

Taking a strategic approach to inclusive active travel across South Yorkshire

The Issue

Years of prioritising car travel have led to a car-centric approach to transport & planning & created a high level of car dependency



Health harms from car dominance & need to tackle congestion & climate change

Loss of public realm to cars – less space for people

Social isolation & exclusion, transport poverty, safety fears & community severance

Vision & Approach

Mayor's vision for transport:
"To put pedestrians and cyclists at the centre of our transport plans"

Active Travel Implementation plan: "...prioritise people over motor vehicles, ensuring everyone is afforded greater transport choice and our children are never so reliant on a car as we are today."



Strategic leadership
Dame Sarah Storey appointed as Active Travel Commissioner to champion the agenda



- Setting standards & pledges
- 1: Led by communities
 - 2: Enable (encourage) active travel
 - 3: High standard infrastructure
 - 4: Fully accessible infrastructure



Bringing people together with experts
Creation of Active Travel Advisory Board (expert reference group) and Active Travel Programme Board (PH & Transport)
Workshops with external experts

Links to other agendas & wider benefits

Healthier, safer more inclusive places

Less pollution & emissions

Reduce transport inequalities

Supports independent mobility & reduced social isolation

Physical activity built into everyday lives

Progress & Challenges



Schools
School Streets, Walk to school & local support

Capacity & covid resulting in slower delivery



Short term funding & lack of revenue funding

Wheels for All
Supporting the development of a Wheels for All offer in each local authority



Infrastructure
Standards agreed, initial capital investment secured. New infrastructure being delivered



Contentious issues about road space re-allocation