

Wigan Borough Walking Strategy Action Plan 2005/06 – 2006/07

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W1	Improvement of Physical Infrastructure			
W1.1	Identification of key places within the Borough.	Production of key places maps for inclusion in draft strategy. Production of key routes map.	Map produced and included within draft strategy. Map produced on GIS for Greater Manchester LTP July 2003	Planning & Regeneration Planning & Regeneration
W1.2	Development of On Highway routes serving key places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disabled Crossing Facilities. • Aspull Pedestrian Improvements. • Standish Township Improvements. • Ormskirk Road/Fleet Street Pedestrian Improvements. • Ormskirk Road/Enfield Street Pedestrian Improvements. • Footway improvements linking Hindley Town Centre with residential areas. • Pedestrian links from Westleigh to Leigh. • Pedestrian Links from Westleigh Home Zone to Leigh. • Public Rights of Way Improvements – Standish. • Improvements to pedestrian links to healthcare services. See also W3.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing implementation. • Completed 2004/05. • Expected 2006/07 • Expected 2006/07 • Expected 2007/08 • Expected 2006/07 • Expected 2006/07 • Expected 2006/07 • Expected 2006/07 • Expected 2007/08 to 2010/11 	Engineering Services
	Development of Off Highway routes serving key places	Continuation of greenway routes.	Funding sought	Planning & Regeneration

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W1.3	Infrastructure improvements such as lighting, footways, seating etc.	Street Lighting improvements along principal road network and identified residential area schemes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of planning applications. • Ongoing commitment through regeneration schemes. • GMPTE undergoing series of security improvements. • Ongoing maintenance - reactive service. • Street Scene Strategy achieving significant improvements. 	Engineering Services
W1.4	Review of highway maintenance programme to improve pedestrian provision.	Footway Maintenance and improvement incorporated alongside carriageway maintenance if applicable.	Ongoing programme via LTP funds.	Engineering Services
W1.5	Rationalisation of street furniture.	Using existing lighting columns, and adjacent premises for signs instead of new signposts.	Ongoing programme via LTP funds.	Engineering Services
W1.6	Maintain definitive rights of way.	<p>Ensure routes do not become overgrown.</p> <p>Respond to reports of obstructed routes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On going maintenance – reactive service. • Annual survey of at least 5% of the rights of way network. • On going following legal procedures. 	Engineering Services
W2	Improvement of Safety & Personal Security			
W2.1	Ensure that increase in pedestrians does not result in increase in casualties through monitoring of accident statistics.	<p>Traffic calming schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whitley Crescent. • Old Road, Ashton. • Rose Avenue, Beech Hill. • Ennerdale Road, Tyldesley. • Higher Folds Area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected 2006/07. • Expected 2005/06. • Completed 2004/05. • Expected 2006/07. • Expected 2006/07 	Engineering Services

