

# Scottish Disability Equality Forum

Leading Disability Equality in Scotland

## Consultation

## Scottish Government

## Transport Scotland – National Transport Strategy

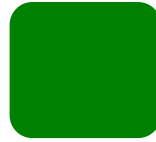
## About Us

Scottish Disability Equality Forum (SDEF) is a member-led organisation, representing individuals with any type of impairment, disability organisations, groups and individuals who share our values. We work to ensure the voice of disabled people is heard and acted upon. SDEF is involved in a wide range of work on a local and national level. We work to bring real change to the lives of disabled people, to inspire and to motivate others to be inclusive and informed in their attitudes towards disabled people and to bring the message of equality to all.

Our aim is to ensure that our members and wider public are as informed as possible about the issues affecting disabled people in Scotland. SDEF has launched a series of online 'hubs' which include information and advice on Inclusive Communication, Inclusive Design and Accessible Travel.

SDEF actively engages with its members so that we understand what the key issues are for disabled people in Scotland and hold events to give advice on disability and access related issues.

SDEF is also the umbrella body for the national network of Access Panels in Scotland. Access Panels can be found in all regions and are made up



of groups of disabled volunteers who work together to improve physical access and wider social inclusion in their local communities. We offer support and training opportunities to help them operate efficiently, link together as a network and learn from each other.

We work to the principles of positivity, promotion, and partnership, working collaboratively with partners to promote best practice, and achieve awareness of disability equality across Scotland.

## How to tell us what you think

To respond to this consultation, you can do the following:

- Answer the questions in this document and email to [maureen.bennison@sdef.org.uk](mailto:maureen.bennison@sdef.org.uk)
- or post to:

Maureen Bennison  
SDEF Administrator  
Scottish Disability Equality Forum  
Office 2/4, The e-Centre, Cooperage Way  
Alloa, FK10 3LP

- Go to our online survey –  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2YSHNSG>

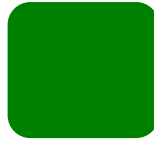
**Your response directly to SDEF will be collated with other SDEF member responses and submitted on behalf of SDEF.**

- Go directly to the consultation website where alternative formats are available –  
<https://response.questback.com/scottishgovernment/qk0zn0kmlk>.

Please return your response to Transport Scotland no later than **31 March 2017**.

## About this Consultation

Transport Scotland are reviewing the National Transport Strategy which has been in place since 2006 and reconsidered in 2016. The result of the



reconsideration was that there should be a full review of the National Transport Strategy.

The review of the National Transport Strategy will set out an updated version for what kind of transport Scotland needs for the next 20 years and how Transport Scotland plan to achieve their aims. The review will look at how Transport Scotland can address the strategic challenges facing Scotland's transport network and how these challenges can be overcome.

Transport Scotland want to work across Scotland to ensure the transport policy meets the needs of everyone across Scotland on a local, regional and national basis. Consultations will continue through Summer 2017.

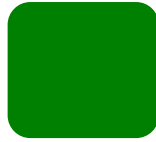
## **What does the National Transport Strategy do?**

The National Transport Strategy introduced three key strategic outcomes:

- Improved journey times and connections between our cities and towns and our global markets to tackle congestion and lack of integration and connections in transport
- Reduced emissions to tackle climate change, air quality and health improvement
- Improved quality, accessibility and affordability of transport, to give choice of public transport, better quality services and value for money, or alternative to car

Further information on the National Transport Strategy can be found on the Scottish Government website

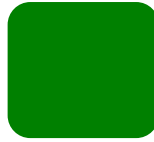
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## **Question 1**

**Have you used or referred to the 2006 National Transport Strategy?**

**If you have answered yes, what was the reason?**

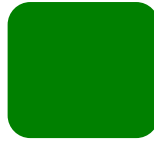


## Question 2

The current strategy sets out 3 key strategic outcomes.

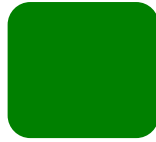
- improved journey times and connection
- reduced emissions
- improved quality, accessibility and affordability

Do you think each of these will still be relevant over the next 20 years? Please give reasons for your answer.



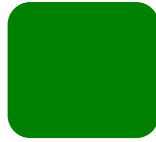
### Question 3

**If there was one thing that needs to change substantially now in transport, what would it be?  
Please give reasons for your answer.**



## Question 4

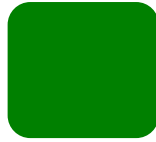
**What do you think are the main transport challenges and opportunities over the next 20 years? Please give reasons for your answer.**



## Question 5

**How would you like Transport Scotland to engage with you during the development of the future strategy that will lead to further consultations?**





**What next?**

**SDEF will collect all the answers from all of our members and write a report. SDEF will give the report to Transport Scotland. SDEF will make sure our members voices are heard.**

**Please give SDEF your answers before Friday 24 March 2017.**