

Transport in Walsall

2017-2022



Walsall Council



Foreword

Transport in Walsall is the transport strategy for our Borough setting out Walsall Council's vision until 2022. The strategy describes how, along with our partners, we will deliver that vision.

The Strategy identifies four objectives, which support the Council's corporate plan.

Transport in Walsall Objectives

- With fewer resources we will work to make the best use of our existing transport assets.
- Support economic growth, with a focus on improving access to new and existing employment sites and managing and improving capacity on our roads.

- Promote public transport, including the development of rapid transit routes to other parts of the Black Country and Birmingham City Centre.
- Enhance health and wellbeing within local communities by increasing active travel and improving air quality.



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Joined-up Thinking

There are many local and regional strategies which focus on specific areas of transport.

The aim of Transport in Walsall is to bring these individual strategies together; elements of the following strategies have been included in this document. Please refer to relevant strategy for further information.

- Black Country Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document, 2016
- Black Country Core Strategy, 2011
- Black Country Road Safety Strategy (draft)
- Black Country Strategic Economic Plan, 2014
- Black Country Walking & Cycling Strategy & Implementation Plan, 2017
- Black Country Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Strategy January, 2017
- Midlands Connect Strategy, 2017
- Movement for Growth: The West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan, 2016
- Walsall Air Quality Action Plan, 2009
- Walsall Air Quality Annual Stats Report, 2016
- Walsall Highway Maintenance Strategy, 2015-18
- Walsall Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2016 (including 2014/15 refresh)
- Walsall Rights of Way Improvement Plan, 2008
- Walsall Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy, 2017-2022 (draft)
- West Midlands Low Emissions Towns and Cities Programme Good Practice Air Quality Planning Guidance & Procurement Guidance, 2014
- West Midlands Physical Activity Strategy 2017-2030 (draft)



Changes in the Black Country

Since the last strategy was written in 2010, the council has successfully secured central government funding and delivered the £26m Darlaston Strategic Development Area Access Project, which has unlocked several large employment sites within Darlaston.

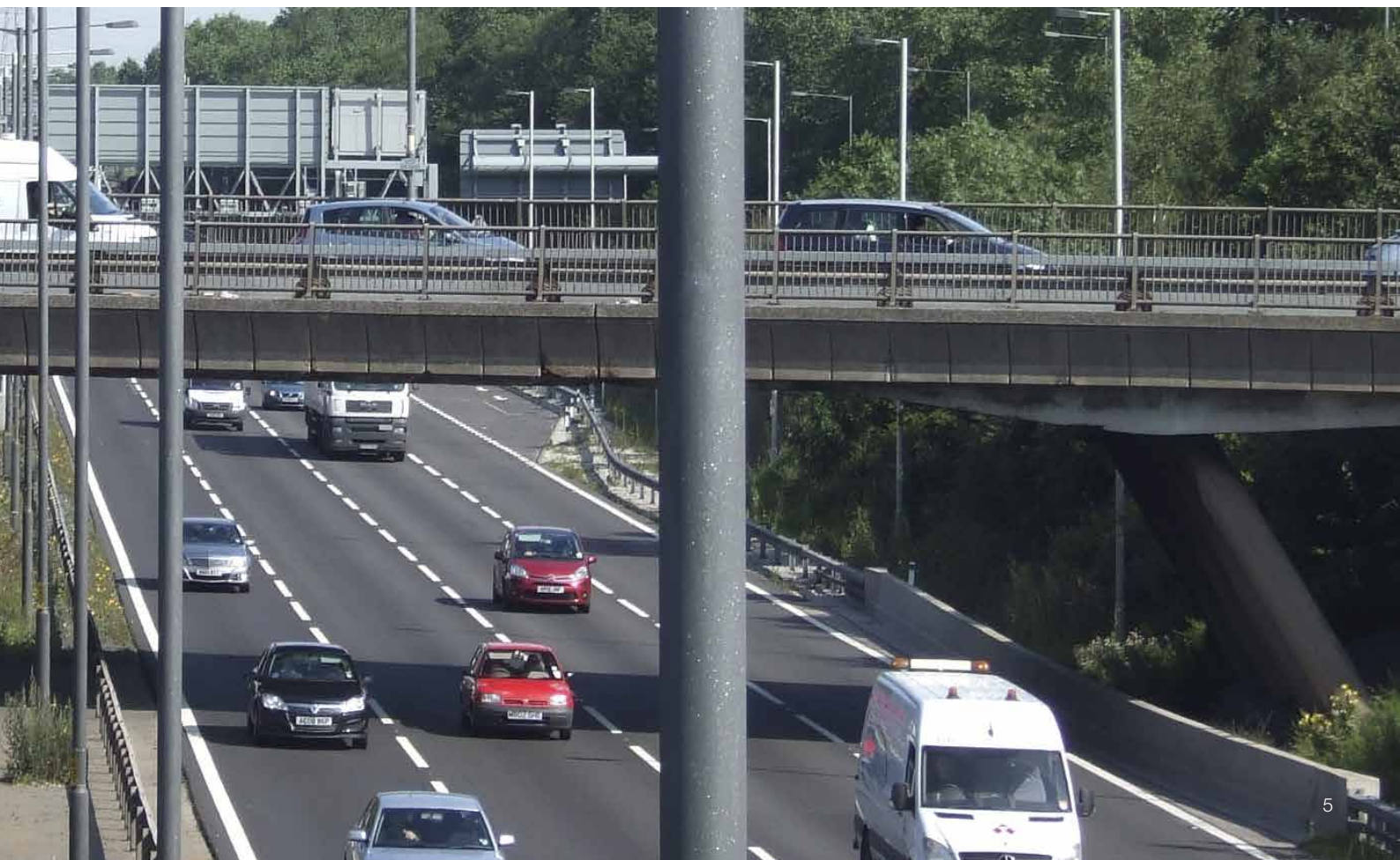
During 2011, major changes to the way most transport schemes, including 'major transport schemes' are funded in England were made. The government set up Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) which are voluntary partnerships between local authorities and businesses. LEPs were created to help determine local economic priorities and lead economic growth and job creation within a local area.

