

**Local Transport Plan Consultation,**

Shropshire Council is inviting residents, communities, organisations and stakeholders to have their say on the draft Shropshire Local Transport Plan.

This is your opportunity to help shape how people travel around Shropshire over the next ten years, including how the county supports safer, more sustainable and more accessible journeys.

We want to hear what matters most to you, your organisation and the communities you work with so the Local Transport Plan reflects the different needs, priorities and experiences of people across Shropshire.

What are we consulting on?

The Local Transport Plan is a long term strategy that will help guide how people travel around the county and inform future investment in the transport network for the next ten years (2027 to 2037).

The consultation asks for your views on the draft Local Transport Plan, including its vision, objectives and proposed actions to support safer, more sustainable and accessible travel across the county.

All responses received during the consultation will be carefully considered and analysed alongside previous engagement feedback to help inform the final Local Transport Plan.

How can I take part?

Taking part is quick and straightforward. You can read about the draft Local Transport Plan, watch a video, complete the online questionnaire, or attend one of our consultation events to tell us what matters most to you and the communities you represent.

- **Review the draft Local Transport Plan and supporting documents:**
<https://getinvolved.shropshire.gov.uk/consultations/shropshire-local-transport-plan/>
- **Attend one of our online or in-person public consultation events**, details of which can be found on the consultation webpage.
- **Share your views with us:**
 - Complete our online questionnaire:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DraftLocalTransportPlan>
 - Post a hard copy of the questionnaire to: Shropshire Council, Highways and Transport, PO Box 4826, Shrewsbury, SY1 9LJ
 - Scan and email the questionnaire to: ShropshireLTP@shropshire.gov.uk

Encourage Your Communities to Get Involved

As one of our key stakeholders your support can help ensure that people across the county know about the consultation and understand how they can take part. We have attached supporting materials you can use to share the consultation with your networks and encourage as many people as possible to have their say. This is an important opportunity for people across Shropshire to help shape the future of transport in the county, and we want to hear from as many residents and stakeholders as possible.

Whether you have ideas for improving walking, cycling and public transport, concerns about safety or views about access to the services you need, we want to hear what matters most to you.

Please take part by completing the questionnaire and, if you are able to, share the consultation with your networks so more people can have their say on the future of travel in Shropshire.

Deadline 16.11.26

Kind regards,

Shropshire LTP Project Team

Council Tax Support Scheme 2027 onwards - Proposed disregard of child benefit in income calculation

This consultation will run for six weeks from the 10th of September to the 22nd of October

Background

With effect from 2013 each billing authority was required to design and implement its own scheme for working age residents on low incomes, whilst accommodating a 10% reduction in government funding

Proposed Change

In 2013 Shropshire Council took the decision to remove the child benefit income disregard. This change was detrimental to low-income families with children as it meant that for a lot of families, they were suddenly paying an increased amount towards their council tax liability due to receiving an income which is paid to assist in supporting their child's needs

Shropshire Council is now proposing to change its scheme for 2027 onwards, to disregard child benefit as an income in its calculation for council tax support. This change will benefit low-income families with children as it will result in a reduced council tax liability as the income used in the calculation will be lower. This will allow them to have more finances to support their household. We see this as a very positive change for our Shropshire residents by helping those who are more financially vulnerable.

The estimated cost of this change is £750k to £800k per year.

Council Tax Support Scheme 2027 onwards - Proposed disregard of child benefit in income calculation Survey

Further information received 14.10.26

I just wanted to add further clarification in regards to the below, as council tax support is classed as a discount on the taxbase, the proposed removal of child benefit as an income in the calculation of council tax support for working age people, will mean an increased award of council tax support, and a therefore a reduced taxbase for 2027-28 onwards. We do not know exact amounts at this time but feel you should be aware of the implications in case this altered any response you may wish to give.

Decision

The final decision on this proposal is due to be made at full council on the 10th of December