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Draft Sustainable Traffic, Transport and Parking Plan – Public Summary Document

HM Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce the launch of its Draft Sustainable Traffic, Transport and Parking Plan (STTPP) Public Summary Document. This project is a key manifesto commitment which has involved a multi ministerial team from the Ministries of Traffic, Transport, Technical Services and the Environment.

This draft document is the result of extensive work, ongoing since January 2013 and which started with an extensive public consultation process involving the whole community including businesses, organisations and individuals alike. The development of the Plan required substantial data collection which was undertaken by the Traffic Team of the Technical Services Department who have worked closely with Mott MacDonald, the Government's appointed consultants responsible for developing the Plan.

This stage of the process involves the publication of a public summary document which will also be available for download on the Government of Gibraltar website www.gibraltar.gov.gi

The Government is keen to put this final draft into the public domain so that everyone may see what the recommendations are in case any member of the community wishes to comment before the final document is published.

The Public Document, which is a non-technical summary, provides a wide overview of what the final document will contain. Key areas that have been addressed include the use and availability of Public Transport, the promotion and use of more sustainable methods of transport, parking related issues, proposed pilot schemes and forward planning into the future.

As part of its commitment to consultation, the Government welcomes your views on the proposals contained within the document. An email address has been set up for this specific purpose at yourcomments@trafficplan.gi which will be available until 20th February 2015.

The Minister for Traffic, Transport & Technical Services, Paul Balban said,

"It gives me great pleasure to be able to present today this draft document to the community at large. It has been the fruit of many months of hard work and it will provide the backbone to all traffic and transport developments in the future. A plan of this sort must be malleable in order to adapt to changes as Gibraltar develops and grows in the future. It must also be able to look ahead far enough to recognise that there is a need to encourage more environmental acceptable and sustainable methods of transport. We will now be embarking on a series of pilot schemes which will put to test some of the principles and ideas proposed within the plan itself."

The Minister for the Environment Dr John Cortes added,

"Traffic and Transport are among the most important environmental issues in any modern city, and Gibraltar is no different. This Plan is a massive step, and as its recommendations roll out will result in real improvements in our quality of life and the state of our urban environment."