Walsall Council is part of the Black Country LEP along with the three other Black Country local authorities. Major transport scheme funding which was previously allocated through a central government bidding process has now been devolved to LEPs so that they can determine their own programme of transport improvements that is most suited to the needs of that area. For Walsall this has resulted in support for various transport schemes, with arguably

the most important of these being a capacity enhancement of M6 Junction 10.

In addition to the devolved major transport scheme funding the government has created the Local Growth Fund (LGF) which pools several different central government funding streams to create one large fund. LEPs were requested to submit a Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) to the government demonstrating their plans for investing in transport and numerous other issues relevant to economic growth, such as developing the local skills base, and improving businesses access to finance.

In July 2014 it was announced that the Black Country would receive a total of £138.7m, including its allocation under the SLGF, to deliver various schemes across the Black Country including transport schemes within Walsall. The key transport schemes which we aim to deliver in Walsall include M6 Junction 10 and the Accessing Growth package. In addition to the funding secured from the SLGF towards M6 Junction 10 improvements, central government announced in December 2014 that the remaining monies would be made available to the project as part of the 'Road Investment Strategy' securing a total of £65m to enhance the junction.





Working Together

As well as changes related to the formation of the Black Country LEP, there have also been wider changes across the West Midlands region and central England. Within the conurbation, the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) was formed.

The WMCA delivered a transformational Devolution Deal to the government, which in May 2017 saw a Mayor elected. The Mayor worked further to transform our transportation system. In 2014 the Midlands Connect Partnership was formed, which covered the whole of the Midlands region. Midlands Connect is the transport arm of the Midlands Engine and continues to grow our economy by better connecting the economic hubs in the Midlands to each other, and to national and international gateways.

In June 2016 the West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority and Passenger Transport Executive (Centro) were both dissolved. Transport is now led by Transport for West Midlands (TfWM), the transport arm of the WMCA.

The main role of TfWM is to produce transport strategies and policies for the metropolitan area and co-ordinate development of future transport projects in line with its strategy.

TfWM also provides public transport information, integrated ticketing, improves, manages and maintains public transport infrastructure, and subsidises socially necessary bus services.

Approved by the WMCA in 2016, Movement for Growth, the West Midlands Strategic Transport Plan (STP) sets out the long term approach to guide the necessary improvements required to support the region's economic growth. The West Midlands STP has developed three tiers of an integrated transport system; national and regional, metropolitan and local, all supported by smart mobility initiatives.

