Transforming Travel In Watford: the strategy for 2021 – 2041 Delivery Plan

This Action Plan sets out a high-level programme of work to be delivered as set out in detail in Transforming Travel in Watford: The Strategy for 2021 – 2041 Supporting Document.

As an annual monitoring activity Watford Borough Council will produce an update on the programme, provide a 12 month action plan and review the progress on outcomes for each of the work streams under our six key objectives.

Under each strategy theme the following are shown:

- Strategy Action
- Key Initial Activities
- Whether there is activity and output expected within next 24 months, even if not the full delivery of the Action
- Lead Organisation for delivery and Support Organisation where relevant
- Full Scheme Costs
- Strategy Objectives being addressed
- Timeline for delivery of complete action (short/medium/long)
- Expected Initial Output

Objectives:

- Cutting Congestion (CC)
- Providing for Future Journeys (FJ)
- Boosting Health & Wellbeing (H&W)
- Ensuring all our community benefits (EQ)
- Making the best use of new technology (Tech)
- Delivering a great customer experience (CE)

This Action Plan captures total potential funding required on a scale of £ indicators for the full delivery of the action:

- A single £ represents under £100k
- ££ represents up to £500K
- fff represents up to f1m
- ££££ represents up to £5m
- fffff represents over f5m

The timeline is set out as Short, Medium or Long term, for the full delivery of the action:

- Short term relates to delivery within 24 months
- Medium term equates to delivery in 2 to 8 years
- Long term projects will take over 8 years to deliver

Active Travel

Strategy Action	Initial Activity	Activity within 24 months?	Delivery Lead Organisation (Support Organisation)	Full Scheme Cost	Objectives Addressed CC/FJ/H&W/ EQ/ Tech/CE	Full scheme Delivery Timeline Short, Medium, Long	Expected Initial Output
AT1a New Cycle Routes and Improved Footways – Enhanced Cycle Network	Active Travel Bid 2022	Yes	HCC	£££	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ	Medium	Feasibility design and funding for new cycle route(s)
AT1b New Cycle Routes and Improved Footways – Footway Enhancements	Active Travel Bid 2022	Yes	HCC	££	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ	Medium	Feasibility design and funding for footway improvements
AT1d New Cycle Routes and Improved Footways – review and improve pedestrian crossings	Signal Timing Reviews & changes	Yes	HCC	£	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ	Short	Identification of signals to be modified & implementation of changes
AT1e New Cycle Routes and Improved Footways – Quick wins for walking and cycling	Identify and deliver package of improvements	Yes	WBC	£	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ	Short	Delivery of minor walking and cycling improvements
AT2a Expanded Cycle Parking – Residential Cycle Hangars	Establish trial scheme	Yes	WBC	£	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ	Medium	Residential hangar scheme trial

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AT2b Expanded Cycle Parking – School Cycle Parking	Through the school travel plan process, support increased cycle parking in schools	Yes	HCC	£	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ	Medium	Additional cycle parking in schools
AT2c Expanded Cycle Parking – On-street cycle parking	Audit existing cycle parking and identify gaps	Yes	WBC	£	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ	Medium	Agreed target areas and delivery plan for implementation of cycle parking delivery
AT3a Bike Share – Bike Share	Complete Current Scheme	Yes	WBC	ff	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ, Tech	Medium	Completion of full delivery of sites in Watford
AT3b Bike Share – Bike Share	Expand Current Scheme	No	WBC/neighbou ring local authorities	££	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ, Tech	Medium	Expansion to neighbouring boroughs
AT4a Healthier Neighbourhoods – Low Traffic Neighbourhoods	Monitor HCC schemes and best practice elsewhere & develop approach for Watford.	Yes	HCC	££	CC, H&W, EQ	Medium	Approach to LTN delivery in WBC
AT4b Healthier Neighbourhoods – School Streets	Discuss opportunities for School Streets with schools engaged on travel planning	Yes	HCC	£	CC, H&W, EQ	Medium	Identification of schools where there is potential for a School Street

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		months?	(Support	Cost		Timeline	
			Organisation)		CC/FJ/H&W/	Short,	
					EQ/ Tech/CE	Medium, Long	
AT5a Welcoming Street	Identify potential	Yes	WBC	£	H&W, EQ	Short	Trial of parklet or
Space - re-allocating car	locations and engage						similar in limited
parking to parklets and other	with communities						number of locations
uses							

Longer Journeys

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LJ1a Park and Ride – investigate park and ride at two locations	Investigate feasibility of delivery and land requirements, constraints and environmental impacts	Yes	HCC	£££££	CC, FJ, CE	Long	High level feasibility and depending on outcome development of scope of business case.
LJ2a Improve Bus Services – bus priority measures	Joint HCC / WBC working group to progress feasibility of bus priority measures on Exchange Road, , Vicarage Road, Lower High Street	Yes	HCC	ffff	CC, FJ, EQ, CE	Medium	Preferred schemes to progress for funding / delivery
LJ2a Improve Bus Services - bus priority measures	Highway prioritisation study for St Albans Road to considering balance between modes and develop bus prioritisation measures accordingly	Yes	HCC	ffff	CC, FJ, EQ, CE	Medium	Identification of priorities for St Albans Road and development of preferred scheme for funding/delivery.

