

Policy T1

Sustainable Movement Network

Partnership working is integral to delivering sustainable movement across the District. We will continue to work in partnership with stakeholders, including but not limited to, Kent County Council, National Highways, transport providers and developers, to ensure growth is supported by the necessary transport provisions and a range of movement is available, in a manner proportionate to the scale of development and the site's location. Through partnership working we will:

Strategic Transport Planning and Collaboration

1. Promote and support improvements to the transport network which increase safety, improve air quality and encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport.
2. Support the improvement of public transport services and provisions for journeys around and out of the District.
3. Engage with bordering local authorities to address improvements needed for cross-boundary trips.
4. Encourage partnership working between strategic site developers where sites are located close together to ensure successful delivery of transport provision.

Integrated and Low Emission Transport Networks

5. Create and strengthen interchanges between different transport modes (such as rail, bus, walking, cycling) to improve access and support first and last mile journeys by active travel.
6. Locate new development near public transport infrastructure, services and facilities to enhance sustainable places.
7. Enhance Sevenoaks Railway Station's potential by improving the station's environment, including the public realm, and accessibility by active travel modes and making best use of the surrounding land to create a transport hub and strengthen the location's sustainability.
8. Support the improvement of the public electric vehicle-charging network in accessible and strategic locations.

Active Travel Infrastructure and Connectivity

9. Support the incorporation, enhancement and creation of walking, wheeling and cycling routes and provisions within new development that is connected to the wider transport network.
10. Place accessible, secure and weatherproof cycling parking facilities at transport interchanges, employment and retail areas.
11. Support the implementation of identified routes in the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans.
12. Enhance the existing cycling and walking routes, including Public Rights of Way (PRoW) routes. This can include, where appropriate, upgrading the status of PRoW footpaths to bridleway to allow lawful use by cyclists.
13. Integrate new pedestrian and cycle routes with the PRoW and wider active travel network.
14. Create new routes to fill existing gaps thereby enhancing PRoW network connectivity.