The projects within Transport in Walsall feature across all the tiers, from national and regional improvements with junctions on the motorway network to developing the metropolitan rail and rapid transit network and Key Route Network to better connect the conurbation. At a local level schemes will aim to make local journeys safer, as well as more sustainable and active. Transport in Walsall details many of these local level schemes.

Walsall Council's role as the highway authority is to promote, deliver and operate the highway network effectively for all road users. In order to facilitate this we work closely with TfWM as well as other partners including, bus operators, train operators, Network Rail, Highways England, Canal & River Trust, and West Midlands Police.

Additionally, we will work to ensure that both the natural and historic environment are maintained and enhanced throughout the design of all schemes.

In the past five years Walsall's highway network has seen significant investment and improvements made in it. These include:

- Major investment in the Darlaston and Pleck areas of the Borough with the completion of a £26m worth of highway improvements.
- Completion of all Red Routes bringing the Borough's total to five across the strategic highway network, and two additional bus showcase projects improving key bus routes;
- Partnership working with 70 schools to encourage uptake of active travel modes when travelling to school;
- Numerous cycle and walking schemes to encourage more people to travel by bike or foot to work, school or for leisure reasons, as well as an updated active travel map providing details of routes across the Borough;
- Multiple road safety schemes to improve the safety of roads and junctions including the introduction of 20mph speed limits within some residential areas; and,
- Building upon existing civil enforcement powers, bus lanes infringements are now enforceable by the Council to ensure that bus journeys are reliable and efficient.
- Managing Short Trips is a Black Country wide agenda making improvements to walking and cycling routes and facilities. Within Walsall improvements have been completed on the canal tow path between Walsall town centre and Moxley helping communities along the route connect to key facilities.

In addition to those schemes already completed, other important transport schemes that are currently underway include:

- The electrification of the Walsall to Rugeley Trent Valley rail line will facilitate faster, greener, quieter and more reliable journeys for passengers, which will also bring the potential for services to other key cities around the country; and,
- Development of improvements to M6 Junction 10 via the widening of the junction's circulatory and improvements to other immediately adjacent highway infrastructure, so as to increase capacity and reduce congestion for the benefit of its very high volume of local and business users;

Looking to the future, the Black Country Growth Deal will bring great benefits to the Borough, including the following:

- The Accessing Growth programme will open new sites for employment or enhance access to larger areas of potential economic growth within the Borough, included are junctions along the A461 corridor (Walsall to Brownhills) and well as sites within the Darlaston Enterprise Zone.



Supporting Economic Growth

The road and rail network is vital in allowing people to travel to work, school or to go shopping. Every day we use some form of transport as part of our daily routine as well as during our free time to enjoy days out and leisure activities.

Over 96,000 Walsall residents commute to work, with more than half of those (49,000) travelling out of the borough. In addition, a further 42,000 people living in other local authority areas and travel in to Walsall for work.

32.7% of the Walsall residents who commute out of the borough go to Birmingham, while 14% of workers commuting into Walsall come from Birmingham.

41.9% of all people who commute into work in Walsall originate from elsewhere in the Black Country and almost as many (37.2%) are going the other way.

Accordingly, it is important that our transport network is capable of continuing to deliver the benefits that support and strengthen our economic success.

Walsall benefits by having the M6 motorway running through the heart of the Borough. This provides direct access to the country's motorway network helping to support the social and economic activities of residents and businesses.

What are we proposing?

In order to mitigate against the effects of congestion surrounding M6 Junction 10, Walsall Council will continue to work with Highways England to deliver improvements by increasing capacity and reducing delay through the junction. In addition we will work with central government and Highways England to make the case to better utilise the M6 Toll road.

The recently completed Darlaston Strategic Development Area Access Project has assisted in unlocking several large employment sites within the Darlaston Enterprise Zone, ready for developers to create 1000's of new jobs.

We continue to support new businesses in Walsall and are also proposing improvements to key junctions and site access roads as part of the Black Country Accessing Growth programme; projects which will reduce congestion and 'unlock' new employment sites ready for development.

Continue to work with colleagues across the Council's regeneration teams to identify new or existing employment sites which require improvements to their access and seek to secure funding.

Our local road network is as important as the motorway network, and we will continue to improve its efficiency. Our Urban Traffic Control team respond live to issues on the network and utilise new technology to ensure the traffic flows as freely as possible and greater capacity is created from the existing road network.

