

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL TRAVEL STRATEGY

Part B – What is the Situation in Derbyshire?

Introduction



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This Section details the progress made to date regarding the **assessment of the travel and transport needs** of children, and young people within Derbyshire County Council; and contains an **audit of the sustainable travel and transport infrastructure** within Derbyshire that may be used when travelling to and from, or between, schools / institutions.

The Section also shows how Sustainable Travel and Transport to and from School is **promoted** within Derbyshire.

Derbyshire – A County of Contrast

The LTP noted that the phrase “a county of contrasts” suits Derbyshire particularly well.

Derbyshire lies at the heart of England, with strategic ties to Greater Manchester, Yorkshire and the East and West Midlands. Derbyshire is a County of both industry and commerce, with both busy towns and rural villages and hamlets. As such, the geographic location of the population of Derbyshire is known to affect individual’s views of the County. Those in Pennine towns and villages might consider Derbyshire to be essentially rural, both in terms of the landscape and in the way of life. However, locals in the south and east are perhaps more likely to view Derbyshire as a centre of manufacturing and industry.

This diversity is an important challenge facing the delivery of services by Derbyshire County Council.

Sources of Data in Derbyshire

There is a variety of information available to Derbyshire County Council to assess the travel and transport needs, and sustainable travel and transport infrastructure, within Derbyshire. This includes information from;

- National Statistics (in terms of general population statistics),
- School Travel Plan survey data,
- National School Census data
- Derbyshire County Council strategy-specific LTP work.

Currently, some of the data from the schools census is unavailable, due to data protection issues relating to the use of certain information. The intended data relates to deprivation, choice and special needs. However, it is anticipated that these issues will have been overcome by the time of the next school census, and that the data will be available to be used to further develop the detailed Strategy.

Population Statistics

At the time of the 2001 Census, there were 177,000 children and young people aged 0 – 19 in Derbyshire. Table 1 shows how these children were split across the County's eight districts.

District	Children 0 -4	Children 5-7	Children 8-9	Children 10-14	Young People 15-19	All 0-19
Amber Valley	6,482	4,305	3,012	7,462	6,473	27,734
Bolsover	4,041	2,709	1,880	4,695	4,129	17,454
Chesterfield	5,406	3,697	2,567	6,190	5,563	23,423
Derbyshire Dales	3,478	2,316	1,678	4,392	3,735	15,599
Erewash	6,289	4,258	3,093	7,495	6,312	27,447
High Peak	5,315	3,304	2,460	6,213	5,198	22,490
North East Derbyshire	4,714	3,458	2,458	6,044	5,602	22,276
South Derbyshire	4,976	3,090	2,154	5,493	4,839	20,552
Derbyshire	40,701	27,137	19,302	47,984	41,851	176,975

Table B1: Population of Children and Young People aged 0 to 19 (April 2001)

Table 1 shows that the numbers of children and young people in each district of the county vary, the highest numbers being in the districts of Amber Valley (27,734) and Erewash (27,447), the lowest being Derbyshire Dales (15,599). This reflects the overall differences in population densities across the County.

Schools in Derbyshire

Table 2 shows the make-up of the educational establishments currently operating within Derbyshire (excluding the City of Derby and independent schools). The locations of these schools are illustrated in Figure 4.

Type of Establishment	Number
Infant School	67
Junior School	53
Nursery School	8
Primary School	236
Pupil Referral Unit	8
Secondary School	47
Special School	10
TOTAL	429

Table B2: Educational Establishments within Derbyshire