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LJ2b Improve Bus Services – bus stop improvements	Delivery of improvements to bus stops	Yes	HCC	££	FJ, EQ, CE	Short	Bus stop enhancements (improved accessibility, real time information etc) delivered
LJ3a Rail Enhancements – Cycle / walking access quick wins	Identify and deliver cycle / walking quick wins at all stations	Yes	WBC	£	FJ, EQ, CE	Short / Medium	Delivered cycle and walking quick wins
LJ3b + LJ3c Rail Enhancements – enhance accessibility and quality of stations	Lobby rail operators / Network Rail	Yes	NR (HCC)	fff	FJ, EQ, CE	Long	Inclusion of improvements to stations in franchise agreements or similar
LJ3d Rail Enhancements – Encourage use of Abbey Line	Respond to outcome of restoring your railway fund bid	Yes	NR / HCC	£££££	FJ, EQ, CE	Medium	Decision on next steps for Abbey Line
LJ3e Rail Enhancements — Develop Watford Junction as a sustainable multi-modal hub	Develop outline business case and inclusion as part of wider Watford Junction Masterplan	Yes	NR / HCC / WBC	£££££	FJ, EQ, CE	Long	Plan and outline business case for WJ enhancements
LJ3f Rail Enhancements – enhanced rail service provision for Watford Junction	Lobby rail operators / Network Rail	No	NR / HCC	£££££	FJ, EQ, CE	Long	Inclusion of additional services in franchise agreements or similar

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LJ4a Enhanced Public Transport – public transport system on former Croxley Rail Line with parallel walking / cycling routes	Identify preferred system type	Yes	HCC (WBC, NR, TfL, Three Rivers)	fffff	CC, FJ, CE, Tech	Long	Outline of preferred system and outline business case
LJ4b Enhanced Public Transport – support delivery of HERT and ensure integration with existing hubs	Preparation of Strategic Outline Business Case	Yes	HCC	fffff	CC, FJ, CE, Tech	Long	HERT Outline Business Case

Alternatives to Car Ownership

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ACO1a New Car Club - deliver new car club	Procure new operator and roll out scheme	Yes	WBC	£	CC, FJ	Short	New Car Club in focused
ACO2a, b, c Enhanced Taxi Fleet – adopt Taxi Strategy Action Plan Phase 1	Launch strategy, engagement with operators, establish project to support switch to EV taxis	Yes	WBC	£	CC, EQ, CE	Short	Strategy understood by taxi fleet. Review feasibility of scheme to support switch-over to EV.
ACO2a, b, c Enhanced Taxi Fleet – adopt Taxi Strategy Action Plan Phase 2	Investigate taxi hotspots, opportunities for taxi-driver rest facilities, access for green taxis to bus priority areas	Yes	WBC	££	CC, EQ, CE	Medium	Prioritised initiatives to support greener, more efficient taxi fleet.
ACO3a Electric Vehicle Charging - continue planned delivery of EV charging	Installation of EV charging points	Yes	WBC (HCC)	£	H&W, CE, Tech	Short	Delivery of EV Charging points
ACO4a Demand Responsive Transport – Arriva Click	Encourage and monitor use of Arriva Click	Yes	WBC	£	CC, FJ, EQ, Tech, CE	Short	Increased usage of Arriva Click, strategy for the scheme going forward.

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ACO5a Mobile Phone App – ensure supports TTIW aims	Enhance transport elements and integrate new schemes	Yes	WBC	££	Tech, CE	Short	Confirmed plan going forward
AC06a Mini Transport Hubs – mini-transport hubs in Watford neighbourhoods	Procure support to identify locations to combine sustainable transport offerings outside of town centre	Yes	WBC	£	CC, Tech, CE	Medium	Report on potential mini-hub locations

