

## FOREWORD

Dear Reader,

Peterborough's first Local Transport Plan (covering the period from 2000/01 to 2005/06) was regarded as the best in the East of England. It set out the city's transport strategy, priorities and programmes of work that would underpin the delivery of the Council's vision – for Peterborough to be "the place to be in the East of England".

As time moves on, so do expectations, ambitions and outcomes. Now, Peterborough is not only one of only four national Environment Cities but also one of just three Sustainable Travel Demonstration Towns. Through extensive consultation and work with Peterborough's stakeholders, a City Centre Framework maps out how the heart of Peterborough can change over the next 15 years. The recently established Peterborough Urban Regeneration Company (Opportunity Peterborough) will help ensure that the city's aspirations can be realised.

Yet Peterborough does not seek to rest upon its laurels but strives to grow in the right way – not just in environmental terms and through sustainable growth. It seeks to offer greatly enhanced employment opportunities and develop strong, vibrant, culturally-diverse communities served by true educational opportunities providing lifelong learning, as well as great sports and leisure facilities. However, for Peterborough to truly play its part in the growth set out in the Government's Sustainable Communities Plan, new infrastructure that will serve the city well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century must be provided.

This Plan sets out how Peterborough believes transport will both complement and facilitate these aspirations – delivering travel choice, providing enhanced accessibility and building a brighter, better future for all those who live in, work in and travel to Peterborough. This is an exciting time for the city and it has set itself a challenging yet realistic agenda. We hope that we have successfully encapsulated all of this in the pages that follow.



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