

LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL TO SCHOOLS STRATEGY SUMMARY 2010-11

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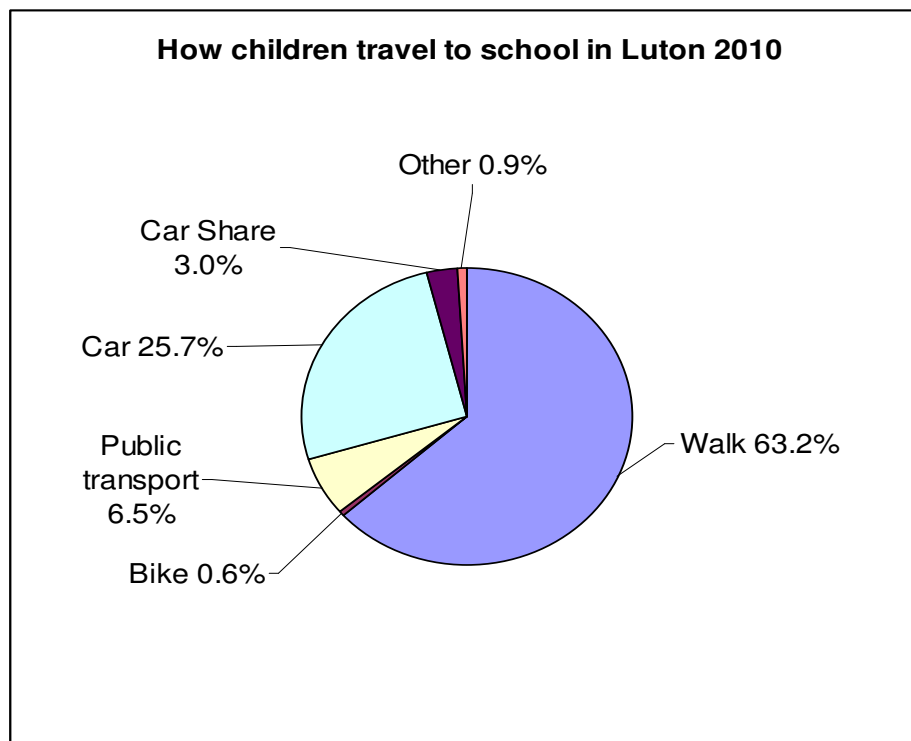
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INTRODUCTION

This document is a summary of Luton Borough Council's Sustainable Travel to Schools strategy and aims to inform parents of what we are doing to promote sustainable modes of transport to schools and colleges and point them to where they can get more information. This document will be updated on an annual basis. The full strategy is available on the Council's website at www.luton.gov.uk/sustainabletravel .

WHY ARE WE PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE MODES OF TRAVEL

Currently a quarter of all journeys to and from school are by private car, which forms traffic congestion around our school gates. If children are not walking or cycling to school this reduces their amount of daily exercise and contributes to the growing problem of obesity in children. It has been found that walking or cycling to school reduces stress and makes children more alert and ready for lessons...



WHAT ARE SUSTAINABLE MODES OF TRAVEL?

- Walking
- Cycling
- Bus use
- Car sharing

WHAT ARE OUR OBJECTIVES?

Objective	Key themes from the Sustainable Travel to School Strategy
Ensure everyone is safe on their journey to, from and between educational establishments.	Safety
Ensure children are equipped with the skills for life.	Education
Improve children's health by encouraging exercise as part of the journey to and from school.	Health
Reduce car travel where there is a viable sustainable transport option.	Transport
Seek additional funding to benefit sustainable travel.	Funding

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We are carrying out both hard and soft measures to encourage more use of sustainable modes of travel

Hard measures (Engineering Works)

- Safety around schools through 20mph zones and limits, parking restrictions and traffic management measures
- More cycling and walking facilities
- Improved bus infrastructure
- Traffic calming and speed reduction measures
- Provision of School Crossing Patrols

Soft measures (Education, Enforcement, Training & Publicity)

- School travel plan development
- Walking initiatives – Walk to school week, Walking buses, walking buddies and park and stride
- Cycle initiatives – cycle training, Bike It officer in schools
- Road Safety Education

- Congestion outside schools awareness campaign
- Sustainable travel to schools web pages - [Sustainable travel to school - Luton BC](#)

WHAT WAS DONE IN 2009-2010

The major actions which we did last financial year are listed below:

- 9 new school travel plans completed and 4 updated.
- 2 schools provided school travel plan annual reviews
- Safety around school measures implemented for, Hart Hill Nursery (bollards on verge opposite to prevent parking), Farley Junior (20mph limit), St Margaret's Primary (one way system and 20mph zone) and Bushmead Primary (20mph zone)
- 19 schools covered in Congestion Action days.
- Bike It Officer has worked in Icknield High, Warden Hill Junior, Sundon Park Junior, Foxdell Junior and Stopsley Primary
- Cycle path links to Stopsley Primary and Stopsley High
- Sustainable Travel to Schools toolkit launched

MOST IMPROVED SCHOOLS

The School Census for 2010 shows whether schools in Luton have increased walking and cycling to school, since the 2009 Census was carried out. The following schools have seen the largest increase in walking and cycling to school, in Luton, over the last year.

School type	Name of school	Improvement from 2009
High	Denbigh	2.8%
Primary	Wigmore	10.41%
Junior	Someris	9.4%
Infant	Warden Hill	13.6%

WHAT IS PLANNED FOR 2010- 2011

The major actions which are planned for this financial year are listed below

- 32 schools to update travel plan
- 19 schools to provide school travel plan annual reviews
- Safety around school measures at Chapel Street Nursery, Cardinal Newman, Grasmere Nursery, and Dallow Junior
- Safety around Schools Challenge to be launched

- Cycle path links to Lealands High School

If you would like more information, a copy of the full Strategy, or have a comment or query

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