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		<p>New and/or improved crossing facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atherleigh Way/Kirkhall Lane Signals. • Puffin Crossing, Wigan Road, Ashton. • Newton Road/Kenyon Lane. • A580/Higher Green Lane. • Zebra to Puffin Conversions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected 2006/07. • Expected 2006/07. • Expected 2007/08. • Expected 2007/08. • Ongoing implementation. 	Engineering Services
		Road safety training in schools. Targeting of children aged 7-10.	Pedestrian training programme ongoing.	Engineering Services
W2.2	Prioritisation of road safety schemes where criteria in strategy are met.	As per Walking Strategy.	Ongoing monitoring.	Engineering Services
W2.3	Reducing pedestrian/cycling conflict.	Engineers and Planning will not normally allow shared use paths on highway.	Ongoing.	Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration
W2.4	Increase community safety and reduce fear of crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that developments do not isolate existing routes. • Create livelier environments and public spaces. • Encourage GMPTE to provide CCTV at public transport interchanges. • Improve lighting facilities on off and on highway routes. 	<p>Monitoring of planning applications.</p> <p>Ongoing commitment through regeneration schemes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atherton Station • Wigan Wallgate • Wigan NW • Wigan & Leigh Bus Station all have CCTV coverage <p>Ongoing planned and reactive improvements/maintenance allocated via Revenue and LTP funds.</p>	<p>Planning & Regeneration / Engineering Services</p> <p>Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Engineering Services</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure paths do not become overgrown, and ensure that new planting does not abut footpaths. • Ensure maintenance of landscaped areas, and litter free footpaths 	<p>Ongoing maintenance - reactive service.</p> <p>Ongoing maintenance - reactive service.</p>	<p>Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration</p>
W3 Promoting Walking				
W.1	Promotion of health and traffic reduction benefits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publicise the benefits of School and Workplace Travel Plans. • Participation in Neighbourhood Road Safety Initiative. • Produce Walking Strategy. • Publish Walking Strategy on Council Website. • Publish pedestrian footfall statistics. 	<p>Engineering works (e.g, 20 mph zones, pedestrian access improvements etc) for 5 STP schemes completed. 12 schools now involved in STP programme. Continuing consultation in 2004, including revisiting previous schemes for evaluation.</p> <p>Encouraged through the Planning process.</p> <p>Council has dedicated School Travel Plans Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Participation in pilot initiative aimed at reducing road traffic casualties in deprived areas.</p> <p>Strategy published and distributed November 2003.</p> <p>Strategy published on Wigan Wide Web September 2001.</p> <p>Published by Greater Manchester Transportation Unit annually.</p>	<p>Engineering Services</p> <p>Engineering Services</p> <p>Engineering Services</p> <p>Engineering Services</p> <p>Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Engineering Services</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Educate people on the health benefits of walking. 	Joint working to commence with Primary Care Trusts and Wigan Sustainable Travel Partnership.	Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage employers to publicise the benefits of walking. 	<p>Promotion of Workplace Travel Plans started. Website has been developed for schools, employers/employees and Wigan Staff. Website under re-development.</p> <p>Promoting walking through Wigan Sustainable Transport Partnership which includes the local PCT, NHS Trust, College and WLCT.</p> <p>Additionally, producing a guide for developing Workplace Travel Plans that will help promote walking to work.</p>	Engineering Services (LTP Delivery Group)
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor air quality and pollution. 	Automatic Real Time Monitoring Stations in Wigan & Leigh provide long-term trends in background pollution levels. Non automatic sampling is carried out at approximately 50 sites across the Borough.	Environmental Health
W3.2	Promote walking through targeted 'healthwalks' programme and other community initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Walks. Training of Health Walk Leaders. 	Provision of 'health walks' as part of 'Next Steps' Community programme launched in 2003. Programme to be continued in 2005 & 2006 as part of the Local Area Agreement.	Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust
W3.3	Through publicity, make drivers more aware of their safety towards pedestrians and cyclists.	Road Safety Publicity.	"Commit it to Memory" Campaign - Greater Manchester Authorities and GM Police initiative addressing the bigger issues of safer roads within the County.	Engineering Services

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W3.4	Increase number of children walking to school.	Encourage production of School Travel Plans within schools in Wigan Borough.	As in W3.1. One of the factors in assisting a school is the potential of modal shift. Increasing walking is a major part of this. The Council are working with nursery, primary and high schools to promote this. Primary schools offer the most suitable option for walking, eg, "Walking Buses" "Park and Stride" etc.	Engineering Services
W3.5	Increase number of people walking to work.	Encourage implementation of Workplace Travel Plans.	As W3.1. As part of planning process, the Council are able to attach planning conditions requesting publication of Travel Plan. Travel Plans being developed - Wigan Council, Wigan & Leigh NHS Trust, Wigan & Leigh College, Tote Credit. Currently 23 Workplace Travel Plans being worked on which will promote walking to work. St John Rigby Sixth Form College travel plan development/smarter choices work as part of college expansion and creation of centre of excellence for rugby. 2006/07 – 2010/11.	Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration
W3.6	Promotion of walking as a healthy activity.	Self guided trails.	Continued provision of existing self guided trails. Seek funding for additional leaflets and seek suggestions for routes from groups.	Engineering Services
		Signposting – ensure routes are adequately and appropriately signposted.	On going maintenance – reactive service. Annual survey of at least 5% of the rights of way network.	Engineering Services
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W4	Resources			

