

**SOUTH EAST MANCHESTER MULTI MODAL (SEMMM) STRATEGY REFRESH -  
CONSULTATION DRAFT**

Report of the

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 In November 2017, Cabinet reviewed and agreed Stockport's transport priorities following the outcomes of the South East Manchester Mutli Modal Strategy (SEMMMS) Issues and Options consultation.
- 1.2 Work has been progressing since this agreement was reached, to translate these priorities into a draft SEMMM Strategy document ready for public consultation prior to its final adoption by both Stockport and Cheshire East Councils. A copy of the draft Strategy is at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 A public consultation on the draft Strategy commenced on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May and is due to run for a 6 week period closing on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Following the consultation, the draft Strategy will be reviewed and revised in light of the feedback received and a final version will be submitted for consideration by the Council later this year.
- 1.4 The committee are recommended to note the activities being undertaken as part of the consultation period and comment on the draft Strategy.

**2. BACKGROUND TO THE STRATEGY REFRESH**

- 2.1 The original South East Manchester Multi-Modal (SEMMM) Strategy was published in 2001 and outlined a 20 year transport plan for the South East Manchester area. Significant progress has been made in delivering the original strategy (including delivery of A6MARR, integrated transport corridors, and pedestrian and cycling improvements) but it has become out of date and needs to be updated to account for what has been achieved since 2001 but also the residual issues and ongoing change happening in Stockport and in neighbouring areas.
- 2.2 The wider policy and strategic context has also evolved during this period, including due to the election of the Greater Manchester Mayor and establishment of Transport for the North. A review of the original SEMMM Strategy is needed to account for this and the resulting emerging policy priorities and agendas both locally and nationally.
- 2.3 The Council and neighbouring authorities have been working to refresh and build on the original SEMMM Strategy looking forward to 2040. When adopted, the refreshed SEMMM Strategy will be the overarching strategy for transport in the south east Manchester area, and, alongside the Stockport Local Plan and Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), will be a major element of the long term strategic framework for the borough. When completed, the refreshed

SEMMM Strategy will set the Council's priorities for transport investment across the south east Manchester area until 2040.

2.4 Following the Issues and Options consultation in Autumn 2017, a series of workstreams have been progressed in order to prepare a draft Strategy. These include:

- Options assessment work to shortlist the schemes for inclusion in the final strategy
- Strategic highway modelling to test the schemes and identify a preferred package of measures
- Engagement and testing of the emerging draft strategy with wider SEMMMS Stakeholders, including TfGM, Manchester Airport, Highways England and neighbouring authorities.

2.5 A draft Strategy has now been produced which sets out the priorities for the SEMMMS area out to 2040 and presents what delivery of the strategy in its entirety could mean for the SEMMMS area. Whilst the delivery of the package of schemes will be subject to further investigations to evaluate the technical feasibility and commercial viability of individual schemes, the draft Strategy presents the priorities for the SEMMMS area which should be explored further and progressed by both the Council, its partners, and wider stakeholders.

### **3. KEY FEATURES OF THE STRATEGY**

3.1 The draft Strategy is included at Appendix 1 but in summary, the document sets out a vision to deliver a transport network in the SEMMMS area which “supports inclusive sustainable economic growth, improves quality of life and protects the environment”.

3.2 Reflecting the principles of the original SEMMM Strategy, the draft Strategy continues to promote a multi-modal approach but places additional emphasis on sustainable transport given the increasing need for the transport system to contribute to a number of wider agendas, including improved air quality, improved public health and wellbeing, and addressing climate change.

3.3 In line with this ethos, the strategy presents 8 Strategic Priorities:

- SP1 – Multi-modal improvements throughout the A34 corridor
- SP2 – A new Bus Rapid Transit network
- SP3 – Improving major transport interchanges (including Stockport Town Centre, Manchester Airport and Macclesfield Town Centre).
- SP4 – Enhancing the rail network across the area
- SP5 – Continued development of the cycling and walking networks
- SP6 – Introduction of rapid transit (including Metrolink) to better connect Stockport to neighbouring areas
- SP7 – Multi-modal improvements to support the A6 corridor
- SP8 – Closer integration of transport with land use planning

3.4 In addition the Strategic Priorities the draft Strategy also sets out proposals relating to the A523 corridor, orbital travel connections, Stockport Town Centre, tackling poor air quality and improving our local and district centres.

3.5 Further details on the Strategic Priorities and the associated measures can be found in the draft Strategy (Appendix 1).

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS FOR STOCKPORT AND INTERACTION WITH THE GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK**

4.1 The SEMMM Strategy Refresh has been undertaken in partnership with Cheshire East Council and has taken on board the views and ambitions of wider stakeholders across the wider SEMMMS area.

