



Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation response to the consultation on Cardiff Local Development Plan (2021-2036)

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The Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation (CIHT) provides strategic leadership and support to help our members develop, deliver and maintain sustainable solutions for highways, transport infrastructure and services.

CIHT is a chartered professional body for those working in highways and transportation.

We support our members throughout their careers by providing:

- Industry-recognised training and qualifications
- Professional standards
- Research and business information
- Leadership on key transportation related issues

We have members across the world, working in the public, private, academic, research and not-for-profit sectors.

CIHT is the only body to offer the full range of professional transportation qualifications including Chartered Engineer, Incorporated Engineer, Engineering Technician, Certificate of Competency in Road Safety and, uniquely, Chartered Transport Planning Professional.

These qualifications ensure that our members work to high professional standards on behalf of the societies we serve.

We have a network of valued partner organisations – representing the private, public, research and education sectors – that support and collaborate with us in our work and align to our values.

Our work is governed by our Royal Charter. Our object states that we exist:

“To advance for the public benefit the science and art associated with highways and transportation in all their aspects: and to promote education, training and research and development of the said science and art.”

In the response below, CIHT and CIHT Cymru Wales has discussed the importance of sustainable transport and delivering more efficient integrated planning and transport system across Cardiff.

For the last 20 years, governments have attempted to encourage a more sustainable approach to transport within spatial planning but have made limited progress.

Car parking and traffic still dominate housing developments. Sustainable access to local services is poor. Sustainable approaches to transport are largely non-existent. The way we currently travel and the continued growth in road traffic is damaging our health, harming our towns, and contributing to climate change.



Our quality of life depends on transport and easy access to jobs, shopping, leisure facilities, and services. We need an efficient and integrated planning and transport system to not only support a strong and prosperous economy but to reduce carbon emissions. As a sector, we are not achieving these goals.

The current planning practice is not delivering the best outcomes. New developments frequently fail to achieve sustainability because of their locations, the approaches taken to provide access, or the attitudes of everyone involved in their planning and delivery. Far too many examples still exist where the long since discredited approach of 'predict and provide' is used to the detriment of planning better places.

Integrating sustainable transport into new developments is key to achieving that outcome, but three key barriers stand in the way:

- Local authorities are not setting out a vision for development in their Local Plans that includes setting accessibility and mode share targets to which developers and promoters can respond
- Limited practical examples demonstrate how to deliver sustainable transport outcomes which reinforce risk-averse approaches
- Collaboration between planning and transport regulatory and delivery bodies is either insufficient or ineffective

In relation to the 8 Options for levels of growth set out in this consultation, CIHT recommends that Better Planning, Better Transport, Better Places (2019)¹ is considered in Local Plan developments as it focuses on the critical practical steps that can be taken by planning professionals, developers, advisers, and local councils to overcome these barriers.

CIHT would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the consultation for the Cardiff Local Development Plan (2021-2036). CIHT would be happy to meet / discuss with you to clarify any areas should this be helpful.

¹ CIHT, 2019. Better Planning, Better Transport, Better Places. [Better Planning, Better Transport, Better Places | CIHT](#).