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W4.1	Seek resources to implement the programme of work set out in this Action Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek funds to implement project work through SRB / European regimes etc. • Seek funds through LTP. • Seek funds from other agencies and private developers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Corridors Programme – Euro/Regeneration Fund. • £50,000 allocated for pedestrian schemes 2005/06. £335,000 allocated for 2006/07. • £185,000 allocated for School Travel Plans in 2005/06. £180,000 allocated for 2006/07. • £780,000 allocated for Local Safety Schemes in 2005/06. £600,000 allocated for 2006/07. • Monitoring of Planning Applications to secure improvements. • Applications to other organisations for match funding. 	<p>Planning & Regeneration / Engineering Services</p> <p>Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Planning & Regeneration / Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust / Engineering Services</p>
		<p>Seek funds through Council Revenue budget.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lily Lane Zebra 	Awaiting design.	
W4.2	Securing of improvements within new developments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of Planning Applications to secure improvements. • Incorporation within Revised Deposit Draft Unitary Development Plan through Policy A1D. 	<p>Ongoing – reactive service.</p> <p>Adoption anticipated early 2006.</p>	<p>Planning & Regeneration / Engineering Services</p> <p>Planning & Regeneration</p>

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W5	Partnership & Consultation			

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W5.1	Consultation with community for policy formulation and Action Plan implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with general public. • Consultation with key groups. • Consultation with Community Networks linked with Townships to ascertain local needs and key routes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carried out as part of Draft Walking Strategy. Further consultation carried out using Citizens Panel Spring 2004. Analysis received Summer 2004. • Carried out as part of Draft Walking Strategy. • Highway User Group created Summer 2004. • Pilots undertaken 2001/02. Further consultation with Townships in 2005 as part of 2nd five year Local Transport Plan for consideration of inclusion in schemes programme. 	<p>Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Engineering Services Planning & Regeneration / Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust Planning & Regeneration Department / Engineering Services</p>
W5.2	Encourage service providers to sign up to the Walking Strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage production of Travel Plan internally. 	Travel Plan is being promoted internally. Representatives from all departments involved. Staff newsletter as well as various staff promotions.	Engineering Services
W5.3	The Council will provide a pedestrian charter to set out service provision.	Production of statements outlining intentions and expectations.	To be provided Spring 2006.	Planning & Regeneration / Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust / Engineering Services

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W6	Influencing Policy			
W6.1	Seek to meet the	Annual review of progress	Inclusion of measure No 67 (proportion	Planning & Regeneration

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	requirements of Local Agenda 21 with regard to walking.	against LA21 Objective 11.1.	of journeys on foot) in corporate performance management system (Performance Plus).	
W6.2	In reviewing the UDP the Council will incorporate policies which comply with PPGs 1, 3, 6 & 13.	Production of revised policies.	Monitor use of policies in planning applications.	Planning & Regeneration
W6.3	In considering Planning Applications for new development, provision for pedestrians will be highest priority.	Production of revised policies.	Monitor use of policies in planning applications.	Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration
W7	Monitoring & Evaluation			
W7.1	Monitor and evaluation of effects of Walking Strategy & Implementation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of baseline survey. • Monitoring of ongoing survey results. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater Manchester Walking Strategy. • Greater Manchester Walking Strategy 	<p>Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration</p> <p>Engineering Services / Planning & Regeneration</p>