

Meeting: EWR Traffic and Transport overview - Bedford Borough Council

Held on: 07/11/2025

Location: Microsoft Teams

Attendees:

Melanie McGuinness (MM) - Transport Policy Manager, Bedford Borough Council
April Quinn (AQ) - Rights of Way Team Leader, Bedford Borough Council
Joanne Branson-Budd (JBB) - Head of Capital Projects, Infrastructure & Sustainable Travel, Bedford Borough Council
Gavin Chinniah (GC) - Head of Planning & Building Control, Bedford Borough Council
Andrew Prigmore (AP) – Manager for Traffic Operations, Bedford Borough Council

Representatives also from EWR Co

Meeting objectives: to provide visibility on the traffic and transport work for EWR, explain the approach to transport assessment, and invite early feedback from Bedford Borough Council.

Key discussions:

- All attendees introduced themselves and their roles
- EWR Co outlined the session's aim was to provide visibility on the traffic and transport work for EWR, explain the approach to the transport assessment, and invite early feedback from Bedford Borough Council.
- EWR emphasised on transparency, early challenge, and collaborative input to build trust and avoid future issues
- EWR Co presented on the Transport Assessment structure, noting that it is based on a suit of modelling tools and that mitigation strategies will be tailored to each location
- EWR Co outlined the shift from 'predict and provide' to a vision-led approach, in line with NPPF policy and attendees reviewed local policies for mode data
- EWR Co presented the strategic modelling approach
- Attendees agreed that a follow up meeting would be organised subject to the availability of officers