Residents, businesses and visitors are being invited to help shape the future of transport in the county, following the launch of a consultation on the new Essex transport strategy.

The strategy,  'A Better Connected Essex', will help guide transport in Essex over the coming years, setting out how transport will support local people and businesses.

The second consultation on the new transport strategy, or Local Transport Plan, will build on public feedback that saw support for the proposed key themes and outcomes. The latest consultation covers the full draft strategy and a series of 13 area implementation plans.

Councillor Tom Cunningham, Essex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways, Infrastructure and Sustainable Transport, said: "Transport is critical to all aspects of our everyday lives. From how we travel to and from work, do the school run or visit the local shops, to how businesses move goods and services around, transport underpins it all.

"A Better Connected Essex will play a vital role in setting important transport priorities for Essex, reflecting the opportunities and challenges we now face and building upon our Safer, Greener and Healthier vision.

"It will help inform our future decisions and actions and unlock future funding opportunities to support us in providing the transport network our county needs.

"This is a period of change in Essex and A Better Connected Essex will ensure continuity and that Essex has appropriate, and current transport policy in place during the transition periods of Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation.

"I would encourage everyone to please have their say."

The public consultation will run for eight weeks, closing on Wednesday 24 September 2024.

Following this consultation and a review of feedback, 'A Better Connected Essex' is expected to be formally adopted by Essex County Council later this year.

To find out more about the strategy and have your say, please visit: <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/essex-highways/better-connected-essex/>