences which extend well beyond the boundaries of the town. People need mobility to go to work, attend school or college, visit health facilities or simply pursue leisure activity and it is therefore very important that DTAG gets input from surrounding parishes to make sure our proposals are based on what all local people want, not just in Dorchester, but in the surrounding areas as well.

Links to Dorset Council:

The TAG groups are recognised by Dorset Council and we meet with them at least annually. Last summer, the TAGs were asked by Dorset Council to provide input into their revised Local Transport Plan for Dorset. A copy of our submission is attached for your information.

How your Parish Council can help:

The Local Transport Plan is an ongoing process and, to help with future submissions, we would value your input regarding your transport issues and how they could be improved. This doesn't mean we are making any claim to represent you. But we feel it will enhance our ability to develop a coherent local plan if we can tap into the identified needs and aspirations of the surrounding communities.

This Questionnaire:

We are writing to many parishes around Dorchester asking them a series of questions about their transport links. We hope that you will be able to circulate this questionnaire to your councillors and table it at your first available parish meeting. If possible, we would be grateful if you could complete this questionnaire and return it to us by **End February 2023**. If not, please let us know what extra time you require.

We will collate all the responses and make the results available to all those parishes that responded to our request. We recognise that priorities may well vary by location, but our aim is to get a core list of actions which have widespread support across the majority of respondents. We also appreciate that funding for any kind of transport improvement is difficult in the current environment so it would really help us if you can identify your highest priorities first. So, please be specific about what you want to see and where. Phrases like "more buses at all times" will not help us develop a credible plan. Please feel free to expand the tables and add additional items if required. Please also feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you very much for your help.

Further Support:

We offer a warm welcome if any of your councillors or local community people are interested in joining our group and supporting its activities. Similarly, please let us know if you would like us to make a presentation at one of your council meetings. To support the work of DTAG, we would be grateful if you would consider putting a link to our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/475488601041536> on your website or facebook page.

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Name of Parish:

Contact Details:

H = High, M = Medium, L = Low

Busses	Detail – specify measures	Location/area	Priority H M L
What additional bus services do you consider critical to the travel needs of your local area.			
Bus Priority Measures – bus lanes, bus priority junctions, bus gates, bus route clearways (parking removal)			
Improved infrastructure – bus stops, timetable cases, seating/shelters, safe spaces, mobility hubs			
Bus Fares - fare reductions, new types of tickets, purchasing systems, ticketless travel			
Community buses: minibuses, hospital cars, TC/PC funded, voluntary, charity run			
On-demand services, flexible response, electric buses,			
Information and Publicity			

Trains	Detail – specify measures	Location/area	Priority H M L
Better rail services, additional rail services, additional stops (halts), integration with other travel modes			
Train fares - fare reductions, new types of tickets, purchasing systems, ticketless travel			

Cycling	Detail – specify measures	Location/area	Priority H M L
New Cycle routes: on-road or off-road.			
Bike hire – including e-bikes			
Cycle parking facilities			
Scooters / e-scooter hire			

Walking	Detail – specify measures	Location/area	Priority H M L
Walking routes – footpaths and bridleways			
Pedestrian crossings – zebra or light controlled			
Dropped kerbs, wider pavements			
Other ways to encourage Active Travel			

Cars and Taxis	Detail – specify measures	Location/area	Priority H M L
Traffic management, traffic calming, restricted access, pedestrianisation, other infrastructure, signage			
Measures to cope with holiday traffic: inconsiderate/illegal parking, congestion			
Speed limits – 20 mph, speed indicating devices, speed cameras			
EV charging – public, car parks, on-street			
Car sharing – clubs, public			
Park & ride schemes			

Mobility	Detail – specify measures	Location/area	Priority H M L
Accessible parking for people with limited mobility, vision & hearing, blue badge holders, residents' parking			
Mobility Hubs – Central areas which connect together different transport types – busses, trains, walking and cycling routes, and community transport.			
Provisions for people with reduced mobility			
Uneven surfaces that need repairs/upgrades			

Other	Detail – specify measures	Location/area	Priority H M L

If you had to prioritise you “top three” from the above submission, which would you choose?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Many thanks for helping us complete this survey, if you have any questions please contact our Secretary, Giles Watts on email dorchesterTAG@gmail.com or my mobile on 07840061712.

Stewart Palmer, Chair, DTAG.