



DARLINGTON
Borough Council






Darlington Transport Plan

Summary Document

Our Vision and Objectives

We want Darlington to have a safe and resilient low carbon transport system which offers choice; promotes health and wellbeing and supports inclusive economic growth.

Our Objectives

<p>1. Reduce transport's impact on the environment and support health and wellbeing (Page 15);</p>	
<p>2. Improve safety for all road users (Page 20)</p>	
<p>3. Connect people with job and training opportunities and link communities (Page 24)</p>	
<p>4. Support a revitalised and transformed Darlington town centre (Page 27);</p>	
<p>5. Maintain and effectively manage a resilient transport system (Page 28)</p>	

Purpose and Context

We need to work together to create healthier communities with cleaner air, a stronger local economy, and more resilience against climate change.

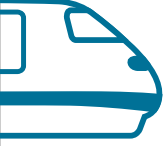









The Darlington Transport Strategy 2022-2030 describes what we need to do differently to address current and future challenges. Some of these challenges are set out below.












Climate change	reduce carbon emissions from the movement of people and goods
Air quality	reduce carbon emissions from the movement of people and goods
Health	Increase levels of active travel and maintain a good road safety record
Social inequalities	Improve connectivity to jobs, training, education and support services, at an affordable price
Economic growth	Build a sustainable transport system alongside businesses and housing to achieve a high quality place in which to live, work and visit





This Strategy also supports:






- The delivery of the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan which sets out the vision, objectives and priorities for the transport system across the Tees Valley
- The delivery of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) agreed with the Department for Transport (DfT) that provides funding over five years.
- The new Darlington Local Plan 2016-2036 which seeks to ensure the majority of new housing, employment and services are provided in the main towns and larger villages supported by improvements in sustainable forms of transport (public transport, walking and cycling).

Action Plan (2021-30)

Mode Of Transport	Projects	Fulfills Objective	Cost Description	Dates	Anticipated Outcomes	
	Deliver Darlington Station master plan	  	£25 million renovation to ensure connectivity, commerce and better access	2022-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enables a faster and more regular train service between Darlington and the Tees Valley Provides a more attractive national and regional gateway to Darlington 	
	Rail Heritage Quarter		Deliver improvements at North Road Station	2023-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved station environment and interchange with other modes 	
	Dinsdale Station		Investigate future improvements at Dinsdale station	2025-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of station accessibility, particularly for people with mobility issues Review of waiting facilities 	
	Teesside Airport Station Improvements		Deliver improvements at Teesside Airport Station	2025-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved interchange at Teesside International Airport by all modes 	
	New Bus Partnership	  	New enhanced partnership between bus operators, TVCA and Local Authorities	2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stable and reliable bus services Improved bus services on 9 key routes across the Tees Valley Improved ticket options Increase in bus patronage 	
	Measures to improve bus journey times and reliability on three bus corridors in Darlington		 	Improvements to bus corridors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branksome to Red Hall Darlington to Stockton/ Middlesbrough Darlington to Durham 	2022-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved bus journey times and reliability Increased bus patronage.
	Improve customer waiting facilities for bus and coach passengers			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of high quality facilities on the 9 key bus routes across the Tees Valley Maintenance and improvement of all other bus/coach waiting facilities as part of a new commercial contract 	2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in bus user satisfaction Increase in bus patronage

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	Woodland Road/A68 (LCWIP) Phase 1 Phase 2 Phase 3	  	New high quality cycling facilities linking the town centre to Faverdale/West Park.	2022-2023 2023-2024 2024-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of high quality cycling facilities along the A68 corridor • Increased cycling levels • Improved health and wellbeing • Reduced carbon emissions
	Development of a programme of LCWIP schemes on the remaining five identified corridors	 	Development and delivery of new high quality cycling facilities on corridors with the highest propensity for an increase in cycling.	2023-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provisions of high quality cycling facilities • Increased cycling levels • Improved health and wellbeing • Reduced carbon emissions
	Stockton & Darlington Cycling Route		New high quality cycle route along the route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway Line.	2022-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of high quality cycling facilities from Haughton Road to Burtree Lane via Rail Heritage Quarter and from Middleton St George to Stockton Borough Boundary • Develop options for a route from Burtree Lane north to the Durham County Council boundary.
	Rollout of additional Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs)	   	Provision of a range of EVCPs to enable residents to make the switch to electric vehicles	2022-2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased take up of EV vehicles • Reduced carbon emissions • Reduced air pollution.

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	Urban Traffic Management and Control system (UTMC)		The provision of urban traffic control systems on North Road, Yarm Road and Tornado Way/ McMullen Road	2023-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the efficiency of the highway network • Enable bus priority through identification of late running buses
	Maintenance of roads and footpaths	 	Maintain 366 miles of roads and associated footpaths. Maintain and improve our network of public rights of way.	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fewer potholes • Less roadworks • More efficient network
	Darlington Northern Link Road (DNLR)		Potential new road between the A66/A1150 Little Burdon junction and A1 (M) Junction 59.	2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced journey times between Teesside, Darlington and Durham • Reduction in traffic/HGVs on local roads
	Key Road Network (KRN) hot spots		Improvements to existing junctions to accommodate additional traffic from Local Plan development proposals e.g.A68/B6280 Carmel Road North corridor, A1150 Salters Lane, Darlington Eastern approaches, A167/White Horse junction, McMullen Road/Tornado Way junction.	2022-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced congestion on the local roads • Reduced journey times on the local roads • Reduction in impact from development proposals
	Identify and improve pinch points on the highway network		Improvements to junctions and link roads to maintain and improve the vehicle flow	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain traffic flow
	Support National Highways A66 improvement programme		Improvements to existing junctions on the Strategic Road Network (SRN) to accommodate additional traffic (development and background)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced congestion/ journey times • Reduction in impact from development proposals • Maintain road safety

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	Implementation of a package of safety measures around schools	   	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20mph zones • School streets/Safe routes to school • Waiting restrictions • School crossing patrol service • Pedestrian and cycle training 	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in child casualties • Increased walking and cycling • Reduced carbon emissions • Reduced air pollution
	Develop a programme of area wide 20mph zones		Maintain 366 miles of roads and associated footpaths. Maintain and improve our network of public rights of way.	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in casualties • Increased walking and cycling
	Develop a programme of measures to reduce casualties and manage speeds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Casualty reduction schemes • Speed indicator devices • Village gateways 	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in casualties • Reduction in vehicle speeds