

Worksop Central DPD Travel Plan

Vision Statement

The Travel Plan will support the regeneration and future development of Worksop Central, reducing the impact of new development on the surrounding road network. It will support the aim to make Worksop Central a less car-dominated place with improved air quality, by promoting sustainable travel options such as by bus and train, cycling, walking and electric vehicles.



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Our Vision

By 2040: Worksop Central will be inclusive and accessible supporting active travel and public transport, enabling more people to have opportunities for healthy, active lifestyles. Connectivity within the Town Centre and to nearby areas will be easy and safe on foot or by bike. Green transport options will be embedded in design supporting wider aspirations for climate change mitigation and a greener environment for all. As a multi-modal transport hub Worksop Central will become the gateway to the sub-region and a great place to live.

What is the Worksop Central Travel Plan?

National planning policy defines a travel plan as “a long-term management strategy that seeks to deliver sustainable transport objectives”, and requires submission of travel plans alongside applications for developments which generate significant amounts of movement.

This area-wide travel plan covers a defined area within the Worksop Central DPD, and incorporates the needs of businesses, residents and other users within the area to help reduce the cumulative impact of the regeneration and development to the surrounding road network.

Some of the key objectives of the Worksop Central DPD are transport focused and these include:

- Improving Transport Infrastructure; and
- Improving Air Quality.

To help meet these objectives, the Travel Plan has two key functions. It will develop and deliver:

1. bespoke transport and active travel projects and incentives for individual developments to remove the need for developers to provide this role; and
2. a range of measures for general public use to enable and support a less car dominated environment in the town centre.

How will the Travel Plan’s proposals be funded?

The Travel Plan’s further development and implementation will be delivered through a channel of mechanisms including external funding through bidding processes, contributions via the SEP, Nottinghamshire County Council and contributions from new developments within the Worksop Central area.

To provide consistency, developers in the town centre will be required to demonstrate how they contribute towards the Worksop Central Travel Plan rather than develop a plethora of individual travel plans. This aims to provide greater coordination of infrastructure need and value for money to enable larger-scale initiatives to be implemented.

The exact combination of projects, initiatives and incentives will be based on results of a Transport Assessment that is currently being developed as part of the evidence

base work for the Worksop Central DPD. This assessment will be created in combination with other stakeholders and information from public consultation feedback. Below are the key projects and initiatives that are proposed to support improvements to the road, walking and cycling environment within Worksop Central.

Projects to improve Roads:

As a compact town, Worksop is accessible for vehicles and people to get about. However, there are number of barriers that are current discouraging people to walking and cycling such as poorly defined paths, signage and crossings. In addition, a confusing road network is leading to increased congestion in certain parts of the area. The Travel Plan is proposing to reorganise the existing road network within the town centre to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion and improve shared spaces.



Projects include:

- 1. Enhancing upper Bridge Street so that it becomes a shared space for pedestrians, public transport and vehicles.**
- 2. Change the flow of traffic around the Public Sector Hub to deliver an extended market square.**
- 3. Improving Victoria Square by creating a roundabout.**
- 4. Creating new link road between Central Avenue and Bridge Place via the Priory Centre.**
- 5. Close Carlton Road from Victoria and provide a new East/West link to Gateford Road.**
- 6. Close Dock Road from Victoria Square to vehicles.**
- 7. Provide a new East/West link from Gateford Road to Portland Street via Gateford Road Car Park.**

8. Improve signalisation at Bridge Place and Watson Road to reduce waiting times.

For more detail on these projects, please see [Worksop Central DPD Transport Plan- Highways Technical Note](#)

Projects to improve Bus Services:

Encouraging more people to use the local bus services will reduce traffic congestion and promote accessibility. Worksop Bus Station is a new facility at the heart of Worksop Central. It provide regular services around the town. Through a combination of new services, improved bus stops and shelters and enhanced publicity about the service provision will help increase usage.

Projects include:

- 1. Promote timetabling to users and businesses.**
- 2. Working with service providers to create new routes for busses to access.**
- 3. New road infrastructure will provide new links between key designations or areas of the town centre.**
- 4. Improve signage, bus shelters and bike storage facilities.**



Projects to encourage cycling and walking:

Encouraging walking and cycling will re-establish the Town Centre as a safe and healthy destination. Through a combination of a series of new people friendly spaces, improved public realm, green space, new and improved cycle lanes and traffic management will connect the various parts of the town centre together by improving accessibility and movement.



Projects include:

- 1. Making the area more cycle and pedestrian focused.**
- 2. Creating four new people friendly spaces for socialising and public events. These include extending the Market Square and creating a new spaces at Bridge Place, Victoria square and outside Worksop Station;**
- 3. A network of new and improve walking and cycling routes with a strong emphasis for North-South and East-West connections through the town centre.**
- 4. Walking and cycling maps and signage for users.**
- 5. Promoting electric and alternative fuel technology vehicles will be commonplace, with smart infrastructure actively managing movement around the town.**
- 6. Bike storage facilities at key designations and attractions.**

Projects to encourage Rail Travel:

To encourage more people to use the rail station and access its services, the travel plan has identified a number of projects.



Projects include:

- 1. Improving the space around the station to provide a more welcoming and safe access to Worksop Central.**
- 2. Improve signage from the station into Worksop Central.**
- 3. Continue to work with Network Rail to improve rail services**

Projects to encourage electric vehicles:

Workshop Central has a number of public car parks. Some of these have accessibility to electric charging points, but others do not. To encourage more electric vehicles within the town centre, more electric charging points will need to be developed within formal and non-formal car parks or parking areas, including at new commercial and residential developments.



Who will be Involved?

- The Travel Plan Coordinator role will be undertaken by the local authority and will have the responsibility for managing the development, implementation and monitoring of the travel plan.
- The Travel Plan will be developed and implemented in consultation with key stakeholders, residents, businesses, councillors, alongside council colleagues. Consultations will take place on a regular basis with these organisations to ensure they are involved and informed of the latest developments relating to the travel plan.
- The travel plan co-ordinator will also be supported by a variety of organisations and contributors as and when required, such as scheme and event providers, bus and train operators and the Council.

Next Steps

A Transport Assessment is currently being prepared to support the Worksop Central DPD. This will do two things:

1. Provide a technical assessment of any impacts to the highway network from the proposed development allocations; and
2. Inform of potential road improvements (above those that may be delivered by planned development) within Worksop Central that will help achieve the objectives of the Regeneration Strategy.

The Council will continue to engage with relevant partners on the proposed projects within the Travel Plan throughout the process of preparing the Worksop Central DPD.

