

TRANSPORT AND ACCESS

Wealden people identified getting to places easily and safely as being important in making somewhere a good place to live. It was also seen as the highest priority for improvement.²⁹ The survey also highlighted concerns about the volume and speed of traffic, congestion and the lack of public transport. The LSP recognises that dealing with transport in a rural area requires a balance between ensuring people can get about easily and reducing the impact of traffic on people and places.

Priorities

- Address safety and congestion issues generated by the ‘school run’, for example by encouraging a greater proportion of school journeys on foot or by bike
- Encourage early consideration of traffic flow and parking issues when new facilities are being planned
- Lobby for and encourage more integrated public transport to allow interchange wherever possible between rail, bus, community transport, shared cars, cycling and walking, with appropriate facilities to promote their safe use
- Promote and lobby for the reinstatement of the Uckfield to Lewes railway line
- Lobby for further improvements to train services and better station facilities to encourage their use: this includes additional carriages to reduce overcrowding, extra trains later into the evening for leisure purposes, and a simplification of the fare structure to encourage increased use
- Encourage improved access to rail stations by all modes of transport, including provision of adequate parking facilities
- Raise the profile for further improvements along the A27.

For further detail please access the Wealden Community Strategy at www.wealdencommunitystrategy.co.uk

²⁹ Wealden LSP (2002) Wealden Community Planning Consultation Report of Findings