

# London Borough of Islington

## Sustainable Modes of Travel Strategy

### SUMMARY

Islington Council has developed the Sustainable Modes of Travel (SMOT) Strategy in line with the requirements outlined in the Education and Inspections Act 2006 which incorporates four main elements:

- an assessment of the travel and transport needs of children, and young people within the authority's area
- an audit of the sustainable travel and transport infrastructure within the authority that may be used when travelling to and from, or between schools/institutions
- a strategy to develop the sustainable travel and transport infrastructure within the authority so that the travel and transport needs of children and young people are better catered for
- the promotion of sustainable travel and transport modes on the journey to, from and between schools and other institutions

The SMOT Strategy outlines how Islington will assist schools to produce and maintain approved School Travel Plans and promote and encourage sustainable travel and transport for children and young people of sixth form age and below.

The aim of the Strategy is to foster change in the travel patterns of school communities towards safer, healthier and environmentally friendly methods of travel.

The Strategy sets out all the proposals and programmes that will be undertaken to address problems with school travel in Islington. The Strategy replaces the Islington School Travel Strategy (Appendix D of the Sustainable Transport Strategy 2006-16).

To achieve the objectives of the Sustainable Transport Strategy, the aims of the SMOT Strategy are:

- to make cycling and walking safer and more attractive
- to increase bus use amongst the school population
- to reduce congestion around the school area
- to develop partnerships with schools, their communities and other organisations and to promote the development of school travel plans
- to promote road user safety through education and training
- to promote the health benefits of walking and cycling
- to promote more sustainable travel choices by ensuring new educational establishments are accessible by walking, cycling and public transport

School Travel Plans form the main mechanism for implementing the Strategy. The approved School Travel Plans examine the school journey and the factors that influence travel choice and encourage school communities to seek practical solutions and school specific initiatives to address the travel issues that affect them.

Through the School Travel Plan monitoring and review process modal shift will be established along with initiative success and best practice.

The Strategy will build upon work already being undertaken by the council. To ensure maximum success using the resources available, priority will be given to groups of schools where the potential for achieving beneficial change in terms of safety, congestion, health and the environment is greatest.

Islington's Strategy is a living document and will be maintained and updated on annual basis.

A copy of the Strategy can be found at:

[www.islington.gov.uk/Transport/SustainableTransportStrategy](http://www.islington.gov.uk/Transport/SustainableTransportStrategy)

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