

Transport for the South East draft Strategic Investment Plan Questionnaire

Introduction

We are pleased to present the draft Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) for South East England, prepared by Transport for the South East (TfSE), the region's Sub-national Transport Body.

The Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) provides a framework for investment in strategic transport infrastructure, services, and regulatory interventions. As a tier 1 stakeholder you have been part of its development throughout and we would like to offer a final opportunity to comment on how well the SIP can deliver regional benefits over the coming years.

Please consider the draft Strategic Investment Plan before submitting your response.

Feedback received as part of this engagement will be incorporated as part of the development of the final SIP which will be published in 2026.

The sections and questions below are intended to help you shape your response to the draft SIP.

Please return your response by 30 January 2026.

Thank you for taking the time to give us your views.

Alignment and Delivery of the TfSE Transport Strategy and its Missions

How well do you think the draft SIP responds to the Transport Strategy Missions?

Do you agree the schemes contribute to the delivery of the missions?

We are satisfied that the draft SIP responds well to the Transport Strategy missions, and that the schemes clearly contribute to the delivery of the missions.

SIP Schemes and Global Policy Interventions and Strategic Investment Priorities

Do you agree with the proposed schemes?

Are there any missing?

Are there any you believe should be removed?

If there are schemes you feel should be added or removed please list them along with supporting evidence.

Yes – overall we agree with the proposed schemes as these are reflective of our comments and feedback throughout the SIP engagement process. The SIP appears to now be inclusive of schemes that we requested be amended or added to the SIP in late 2025.

Although the West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-36 does not currently include all the SIP schemes in West Sussex, we recognise that TfSE has taken the views of other stakeholders into account alongside the need to align schemes to the Transport Strategy missions and that some of these schemes have potential to come forward through other investment programmes.

A Compelling Case for Investment in the South East

Does the draft SIP present a strong and compelling case for investment in the South East?

How well does the draft SIP address regional priorities whilst still reflecting local needs?

Do you agree we have identified the correct priorities for your sub-region? (in the benefits of investment)

Yes, the draft SIP presents a strong case for investment in the South East that reflects local needs and priorities in West Sussex.

Ambition and Realism

Is the draft SIP ambitious enough to meet future needs?

Is it realistic in terms of deliverability?

Regionally significant investment priorities and schemes that are important to the future success of West Sussex, and Sussex and Brighton, are sufficiently set out in this SIP and aligned with our understanding of the future needs of the county.

Any Other Comments

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions to improve the Strategic Investment Plan?

Comments on the options assessment process:

- We agree that there is a need to reduce the number of schemes listed in the SIP. However, there is a risk that this will reduce opportunities for schemes which have been grouped together. Therefore, TfSE should consider ways to mitigate this risk through its technical work programme; for example, exploring ways to develop global policy interventions and engage local stakeholders to make the case to Government and encourage continued local investment in these interventions.
- As LTPs are approached differently by each LTA, TfSE should consider providing additional definition for what it considers to be within the scope of Local Transport Plan delivery; for example, schemes expected to be funded using Local Transport Grant.