

# Sustainable travel



**Panattoni is aware that traffic is an important consideration with any development.**

The Aylesford Newsprint site has been utilised for employment for over 100 years, but the Panattoni proposals to redevelop the site have sustainable transport as a key component, to ensure the occupiers can operate without causing unacceptable impacts

The site already benefits from good public transport access with two railway stations, New Hythe and Aylesford, located nearby. Panattoni intend to improve these links for the benefits of occupiers, their employees and the public.

The site will benefit from direct access from the proposed Bellingham Way Link Road and, to the north, College Road.

The proposals include the realignment of Bellingham Way connecting to Station Road, which will be opened up to public use for the first time.

This will deliver enhanced pedestrian and cycle links to the existing employment and residential areas in Larkfield and New Hythe from the south. The Bellingham Way Link Road would also provide an alternative route for vehicles to access the M20 and the A228 north of the M20.

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The highways effects of the development will be assessed through the planning application in consultation with Kent County Council (KCC) as the local Highway Authority. These assessments will identify any measures required to mitigate highways effects, which will be set out within a Transport Assessment.

The project team has been carrying out detailed assessments of the highway effects and will reach agreements with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and KCC Highways on any necessary mitigation measures.

- A Transport Assessment will be carried out to assess the effect of the proposals on the local road network.
- A Travel Plan and Mobility Strategy will be developed for the site to set out measures to encourage and enhance provision for sustainable access to the site.
- A Sustainable Distribution Plan will be prepared to minimise the impact of commercial vehicles on the road network.

Panattoni will retain a dedicated estates management company which will ensure that high management standards and levels of compliancy are maintained.