In addition it is our Traffic Management and Highways Maintenance teams' statutory duty to ensure the local road network experiences as little disruption as possible by effectively planning road works, maintaining road surfaces and footpaths, and making efficient use of road space. We are investing in LED technology to enhance the performance of our street lighting, improving efficiency and reducing energy usage.

As well as maintaining 856km of roads, we also look after 110 road bridges and culverts. These bridges are continuously inspected and where necessary maintained. York's bridge, Pelsall is one such bridge which requires works with an improvements project currently being developed.

This is furthermore supported by the Council's Highway Development Control team, who work to ensure that new developments do not have an adverse effect on the Borough's roads.

Our Car Parks team continue to review car parking facilities to ensure they are suitable to meet the economic growth aspirations of the Borough over the next five years.

What does this mean for me?

- Easier, more efficient connections to the motorway network will be more efficient, with travel times through M6 Junction 10 reduced.
- New job opportunities.
- Utilising new technology to assist in reducing congestion on our roads.
- Continued efficient use of the Borough's roads and maintenance to keep traffic moving.
- Better town centre parking options.



Proposed improvements to M6 Junction 10



Enhancing Rail Services and Investigation of Tram-Train

Walsall historically had a comprehensive rail network which provided direct links to various locations across the region. There are aspirations to improve services and reinstate some of these rail lines to provide new passenger services as well as open up new freight routes, removing some heavy goods vehicle trips from our roads.

Electrification of the Walsall to Rugeley Trent Valley is currently being undertaken by Network Rail; it will improve services for thousands of passengers and help support economic growth within the Borough.

At a national level, High Speed 2 (HS2) will see journey times between London and Birmingham cut to just 49 minutes. Once delivered it will be imperative for Walsall to have a fast frequent connection to the region's two HS2 stations at Birmingham Curzon Street and Birmingham Interchange.

As well as the introduction of high profile rail improvements, improving local rail links is a key aspiration for the future. Direct travel between Walsall town centre and Wolverhampton city centre is limited by public transport to bus only. Work continues to assess and promote the reintroduction of the rail service between the centres in the new West Midlands Rail Franchise (2017-2026), as well as new stations along the route, with options for a future tram-train service also being investigated. Tram-train allows the service to not only use the existing rail line but travel on street making the route more flexible to serve local communities. Travel by rail or tram-train would rapidly reduce journey times between the two centres making trips quicker and more attractive than the private car.

What are we proposing?

The first phase is a Walsall to Wolverhampton rail link, with stations built at Willenhall and Darlaston. For longer term development of this rail connection, option testing for the introduction of a tram-train service between Walsall and Wolverhampton has been undertaken. This longer term project will continue to be developed in partnership with TfWM and a suitable funding source determined.

Work with West Midlands Rail will help plan enhanced connectivity between Walsall and Birmingham and access the new HS2 stations at Curzon Street and Birmingham Interchange.

We will also work with partners to promote the reopening of rail passenger lines including Walsall to Aldridge and the introduction of direct services to Stafford, Stoke-on-Trent, Birmingham Airport and London.

The reopening of rail freight lines will be promoted, including the Walsall and Stourbridge line. This will incorporate future metro services through light rail or a potential tram-train link, connecting Walsall with the Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro section of this corridor.

What does this mean for me?

- Faster, quieter and more reliable journeys with more seats on trains between Birmingham - Walsall - Rugeley Trent Valley.
- Better connectivity to existing and new destinations across the rail network.
- Potential for new services to local strategic centres such as Wolverhampton.

Walking and Cycling

Walking and cycling for short journeys can bring health benefits, including improving mental wellbeing and fitness and achieving a healthy body weight.

There are benefits for communities too, with safer streets, better air quality, lower carbon emissions and reduced congestion. This work is embedded into the Children and Young People's Plan and the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

Cycling has increased in popularity in recent years, especially after the success of British athletes at the Tour de France and Olympic Games. Walsall has a network of canal towpaths, local cycle routes, as well as the National Cycle Route 5 which travels through the heart of the Borough. There is now 59.8km of on-street and off-street cycle routes now in the Borough an increase of 10.3km from 2014. Encouragement of cycling for journeys of five miles or less can have considerable potential for residents.

Walsall has been successful over the past few years in securing grant funding to support the delivery of its Bikeability training which offers 1700 children a year the opportunity to take part in the programme.

