

TTG Technical Sub-group review of scope of Transport Work to support the SWLP

The Technical Sub-group of the Stratford-upon-Avon Town Transport Group (TTG) have reviewed the attached brief for the transport work being carried out for Warwickshire County Council, by Jacobs, in support of the Local Plan.

This, as its title states, is a high level transport assessment. It only considers growth, so the starting position is that congestion doesn't exist. It does not study current transport conditions with a view to creating economic transport solutions which can provide a benefit for both the current transport network and any proposed additional development. In the experience of the TTG engineers and planners, it is unusual not to analyse existing problems and opportunities to establish a base position. As such it would appear to be an exercise in trying to justify not having to provide any transport infrastructure.

The Technical Sub-group's view is that Stratford needs an Integrated Transport Plan, worked through at a level of detail, as we have proposed previously, in order to deliver a town with a vibrant local economy for the future. This piece of work for the SWLP does not provide such a plan.

WCC's LTP4 (which we understand has been signed off by their Cabinet), is also a high level document (which we have commented on previously), and does not provide a transport plan for Stratford.

We suggest that the Advisory Group should request amendments to the current transport scope, to take on board the comments made above.