

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	17th April 2025 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	David McGifford, Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	16 Consultation Response to Cheshire Easts Vision for Transport		
Background	Cheshire East Council announced a consultation for their Vision for Transport with responses required by the 21 st April 2025. This has been reviewed by both the Integrated Transport Working Group and the Equal Access Advisory Group.		
Proposed Response	<p>Below are the amalgamated comments from these groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vision should relate to the Highway Code Hierarchy of road users • 20 mph speed limit is not mentioned • Under growing the Economy it does not highlight transport options that do not rely on motor vehicles • Under growing the Economy it fails to mention improving accessibility for all the word • The word ‘accessible’ doesn’t seem to appear often • All Cheshire East departments need to have joined up thinking around transport i.e. highways, planning, social care etc • Cheshire East Contracts should follow the principles in the Equality Act 2010, for example awarding bus contracts. Wheelchair-accessible taxis are lacking in Congleton, is this something that can be enforced through licensing or incentivised through the council? • The vision didn’t go far enough to recognise the needs of the individual. • Semi-rural towns have problems with pavements, camber, uneven road services etc Wheelchair users ‘can’t just get on with it’ • There is a whole raft of people in our community who can’t get where they want to go because of physical barriers. • There is a lack of understanding of the challenges faced by disabled people, they must consult with more disabled people to develop an inclusive plan for all. • No vision for the reduction in traffic. • Under Environmental impacts CEC should be leading rather than supporting the transition by providing local infrastructure to encourage travelers to make more sustainable choices • Under Environmental impacts CEC second bullet point, it should be reduction in private vehicle emissions rather than transport related emissions • Under Improving Connections for all you could add by maximizing private developer contributions 		

Financial Implications	None to the Town Council
Environmental Implications	As suggested within the proposed response
Inclusivity Diversity Impact	As suggested within the proposed response
Proposal	To approve the proposed response to the CEC Vision for Transport