For pedestrians, Walsall not only has its canal towpaths but a public rights of way network which plays a vital role in supporting local neighbourhoods to access key local services, amenities and green spaces.

Work has continued to get more primary school pupils walking and cycling to school. For walking in 2015 this was 54.1%, 10.1% above the 2015 national level and for cycling in 2015 the level was 1.5% above the national average at 2.5%.

Such significant improvements can be attributed to Walsall's successful A*STARS (Active Sustainable Travel and Road Safety) programme and complementary Bikeability training.



What are we proposing?

Continue to work closely with Children Services and Public Health, to provide an integrated approach to the delivery of sustainable travel initiatives.

Continue to work with TfWM on community engagement to encourage and support walking and cycling.

Work with TfWM to deliver routes of the new West Midlands Strategic Cycle Network, and integrate this with Walsall's emerging local cycle network.

Working with young people and their families to instil the benefits of active travel through the A*STARS programme.

Increase the number of pupils who receive Bikeability cycle training. The training is available to secondary school pupils and year 5/6 primary school pupils.

Continue to collect travel-to-school data from schools to monitor trends and enhance future initiatives.

Deliver further improvements to cycling routes and infrastructure throughout the Borough.

Continue to deliver the actions of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan, ensuring those sections of Rights of Way in the worse conditions are maintained.

Ensure new developments are well linked to key local destinations and public transport, through the Council's highway development control process.

What does this mean for me?

- Young people will receive the necessary skills required to use active modes to travel to and from school and take such habits through into their adult life.
- Better cycle routes and facilities across the Borough improving journeys within your local community.
- Enhances safety, security and maintenance on existing walking routes with improved surfacing, lighting and road crossings.

Improving Bus Travel

Since 2010, Walsall Council has been involved in bus network reviews which have seen services reviewed right across the Borough. New services have been introduced as well as improvements to existing services to enhance journey time reliability.

Other initiatives have been delivered alongside local bus operators and TfWM including; improvements to fleet, marketing campaigns, ticketing offers, highway improvements and route enhancements. The upgrade of some key routes between parts of Walsall and Birmingham and Walsall to Wolverhampton to Platinum bus standard is part of this approach.

Moving forward we will continue to work with our partners to further enhance bus services, beginning with TfWM's Network Development Plans which will focus on ensuring bus services can support economic and population growth across the West Midlands.

Additionally, coach services provide alternative transport for people visiting destinations further afield especially the country's capital and airports. We will continue to support this mode and seek to provide improved facilities where possible.

What are we proposing?

Continue to work in partnership with TfWM and the bus operators to enhance bus services to our district centres as well as neighbouring strategic centres as part of the Network Development Plans.

Assess and where possible address 'highway hotspots' identified by bus operators which impede upon efficient operation of bus services.

Continue to ensure bus services operate efficiently by continuing to enforce bus lane contraventions.



Ensure that infrastructure improvements to facilitate travel by bus are well designed, attractive and accessible to users, have a positive impact on the local environment, and minimise harmful environmental effects.

Continue to work in partnership with TfWM to promote a new public transport interchange for Walsall town centre, assessing all possible funding streams.

Work to further improve public transport services with faster links between Walsall and Birmingham along the A34 corridor, providing access to jobs within the city centre for Walsall's residents.

What does this mean for me?

- Better bus journeys with reductions in journey times and improvement in reliability on key routes.
- Benefits such as new buses, ticketing offers, and enhanced bus routes achieved through partnership working.
- Continued benefits from subsidised local bus services, concessionary fares and community transport through partnership working with TfWM.
- Faster links to Birmingham city centre along the A34 corridor.



Safety on Our Roads

Walsall Council continuously works to reduce collisions on its roads. Each year detailed analysis of historical road traffic collisions are assessed to determine what improvements to junctions and routes within the Borough will be taken forward and delivered.

Some of the Borough's schools also receive support from the Safer Routes to School programme to help make necessary improvements to highway infrastructure, creating a safer environment for pupils using active travel modes to get to and from school.

Studies show that when the speed of traffic is reduced, collisions are less likely and where there are collisions, at lower speeds injuries will be less serious. We monitor speeds across the highway network to identify areas of concern and make necessary changes to speed limits as well as introduce other measures.

We work to promote messages including anti drink/drug driving, use of seat belts, reducing speeds, and child car seat safety right across the borough using various methods to promote these vital messages.

What are we proposing?

