

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL TRAVEL STRATEGY

Part B – What is the Situation in Derbyshire? An Audit of Travel Infrastructure



2007-2011

Public Transport Routes and Provision (including Contracted School Bus Routes)

Derbyshire County Council currently pursues a policy of integrating school transport with the local public transport network (i.e. where possible, school services are delivered via existing public transport services).

The Council contributes to an on-line journey planning system which is available through the following link;

<http://www.travelineeastmidlands.org.uk/>

Also available are detailed maps showing bus routes throughout Derbyshire, through the following link;

http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport/public_transport/maps/default.asp

Pedestrian Routes (including Crossing Patrols)

Derbyshire County Council provide school crossing patrols at over 300 sites across the County. Restrictions on the number of Crossing Patrols is currently one of recruitment, not finance.

A *Rights of Way Improvement Plan* was developed as part of the Local Transport Plan (within Annex A). This is available through the following link;

[Derbyshire LTP \(Annex A\): Supporting Plans / Strategies](#)

Cycleways

Derbyshire County Council are continually working to further develop the County's cycle network. A map showing the current cycle routes available within the County is available through the following link;

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport/public_transport/cycling_routes/

Existing Hard Measures

Individual School Travel Plans are produced in the context of local conditions, and the associated barriers to, and opportunities for, the encouragement of sustainable travel. This work includes consideration of existing school safety zones, 20mph zones, zig-zags, speeds limits, traffic calming, controlled crossings and local pedestrian / cycling infrastructure. Such facilities are provided on a site-specific basis and currently there is no County-wide database of such infrastructure.

Cycle Storage

As part of the Travel Plan process, available cycle storage facilities are noted in the Site Audit process. The School Travel Plan Co-ordinators will advise schools on opportunities to improve cycle storage facilities, where appropriate. The lack of suitable cycle storage is identified in the above data analysis as being a key barrier to encouraging additional cycling to school.



Photograph: New Cycle Storage at Tibshelf Community School

Air Quality

An Air Quality mapping exercise was conducted as part of the recent Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) work.

[Strategic Environmental Assessment \(Maps\)](#)

It is understood that, in general, improving Air Quality in Derbyshire has an important role to play in encouraging the use of cycling and walking as a sustainable travel mode.

Inaccessible Stops on Bus Routes

Bus Stops are sited carefully by Derbyshire County Council to maximise accessibility. As part of the School Travel Plan process, concerns regarding specific bus stops are raised with the Public Transport Team for appropriate action.

A Bus Strategy was developed as part of the Local Transport which is available through the following link;

[Derbyshire LTP \(Annex A\): Supporting Plans / Strategies](#)

Footway and Road Condition

As part of the School Travel Plan process, areas of concern are raised with the local Road Maintenance teams for appropriate action.

We are currently promoting a “Call Derbyshire” service within the school community such that specific problems or issues can be directly reported to us;

Call Derbyshire – 08456 058 058

The Efficient Management and Maintenance of the Highway Network is one of the five priorities of the Local Transport Plan which is available from the following link;

[Derbyshire Local Transport Plan](#)

Deprivation

An assessment of those areas in Derbyshire that were the most deprived was conducted as part of the recent Local Transport Plan (LTP) work, within Annex A. This information is available in map form through the following link;

[Derbyshire LTP \(Annex A\): Supporting Plans / Strategies](#)

Accessibility of Schools

As part of the LTP process, an assessment of the accessibility of Derbyshire’s schools was undertaken. This information is available in map form from the following link (within Annex A), with the latest information available given below;

[Derbyshire LTP \(Annex A\): Supporting Plans / Strategies](#)

Accessibility calculations have been calculated for two time periods;

- 07:00 to 09:00 – from origin to destination
- 15:00 to 17:00 – from destination to origin

Tables B5 and B6 show the accessibility to primary and secondary schools respectively (by walk, bus or rail). Results are presented as proportions of pupils, and pupils in receipt of free school meals, living in Derbyshire.

Journey Time (mins)	Primary aged pupils	Primary aged pupils in receipt of Free School Meals
0 – 15	97%	99%
0- 30	99%	100%

Table B5: Access to Primary Schools (by walk, bus, rail)

Journey Time (mins)	Secondary aged pupils	Secondary aged pupils in receipt of Free School Meals
0 – 20	85%	91%
0- 40	98%	99%

Table B6: Access to Secondary Schools (by walk, bus, rail)

Road Congestion and Pinch Points

As part of the School Travel Plan process, specific issues relating to road congestion are identified and raised with the Traffic and Safety Team for appropriate action.

An assessment of road congestion and pinch points was conducted as part of the recent Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Local Transport Plan (LTP) work, within Annex A. This information is available in map form through the following link;

[Strategic Environmental Assessment \(Maps\)](#)

[Derbyshire LTP \(Annex A\): Supporting Plans / Strategies](#)