



**DARLINGTON**  
Borough Council

# Darlington Transport Plan






Summary Document

2022-2030

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

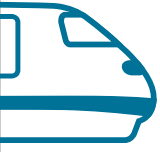









The Darlington Transport Strategy 2022-2030 describes what we need to do differently to address current and future challenges. Some of these challenges are set out below.





<b>Climate change</b>	reduce carbon emissions from the movement of people and goods
<b>Air quality</b>	reduce carbon emissions from the movement of people and goods
<b>Health</b>	Increase levels of active travel and maintain a good road safety record
<b>Social inequalities</b>	Improve connectivity to jobs, training, education and support services, at an affordable price
<b>Economic growth</b>	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 (2022-2030)

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"> <li>Enables a faster and more regular train service between Darlington and the Tees Valley</li> <li>Provides a more attractive national and regional gateway to Darlington</li> </ul>
	Rail Heritage Quarter		Deliver improvements at North Road Station to support the RHQ Master plan	2023-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved station environment and interchange with other transport modes</li> </ul>
	Dinsdale Station		Investigate future improvements at Dinsdale station as part of TVCA project to review stations	2025-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of station accessibility, particularly for people with mobility issues</li> <li>Review of waiting facilities</li> </ul>
	Teesside Airport Station Improvements		Invest in international, national and regional transport gateways, including the airport, rail stations and bus and coach interchange in partnership with key stakeholders	2025-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide improved interchange at Teesside International Airport by all modes</li> </ul>
	New Bus Partnership	    	Implementation of a new enhanced partnership between bus operators, TVCA and Local Authorities	2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved bus services on 9 key routes across the Tees Valley</li> <li>Encourage more bus patronage</li> <li>Improved ticket options across Tees Valley</li> <li>Stable and reliable bus services</li> </ul>
	Provide measures to improve bus journey times and reliability on three bus corridors in Darlington as part of the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS)		Improvements to the Branksome to Red Hall, Darlington to Stockton/ Middlesbrough and Darlington to Durham bus corridors	2022-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved bus journey times and reliability</li> <li>Increased bus patronage.</li> </ul>
	Improve customer waiting facilities for bus and coach passengers		Implement new contracts to provide high quality bus shelters and waiting facilities	2022-2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provision of high quality facilities on the 9 key bus routes across the Tees Valley</li> <li>Maintenance and improvements of all other bus/coach waiting facilities as part of the new commercial contract</li> </ul>

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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"> <li>• Provision of high quality cycling facilities along the A68 corridor</li> <li>• Increased cycling levels</li> <li>• Improved health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Reduced carbon emissions</li> </ul>
	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.	2023-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisions of high quality cycling facilities</li> <li>• Increased cycling levels</li> <li>• Improved health and wellbeing</li> <li>• Reduced carbon emissions</li> </ul>
	Stockton & Darlington Cycling Route 26 miles connection to walk and cycle		New high quality cycle route along the route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway Line.	2022-2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of high quality cycling facilities from Houghton Road to Burtree Lane via Rail Heritage Quarter and from Middleton St George to Stockton Borough Boundary</li> <li>• Develop options for a route from Burtree Lane north to the Durham County Council boundary.</li> </ul>

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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"> <li>• Improve the efficiency of the highway network</li> <li>• Enable bus priority through identification of late running buses</li> </ul>
	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"> <li>• Fewer potholes</li> <li>• Less roadworks</li> <li>• More efficient network</li> </ul>
	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"> <li>• Reduced journey times between Teesside, Darlington and Durham</li> <li>• Reduction in traffic/HGVs on local roads</li> </ul>
	Key Road Network (KRN) hot spots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A68/B6280 - Carmel Road North corridor</li> <li>• A1150 - Salters Lane</li> <li>• Darlington Eastern approaches</li> <li>• A167/White Horse junction</li> <li>• McMullen Road/ Tornado Way junction</li> </ul>		Improvements to existing junctions to accommodate additional traffic from Local Plan development proposals contained in the Local Plan.	2022-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced congestion on the local road network</li> <li>• Reduced journey times on the local road network</li> <li>• Reduction in impact from development proposals</li> </ul>
	Identify and improve pinch points on the highway network and carry out improvements in a timely manner		Improvements to junctions and link roads to maintain and improve the flow of vehicles	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain traffic flow</li> </ul>
	Support National Highways A66 improvement programme		Improvements to existing junctions on the Strategic Road Network (SRN) to accommodate additional traffic from development and background traffic growth on the SRN	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced congestion on the SRN</li> <li>• Reduced journey times on the SRN</li> <li>• Reduction in impact from development proposals</li> <li>• Maintain road safety</li> </ul>

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	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"> <li>• Increased take up of EV vehicles</li> <li>• Reduced carbon emissions</li> <li>• Reduced air pollution.</li> </ul>
	<p>Implementation of a package of safety measures around schools including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20mph zones</li> <li>• Safe routes to school</li> <li>• Waiting restrictions</li> <li>• School streets</li> <li>• School crossing patrol service</li> <li>• Pedestrian and cycle training</li> </ul>	   	Implementation of a package of measures to improve safety around schools and encourage increased walking and cycling	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in child casualties</li> <li>• Increased walking and cycling</li> <li>• Reduced carbon emissions</li> <li>• Reduced air pollution</li> </ul>
	Develop a programme of area wide 20mph zones		Development of a programme of 20mph zones, including consolidation of existing traffic calmed areas	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in casualties</li> <li>• Increased walking and cycling</li> </ul>
	<p>Develop a programme of measures to reduce casualties and manage speeds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Casualty reduction schemes</li> <li>• Speed indicator devices</li> <li>• Village gateways</li> </ul>		Development of a programme to identify and treat road traffic casualty hot spots and implement speed management measures to reduce the risk and severity of road traffic casualties occurring	2022-2030	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduction in casualties</li> <li>• Reduction in vehicle speeds</li> </ul>



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