Deliver road safety improvements at those locations which rank highest through the prioritisation process and where funding resources are available.

Jointly investigate with West Midlands Police all fatal and life-changing road traffic collisions occurring on the Borough's network.

Continue to work in partnership with other districts to deliver regional road safety priorities.

Promote road safety messages such as 'don't drink and drive' and continue to provide road safety information at events.

Continue to collect and review traffic data across the Borough's roads to provide supporting evidence for the highway network's performance.

Through the Council's A*STARS programme continue working with schools to develop a school travel plan which promotes road safety and provides practical support to safe cycling, pedestrians training and developing walking buses in partnership with parents, carers and communities.

Work in collaboration with other key organisations, including neighbouring Black Country Local Authorities, West Midlands Police and West Midlands Fire Service through the Black Country Road Safety Partnership to ensure that road safety issues in Walsall are being addressed.

Continue to support the West Midlands Road Safety Partnership in the management and delivery of road safety across the West Midlands.

What does this mean for me?

- A safer environment for all road users.
- Continued education of young people regarding road safety issues.
- Ever-evolving and adapting programme of improvements to cover all aspects of road safety.





Environmental Impacts

As part of the statutory Local Air Quality Management process, Walsall Council undertakes reviews and assessments of air quality across the borough which are reported annually to the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

The council has previously identified areas with poor air quality issues centred around key road networks stemming from nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) associated with vehicle exhaust emissions. It declared a whole-borough Air Quality Management Area (AQMA), as required under the Environment Act 1995. The basis of the AQMA declaration relates to exceedances of the NO₂ national air quality objective and EU Air Limit Value as annual mean concentrations which are designed to safeguard health.

In addressing poor air quality Walsall Council is part of the West Midlands Low Emissions Towns and Cities Programme (LETCP) which has developed good practice air quality guidance in respect of planning and procurement, together with a proposed West Midlands Low Emissions Vehicle Strategy which is expected to be delivered via WMCA and TfWM arrangements.

Walsall Council has also worked in collaboration with other Black Country local authorities to produce a Black Country Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document and is engaged in the development and delivery of an Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle Strategy.

Poor air quality is recognised as the fourth largest risk to public health, behind cancer, obesity and cardiovascular disease, and there are now significant concerns relating to exposure to fine particles in air (Particulate Matter, Pm_{2.5}), which are largely associated with diesel vehicles. Due to this, the Public Health Outcomes Framework has assigned an indicator for Pm_{2.5} and the council is now examining concentrations of Pm_{2.5} around key strategic road locations, reporting on this as part of its annual review and assessment of air quality. This forms part of a joint programme of work involving Public Health Walsall, which will relate field studies and modelling exercises to health impacts for sectors of the Walsall population.

In addition to the effects of air pollution on the local environment, consideration will be given during the development of schemes as to the impact on the historic environment with regard to lighting and street furniture.

What are we proposing?

- As a cross-policy issue, air quality impacts are being accounted for in regard to new planning developments, transport initiatives and road schemes using both national and local policies and guidance.
- Promoting the use of cleaner technologies and strategies to reduce air pollution and adverse impacts upon residents.
- Working collaboratively with other councils, the WMCA and TfWM to prevent potential adverse air quality impacts due to road transport through policies and strategies.
- Integrating land use and transport planning to address air quality impacts.
- Continually assessing air quality around major roads by means of a network of continuous monitoring stations for key pollutants and use of predictive modelling.

What does this mean for me?

- Improved air quality across the borough through a sustainable approach to transport planning.
- A focus to reduce health impacts caused by poor air quality in targeted areas.
- Collaborative working with developers, other councils and the WMCA to prevent potential adverse air quality impacts of new development schemes.
- Development of initiatives and incentives to encourage walking, cycling, public transport, taxis, car sharing/car clubs and uptake and use of low emission vehicles.



Health and Wellbeing

Walking and cycling assist with both our physical and mental health. By switching more journeys to active travel this will improve health, quality of life the environment, and local productivity.

Evidence shows that people in disadvantaged areas tend to have a higher density of main roads which can lead to poorer air quality, higher noise levels and higher collision rates.

In addition, residents in some of Walsall's more deprived areas don't travel far from where they reside but feel the impact of other people's travel therefore increasing car dependency has led to increasing unfairness. It is important that in improving health the range of wider health determinants are addressed.

