

Alternatives to the Car/Public Transport
Encouraging Walking, Cycling and the Use of Public Transport
POLICY A2

In order to encourage alternatives to the car, where appropriate, the following should be provided in association with new development:

- i. New or improved pedestrian routes which are safe and convenient.**
- ii. New or improved routes to the existing or proposed cycleway.**
- iii. The provision of road layouts and traffic management measures that take full account of the needs of public transport, including layouts and infrastructure to promote the use of public transport.**

The Borough Council will only grant planning permission where:

- i. cycling and walking infrastructure are integrated with the development and linked with surrounding networks; and**
- ii. development takes account of the needs of public transport.**

Elsewhere within the Plan area opportunities will be examined to improve provision

for pedestrians, cyclists and to encourage the use of public transport including community transport in areas not served by conventional public transport. Additionally, the funding of local transport improvements will be sought in conjunction with new development where appropriate. Innovative forms of transport, such as community buses, will also be encouraged.

Development of a size which exceed the thresholds set out in the Borough Council's

Parking Strategy and Standards Supplementary Planning Guidance will be required to prepare a Green Travel Plan.

5.7 Walking, cycling and the use of public transport have a key role to play in ensuring more

sustainable travel. This can be achieved through the provision of pedestrian and cycle routes;

ensuring that new development is situated in locations which encourage walking, cycling and the use of public transport; offering greater safety on existing routes; ensuring routes

are accessible to all; linking specific areas via convenient pedestrian and cycle routes; and

ensuring that safe and convenient cycle parking facilities are available, especially at transport

interchanges. Other initiatives such as the provision of showers within employment developments can also contribute towards this, through the requirement for Green Travel

Plans as set out in the Parking Strategy and Standards SPG. The Borough Council will seek

to enter into legal agreements with potential developers to secure the implementation of specific improvements or contributions towards their implementation in accordance with the strategy outlined in BEST and the requirements of the proposed SPG on developer contributions This may include new infrastructure or the provision of new or additional public transport services.