

PLYMOUTH EP PLAN: SPRING 2025

CHANGE LOG



The proposed variation to the Plymouth Enhanced Partnership (EP) Plan reflects the content of the Summer 2024 Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) as a starting point rather than using the April 2023 EP Plan. This is because the new EP Plan needs to closely align with the latest BSIP which undertook a full refresh in 2024.

All current publications of the BSIP, EP Plan and Scheme documents can be found on this webpage: [Plymouth bus service improvements | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://plymouthbus.serviceimprovements.gov.uk)

Change	Reason for change
Front cover	
EP Plan now uses the BSIP green themes.	To align with the refreshed BSIP style.
Date changed to Spring 2025.	To reflect when the Plan is expected to be 'made' and ready to publish.
Variation details added.	To provide clarity and transparency on when the original EP Plan was made and the date of the variation.
Contents page	
Added Council logo.	To align with corporate guidelines.
Updated section names and page numbers.	To reflect the updated Plan layout.
Added the statutory statement for the EP Plan, on the page following the contents page.	This statement must be included in all EP Plans and refers to when the plan was made.
Removed BSIP Foreword.	To simplify the Plan as much as possible; this information is not needed for an EP Plan.
Section I: Introduction	
Renamed section to Introduction (was Executive summary).	To reflect the information that sits within the varied EP Plan.
Added link to BSIP/EP webpage to signpost the reader to the full BSIP.	To find all the details of the BSIP which are not directly featured in the EP Plan.
Provided brief summary of what the EP Plan is.	Provide context of how this document is different to the BSIP.
Removed paragraph about the passenger priority background context.	To shorten and simplify the section even further; full details can be found in the BSIP.
Added the list of statutory requirements for an EP Plan.	Provides context of what can be found in the document and demonstrates that the necessary content has been included.
Added further reference to the EP Scheme.	To strengthen the links between the EP Plan and Scheme.
Added Plan on a page.	To summarise the BSIP / EP Plan at a glance.

Section 2: Context	
Renamed section to Context (was Section 1: Our bus vision).	This section now summarises the context of the Plan.
Removed the majority of content which can be found in the BSIP; leaving a summary of the geographical area, influential policies and the plan duration and review period (detailing EP Plan instead of BSIP where referenced).	To shorten and simplify the section, leaving the content which is required to meet the statutory requirements.
Added BSIP as a key policy.	To reflect that this is the EP Plan, not BSIP.
Section 3: Buses in Plymouth	
Renamed section to Buses in Plymouth (was Section 2: Current bus offer to passengers).	This section now summarises the factors affecting the bus market.
Inserted summarised information from the BSIP, adding reference to 2024 where needed and removing terms such as 'now' and 'currently'.	To futureproof and simplify the EP Plan.
Updated NHT survey infographic with latest public transport information.	To reflect the latest available data.
Removed section about parking.	To increase the longevity of the EP Plan by removing information which will date quickly; the information remains in the BSIP
Section 4: Consultation	
Consultation was previously part of Section 2: current bus offer.	Given its own chapter to emphasise the consultation carried out in Plymouth; an important part of the EP Plan guidance.
Inserted summarised information from the BSIP.	To futureproof and simplify the EP Plan.
Section 5: Targets	
Objectives were previously detailed in Section 5: Targets, performance, monitoring and reporting.	Summarised the objectives taken from the relevant BSIP chapter.
Inserted summarised information from the BSIP.	To futureproof and simplify the EP Plan.
Section 6: Interventions	
Interventions were previously part of Section 3: Improvements programme 2024/25 and Section 4: Ambitions and proposals for 2025 to 2034 from the BSIP.	The measures and interventions were summarised into this new EP Plan chapter using the relevant information in the BSIP.
Added further reference to the EP Scheme.	To strengthen the links between the EP Plan and Scheme.

Added strengths and weaknesses table to reflect current bus offer.	To highlight what our interventions and measures will be addressing.
Added the revenue, capital and longer term measures tables from the December 2023 edition of the BSIP. The only additional measure included adding audio-visuals on buses.	To outline the interventions we will deliver through the Enhanced Partnership for reference, as they are not currently detailed in the associated EP Scheme.
Timescales (short/medium/long term) were removed from the text and columns in the tables, along with scheme rankings.	This is no longer a DfT requirement for the EP Plan and helps us futureproof the measures if delivery plan periods change.
Section 7: Governance	
Added from the published April 2023 EP Plan.	EP Plans must include a governance section.
The Bus Champion will become the Chair (with a delegate able to stand in who can either be a Cllr or Officer).	To reflect EP discussions.
Head of Transport and Sustainable Transport Manager being the Transport representatives, with ability to send a delegate if they are unavailable.	Head of Transport will no longer be the Chair, so the other positions have also been amended.
Head of Highways and Head of Parking are now the Highways representatives.	To reflect the new representatives on the EP Board.
Removed governance structure figure showing relationship between the Forum/Board/LTAs/SDGs/consultees.	This no longer served a purpose and was already detailed in the text in this section.
Updated incorrect terms, i.e. 'City' instead of 'County' Council; and removed Plymouth 'Bus Service' Enhanced Partnership Board / Forum.	To reflect correct titles.
Removed minor detail, such as the EP Board must meet at least 6 weeks after the EP Forum.	This detail was unnecessary and hence has been deleted to further simplify the EP Plan.
Removed all reference to the EP Scheme variations and revocation processes.	This detail is outlined in the EP Scheme, which is a separate document of its own so is not relevant to the EP Plan.
Added variation and revocation of the EP Plan.	This is required as per DfT guidance.
Section 8: Competition	
Added text from the published April 2023 EP Plan and given its own chapter.	Competition is a key element which needs to be included in an EP Plan so it now has a chapter of its own.
Added reference to both the EP Plan and associated Scheme(s).	To clarify that the Enhanced Partnership (Plan and Scheme(s)) will not impact on competition.