

## **Sustainability Statement: Travel Plans Document**

- A formal sustainability appraisal was carried out on the Travel Plans Supplementary Planning Document.
- The appraisal checked the Travel Plans document against a set of sustainability criteria.
- The detailed findings from this appraisal have been documented in a Sustainability Appraisal Report. You can download this via the council's website [www.wigan.gov.uk](http://www.wigan.gov.uk)

### Key findings

- We found that the document would have no negative impacts on any sustainability objectives.
- By promoting sustainable modes of transport the travel plans document will contribute to improvements in air quality and reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in the long-term. There will also be positive impacts on urban design, which will result in safer and greener neighbourhoods.
- Indirect positive impacts on health and wellbeing will be achieved by encouraging and enabling "active travel".
- The economy will also reap a number of benefits such as increased competitiveness and better reputation for businesses, growth of environmental services and technologies and the promotion of ethical trading practices.

### Changes to the Travel Plans Document as a result of appraisal

- As a result of the appraisal we made several minor changes to the wording of the Travel Plans document.
- We also identified that the preparation of a Sustainable Urban Design Supplementary Planning Document should be considered to form part of the Local Development Framework.
- A number of measures have also been included in the Travel Plans document to offset the negligible threat of increased street crime / fear of crime.

### Consultation

- The Sustainability Appraisal Report was made available for consultation alongside the Travel Plans document. There were no concerns raised about the appraisal process or results gathered.
- The comments received about the Travel Plans document did not result in any significant changes to its content, and therefore did not affect the sustainability appraisal process or require the document to be reappraised.

### Conclusion

- The Travel Plans document is more sustainable than the identified alternative of "doing nothing".