The Town Centre

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TC1a Pedestrian and Cycle Access – Improved and New Pedestrian and Cycle Crossings of Ring Road	Identify improvements required and feasibility designs	Yes	HCC	£££	H&W, EQ	Medium	Prioritised list of improvements for Ring Road crossings
TC2a Prioritising Cycling and Public Transport – on ring road and Dalton Way	Develop long term projects and accompanying business cases	No	HCC	£££££	CC, FJ, H&W, EQ	Long	Business case for transformative schemes for ring road and Dalton Way
TC3a Town Centre Transport Hub – develop sustainable hub in town centre	Procure external support to develop hub options	Yes	WBC	££££	CC, FJ, Tech, CE	Medium	Preferred option for sustainable transport hub
TC4a People Friendly High Street – reduction in traffic / bus gate	Deliver bus gate	Yes	WBC	ff	H&W, EQ, CE	Short	Bus gate replacing staff controlling access
TC4a People Friendly High Street – Public realm improvements	Procure support for outline design	Yes	WBC	fff	H&W, EQ, CE	Medium	Designs for improvement of High Street Central and South
TC5a Sustainable Transport Corridor – High Street to Bushey Station	Develop long term project and accompanying business case	No	HCC	£££££	CC, FJ, H&W	Long	Business case for transformative schemes tying into Colne Valley SDA

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			Organisation)		CC/FJ/H&W/	Short,	
					EQ/ Tech/CE	Medium, Long	
TC6a, b, c Improved Car	Procure external	Yes	WBC (&	£	CC, FJ	Medium	Car Parking Strategy
Parks – enhance quality and	support to analyse		private sector				for Town Centre
align to sustainable travel	demand and develop		organisations)				
goals	parking strategy						

Supporting Change

Strategy Action	Initial Activity	Activity within 24 months?	Delivery Lead Organisation (Support Organisation)	Full Scheme Cost	Objectives Addressed CC/FJ/H&W/ EQ/ Tech/CE	Full scheme Delivery Timeline Short, Medium, Long	Expected Initial Output
SC2a Rewarding Change – travel based reward system	Procure external support to identify reward mechanism, link with schemes and local businesses	Yes	WBC/HCC	£	CC, H&W, Tech, CE	Medium	Programme for developing reward scheme
SC2b Rewarding Change – mobility credits	Develop scheme to reward people for giving up car	No	WBC	££	CC, H&W, Tech, CE	Medium	Scheme definition for mobility credits for scrapping car and funding scheme
SC3a Working with Businesses – engaging with businesses on workplace travel plans	Identify key businesses with whom to support development of workplace travel plans	Yes	HCC/ WBC	£	CC, FJ	Short	Businesses in Watford developing own workplace travel plans
SC5b Communications – joint HCC / WBC communication plan	Establish HCC / WBC communications plan for sustainable transport	Yes	WBC / HCC	£	EQ, CE	Short	Joint communications plan to ensure uniform message on transport
SC5c Communications – cycling and walking forum	Maintain / grow cycle forum. Launch walking forum.	Yes	WBC	£	EQ, CE	Short	Walking forum or equivalent established alongside cycling

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SC5d Communications – maintain and expand training e.g., cycling	Maintain existing schemes and seek opportunities / funding of expansion that aligns with TTIW schemes	Yes	WBC / HCC	£	EQ, CE	Short	Expanded training offering around active and sustainable travel
SC6a School Engagement – School Travel Plans	Improve engagement with schools to increase number with School Travel Plans	Yes	HCC	£	CC, H&W, EQ	Short	Increased number of schools with accredited Travel Plans.

Moving Goods

Strategy Action	Initial Activity	Activity within 24 months?	Delivery Lead Organisation (Support Organisation)	Full Scheme Cost	Objectives Addressed CC/FJ/H&W/ EQ/ Tech/CE	Full scheme Delivery Timeline Short, Medium, Long	Expected Initial Output
MG1 Green Delivery Modes – e-cargo bike trial	Identify businesses of interest and support in trialling cargo bike, apply for grant funding	Yes	WBC/HCC	£	CC, H&W	Short	Watford businesses trialling use of e- cargo bikes.
MG2 Freight Consolidation – investigate options for freight consolidation	Discussions with main operators and neighbouring authorities	No	HCC	ffff	СС	Long	Action plan developed
MG3 Freight Movement and Loading – managing freight routing	Review current arrangements, issues and propose changes	No	НСС	£	CC, Tech	Medium	Plan for improved freight routing
MG4 Freight Movement and Loading – dynamic kerbside management	Review current trials and identify areas of potential in Watford	Yes	WBC	£££	CC, Tech	Medium	Preferred option / viability of dynamic kerbside management
MG5 Parcel Lockers – target parcel hub at interchange hubs and other key locations	Investigate and meet with potential providers	Yes	WBC (Private sector partner)	£	CC, CE	Short	Delivery of additional parcel lockers

Key:

Abbreviation	Partner
HCC	Hertfordshire County Council
WBC	Watford Borough Council
NR	Network Rail