Walking or cycling to school provides a healthy way to start the day. The Childhood Obesity Plan (2016) outlines the Government's commitment to increasing the number of children walking to school. Schools have opportunities to support healthier eating, physical activity and to shape healthy habits across the wider school community.

As well as the health of future generations, there are many benefits to adults which can be seen by improving their own health through active travel as discussed in the walking and cycling section.

We need to make it easier to be physically active in our everyday life at work, at home, at school, in our neighbourhoods or when choosing what form of transport to use for getting around. Long-term, sustainable change will only be achieved through the active engagement of communities, families and individuals.

What are we proposing?

Continue to work closely with Public Health and Children's Services, through agreed Service Level Agreements, as well as Adult Social Care and local health services to deliver sustainable and accessible travel initiatives.

Play a part in improving the health of young people by continuing to expand the A*STARS programme to early years settings across the Borough. At present 70 schools participate in the initiative with a target to increase participation in this programme to 100% by 2018.

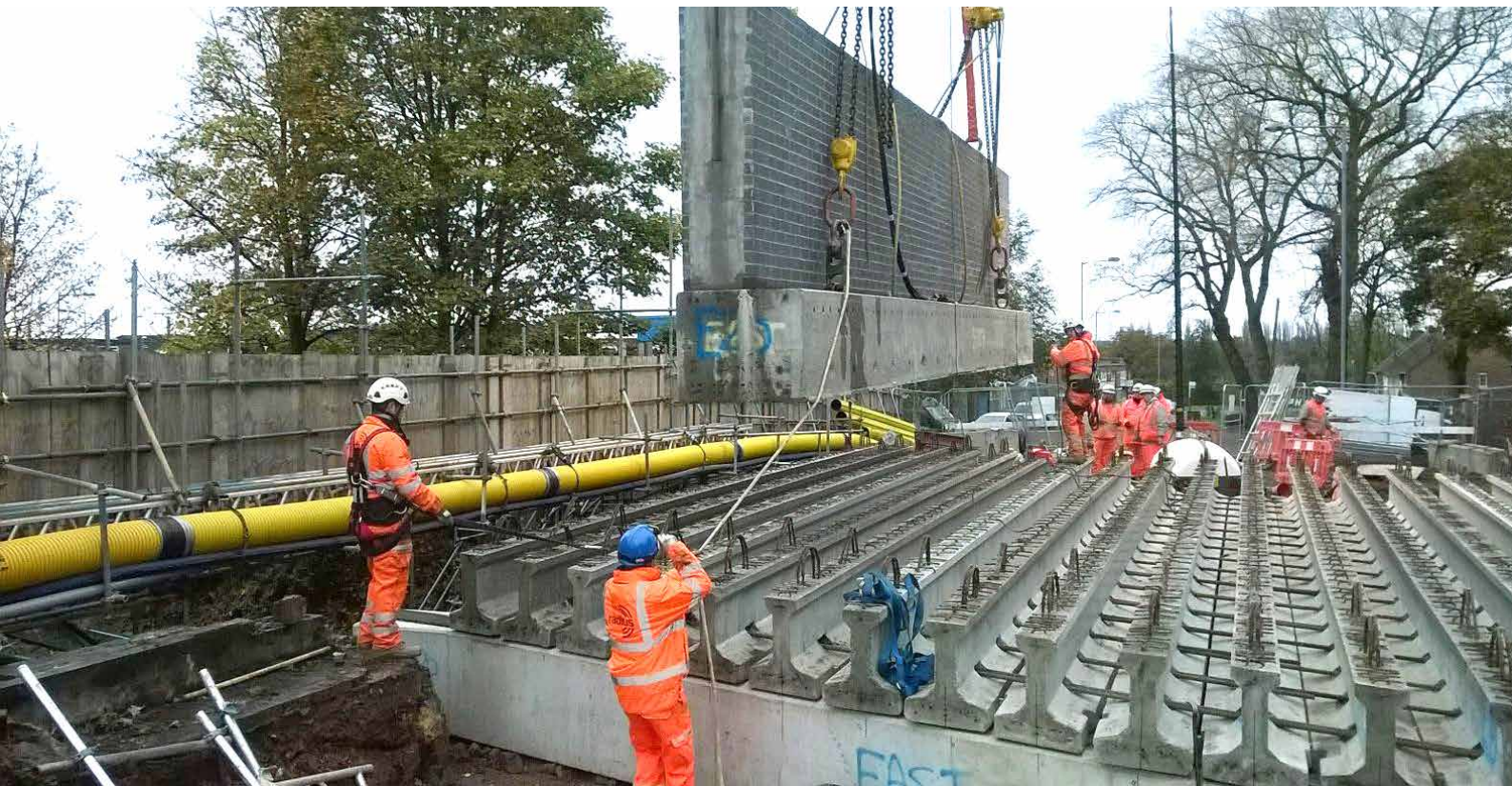
A*STARS is a unique programme to Walsall which encapsulates many different elements of active travel, delivering key messages and information in a fun and interactive way.

