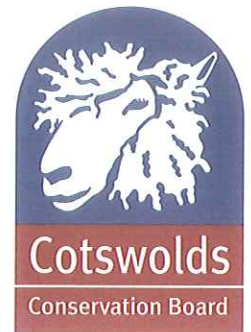


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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on Warwickshire County Council Draft Local Transport Plan 3

Please find attached the response of the Cotswolds Conservation Board to the above consultation.

It should be noted that not all elements of the public consultation document have been responded to, only those that are considered to have a direct or indirect impact on the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or its management, or the Cotswolds AONB Conservation Board.

Yours sincerely



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Warwickshire County Council Draft Local Transport Plan 3 Response of the Cotswolds Conservation Board

1. The Board notes that in paragraph 7.54 of the Core Strategy a brief reference is made to the existence of the Cotswolds AONB. The Board would expect to see
 - a) Some indication of the significance of this designation and the implications of such a designation, particularly in relation to the duty placed upon the Council by section 85 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act; and
 - b) A Reference to the Cotswolds AONB Management Plan 2008-11 which has been endorsed by the County Council and includes transport policies.
2. The Board is also disappointed to note that the Core Strategy does not refer to the Guidelines for Highway Management and Maintenance in the Cotswolds AONB agreed with the Cotswold AONB Transport Group. It would be the Board's wish that this document is referred to in the Core Strategy at appropriate points and appended as a "Topic Strategy"
3. The Board is concerned about proposals outlined in paragraph 7.5.50 for dualing of the A46 between Ashchurch and Evesham. This route passes through the Cotswolds AONB to the east of Bredon Hill. The Board would object to any proposals which adversely affected the special qualities of the AONB, including tranquillity.
4. The Board notes that in paragraph 18.2.3 the Council is looking for more effective ways of managing the impacts of HGVs. The Board would suggest that the Council considers the example of the Gloucestershire County Council Cotswolds Lorry Management Zone, which has been effective in reducing HGV movements through sensitive a landscape.