4.2 The Strategy considers how the transport system must respond to accommodate additional house building and job creation across the SEMMMS area and in neighbouring areas. The geography of the SEMMMS area means that cross-boundary travel is prominent and adjacent developments will have impacts on the transport system in neighbouring areas. The growth plans of neighbouring authorities beyond Stockport have, therefore, been reviewed and considered in developing the identified package of measures.

4.3 Alongside this, work continues to progress the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) and the Strategy takes account of the proposals put forward in the 2016 draft GMSF. Prior to its final adoption the draft Strategy will be reviewed to consider the implications of the next iteration of the GMSF.

4.4 However, the Strategy strongly recognises the existing major transport challenges and issues in Stockport and, reflecting the priorities agreed by Scrutiny and Cabinet in November 2017, identifies a multi-modal package of measures with an emphasis on sustainable transport interventions needed to address these issues in the borough now.

4.5 Presenting the draft Strategy at this stage enables the Council and its partners to seek feedback from members of the public on the identified priorities and ensure that these are considered and reviewed as part of the GMSF process.

#### **5. APPROACH TO THE CONSULTATION**

5.1 A public consultation on the draft Strategy launched on the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 and will continue for a 6 week period until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. During this period residents, businesses and stakeholders across the SEMMMS area are encouraged to submit their views on the draft Strategy. In order to make it as easy as possible for people to give their feedback, the following consultation activities are being undertaken in Stockport:

Online	A copy of the draft Strategy is available to view online and accompanied by an online questionnaire.  Paper copies of the document and questionnaire are also available to view in all libraries and in the Town Hall.
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	The details of the consultation are being promoted online via the Council's website and social media channels.																																																												
Engagement events	<p>A series of drop-in exhibition events are being held across the borough to enable all interested parties to view exhibition materials summarising the strategy and talk to members of the project team. These events are in addition to similar events led by Cheshire East Council. The following events have been scheduled:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>Location</th> <th>Address</th> <th>Times</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Thu 24<sup>th</sup> May</td> <td>Poynton **</td> <td>Poynton Civic Hall</td> <td>2-7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tue 29<sup>th</sup> May</td> <td>Marple</td> <td>St Martins Parish Church</td> <td>4:30-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> May</td> <td>Disley **</td> <td>Disley Community Centre</td> <td>2-7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thu 31<sup>st</sup> May</td> <td>Cheadle</td> <td>Upper Rooms at St Mary's Church</td> <td>4-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thu 31<sup>st</sup> May</td> <td>Handforth **</td> <td>Honford Hall</td> <td>2-7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> June</td> <td>Bredbury</td> <td>Bredbury Library</td> <td>1:30-6pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June</td> <td>Reddish</td> <td>Houldsworth Village Meeting Room</td> <td>5-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thu 14<sup>th</sup> June</td> <td>Bramhall</td> <td>Bramhall Library Community Room</td> <td>3-7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June</td> <td>Macclesfield</td> <td>Macclesfield Town Hall</td> <td>2-7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June</td> <td>Town Centre</td> <td>TBC</td> <td>12- 4pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June</td> <td>Wilmslow</td> <td>Wilmslow Library</td> <td>2-7pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> June</td> <td>Hazel Grove</td> <td>Hazel Grove Civic Centre</td> <td>4-8pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June</td> <td>New Mills</td> <td>Springbank Arts Centre</td> <td>4-7:30pm</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tues 26<sup>th</sup> June</td> <td>Denton</td> <td>Denton Festival Hall</td> <td>3-7pm</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>** denotes consultation drop-in event is shared with Cheshire East Council's Local Transport Plan consultation event</p> <p>Presentations are also being held with key stakeholder groups including the Stockport Disability Access Forum and Stockport Cycle User Group.</p>	Date	Location	Address	Times	Thu 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Poynton **	Poynton Civic Hall	2-7pm	Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Marple	St Martins Parish Church	4:30-8pm	Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Disley **	Disley Community Centre	2-7pm	Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Cheadle	Upper Rooms at St Mary's Church	4-8pm	Thu 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Handforth **	Honford Hall	2-7pm	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Bredbury	Bredbury Library	1:30-6pm	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Reddish	Houldsworth Village Meeting Room	5-8pm	Thu 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Bramhall	Bramhall Library Community Room	3-7pm	Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Macclesfield	Macclesfield Town Hall	2-7pm	Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Town Centre	TBC	12- 4pm	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Wilmslow	Wilmslow Library	2-7pm	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Hazel Grove	Hazel Grove Civic Centre	4-8pm	Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> June	New Mills	Springbank Arts Centre	4-7:30pm	Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Denton	Denton Festival Hall	3-7pm
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### BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Sue Stevenson on Tel: 0161-474-4351 or by email on [sue.stevenson@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:sue.stevenson@stockport.gov.uk)