

## Freight Action Plan Consultation

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#### Freight Action Plan Consultation

Wiltshire Council is launching a consultation on a new Freight Action Plan, which sets out how freight and heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) should be routed across the county.

The consultation opens on 26 August and runs until 23:59 on 23 September.

The plan aims to support the efficient movement of goods across Wiltshire while promoting the use of appropriate freight routes, helping to minimise impacts on local communities, improve road safety and protect the environment.

It focuses on four priorities:

- avoiding unnecessary freight movements where possible
- encouraging more sustainable ways of transporting goods
- improving safety and reducing emissions
- supporting communities affected by freight traffic

Proposals include encouraging HGVs to use the most appropriate routes, minimising the impact of freight on towns and rural communities, supporting low and zero emission vehicles, improving facilities for drivers and making greater use of rail freight where possible.

The plan also updates Wiltshire's advisory freight route network and introduces clearer local access routes for towns.

Residents, businesses, freight operators, parish and town councils and community groups are encouraged to take part at <https://wiltshirefreight.commonplace.is/>