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# Active Travel Plan

Our plan to make it  
easier for people to  
walk, wheel,  
and cycle



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This is an Easy Read version of some hard information. It may not include all of the information but will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read information uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



These are words that some people will find hard. When you see a **bold** word, we will explain it in the next sentence.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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# About this booklet



This document is about the government's **Active Travel** plan.



**Active Travel** is important because of a new law called the Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022.



**Active Travel** means walking, using a wheelchair, or cycling to get to places instead of using a car.



This plan explains how the **Department for Infrastructure** want to make it easier for people to walk, wheel, and cycle in their area.



The Department for Infrastructure is part of the government that looks after roads and transport in Northern Ireland.

**Before we go ahead with our plan, we want to know what you think.**

# What is Active Travel?



**Active Travel** includes walking or using a wheelchair.



You can also use a mobility scooter or walking frame.



You can push a pram or buggy.

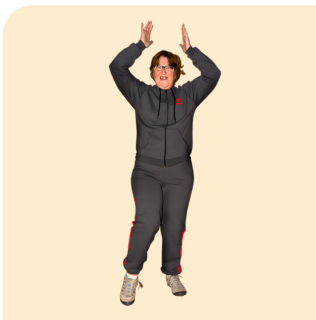


You can ride different types of bicycles.



You can use roller skates, ride a skateboard or use a scooter to get to places.

# Why Active Travel is Important



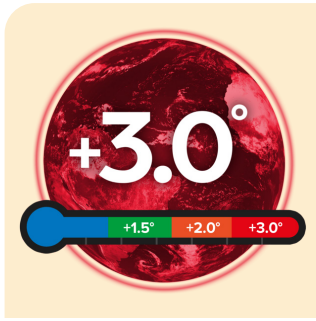
Walking and cycling helps keep you healthy.



**Active Travel** helps clean the air and keeps our streets quieter.



Walking and cycling helps fight **climate change**.



**Climate change** means the Earth is getting warmer, which makes weather like storms and heat worse.



**Active Travel** helps make places nicer to live.

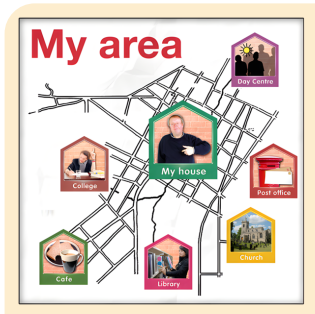


Walking and cycling costs less than using a car.

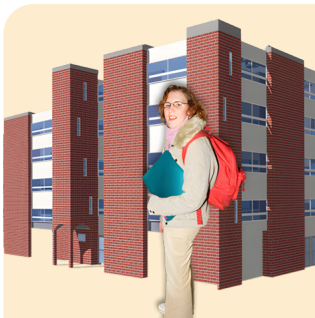


People spend less time stuck in traffic.

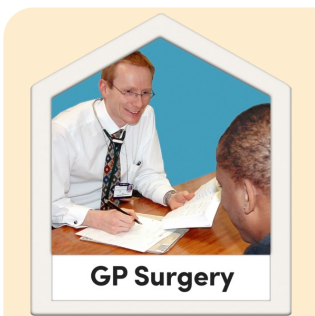
# Our Plan for Better Paths



We want to connect important places that people need to reach.



These important places include schools, shops, bus stops and town centres.



People will be able to reach places like the doctor's surgery, the local library and the post office more easily.



We will also build paths to connect villages to nearby towns.

# Types of Paths We Will Build

## Quiet Paths Away from Where Cars Drive



We will build quiet paths away from roads where cars drive.



Some paths will have good lights so you can use them at night.



Some paths will be shared between people walking and cycling.

# Quiet Streets Where There Aren't Many Cars



Neighbourhood paths will run through streets where people live.



Cars must drive slowly on these streets.



Other paths will keep walkers and cyclists separate.

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People can walk safely on the pavement.



People can cycle safely on these quiet roads.



We will put up clear signs along the paths to tell you which way to go and how far away places are.

# Busy Roads With Lots of People



We will make sure crossings are safe for everyone to use.



We will mark special cycle lanes on roads in towns which are only for people riding bicycles.



Cars are not allowed to drive or park in cycle lanes.



People walking will have their own separate path.

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# Busy Roads With Lots of Traffic



We will build paths next to roads that have lots of traffic.



Special crossings will help everyone cross the road safely.



We will make sure pavements are wide enough for everyone to use easily in big towns.

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# When Things Will Happen



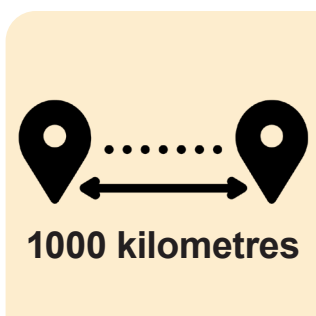
We will build new paths in the first 10 years.



If we joined all these new paths together, they would stretch about 200 kilometres.



We will build more paths after the first 10 years.



If we joined all these paths together, they would stretch about 1000 kilometres.

# Tell Us What You Think



We would like to know what you think about our plan.



You need to tell us by 28th February 2025.

## Ways to See the Plans



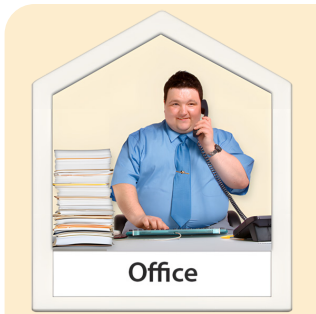
You can see maps of all the planned routes in big towns.

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# You can look at them:



On our website.



In our offices.



If you need help, we can explain the maps to you.



You can ask us questions about anything you want to know.



You can tell us your ideas about making the plans better.



You can learn more about the changes we want to make.

## Ways to Tell Us What You Think



You can use this **QR Code** to find our online form until 28 February 2025.



After 28 February 2025 until 31 March 2025, you can e-mail comments to [activetravel@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk](mailto:activetravel@infrastructure-ni.gov.uk)

These comments do not need to be on the form.



A **QR code** is a special square pattern that your phone camera can read to take you to a website.



Someone can help you fill in the form if you need it.



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## Things to tell us about



Tell us which paths would help you get to important places like schools, shops, or bus stops.



Tell us what would make you feel safe using the paths - like better lighting or more benches.



Tell us which paths you think we should build first in your area.

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# What Happens After You Tell Us



We will read everything people tell us about the plan.



We will write a report about what people said.



We will use this information to help make our final plan.

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We will tell everyone what we decided.



You can have your say again when we plan paths in your area.

## Need Help?

If you need this information in a different way, please tell us. This includes getting it in other languages.

We want everyone to be able to tell us what they think about the plan.

## **For more information:**

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