Play a part in improving the health of young people by continuing to work in partnership with organisations including TfWM, Sustrans, West Midlands Fire Service to enhance and promote joint initiatives within schools. This includes supporting the work of TfWM to introduce personalised and workplace travel plans to introduce people to active modes of travel.

What does this mean for me?

- Emphasise the role and opportunities to promote and enable children and young people to travel actively to school and for this to be inclusive in their everyday lives.
- Support Public Health in their work to tackle the issue of children of an unhealthy weight via the A*STARS programme.
- Provide support for parents of children involved in the A*STARS programme via the dedicated website with information on active travel to school.
- Support and develop skills for children to allow them to travel safely to school improving their overall health.
- Support the transition of nursery and year 6 students from early years to primary, and primary to secondary school.
- Create environments where people can build active travel into their everyday life and which promote physical activity, therefore realising a range of benefits for health, the environment and the economy.
- Work with partners to make travel options as accessible as possible for all users, as well as providing council led services including the blue badge scheme.





What's Next?

Transport in Walsall sets out how Walsall Council will work over the next five years, to deliver the Council's Corporate Plan and underpins the delivery of the corporate policies:

- Pursue inclusive economic growth: Walsall people will have appropriate skills and access to jobs so economic benefits are felt in each of our communities.
- Make a positive difference to the lives of Walsall people: Increasing independence and improving healthy lifestyles so all can positively contribute to their communities.
- Children are safe from harm, happy and learning well with self-belief, aspiration and support to be their best: Walsall children are provided with the best start in life so they can fulfil their potential and make positive contributions to their communities.
- Safe, resilient and prospering communities: Walsall is a clean, safe and healthy place, with the right housing to meet need, accessible to all and with a strong sense of belonging and cohesion.

Many of the schemes and ambitions within Transport in Walsall are constrained by lack of funding resource; however we will continue to seek alternative sources in order to deliver our aims and aspirations. With this in mind, the following table shows the delivery timeline of schemes mentioned throughout the strategy. Some of the proposals detailed in Transport in Walsall will require further development and consultation. As appropriate this will be promoted and your views will be sought.

In addition, the schemes within this document are not a definitive list and the Council will look to progress new projects where it can be determined that they will improve Walsall's transport system, enhance the regeneration and economic growth of the Borough and make it a healthier and safer place to live.

Delivering Major Transport Schemes in Walsall

Scheme	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Post 2022	Comments
Electrification of the Walsall to Rugeley Trent Valley rail line							Scheme being delivered by Network Rail.
M6 Junction 10 Improvements							Scheme jointly promoted by Walsall Council & Highways England.
Walsall Town Centre Interchange							Scheme would be promoted by TfWM.
Walsall to Wolverhampton Rail/ Tram Train							Scheme would be promoted by TfWM and Network Rail.
Lichfield Rd A461 Improvements – Phase 1							Walsall Council scheme in development stage.
Lichfield Rd A461 Improvements – Phase 2							Walsall Council scheme in development stage.
Walsall to Wednesbury metro/rapid transit							Scheme would be promoted by TfWM.
A34 Walsall to Birmingham Rapid Transit							Scheme would be promoted by TfWM.
Walsall Accessing Growth Package (various locations inc. M6 J10 Resilience Package 2)							Walsall Council scheme in development stage.
Wolverhampton - New Cross Hospital - Willenhall Metro Extension							Scheme would be promoted by TfWM.
Electrification of Walsall to Aldridge Rail line and Aldridge rail station							Scheme would be promoted by TfWM and Network Rail.
Lichfield to Stourbridge rail freight service							Scheme would be promoted by TfWM and Network Rail.

Key: Project Stages

Development Delivery NB this is an indicative programme and is subject to review and change.



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