

# **STROUD TOWN COUNCIL TRANSPORT PLAN, 2001 - 2006**

As approved at Council on 5.3.01

## **AIMS**

The aims are guided by the Transport White Paper 'A New Deal for Transport: Better for Everyone' 1998, and by Gloucestershire's Local Transport Plan 2001/2002 – 2005/2006

They are:

- to improve safety and the environment for residents, businesses, visitors, .....
- to protect and enhance the built and natural environments
- to promote accessibility to facilities for all, especially those without a car
- to enable existing and new local businesses to operate efficiently
- to promote the integration of all forms of transport and land use planning, leading to a better, less costly transport system

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## **OBJECTIVES**

- to improve the environment, air quality and safety
- to remove as much through traffic as possible
- to enable, support and promote walking and cycling, to improve public transport; and thus to reduce the proportion of journeys made by car
- to create a Safe Routes to School infrastructure
- to ensure transport is available for people with mobility handicaps
- to reduce accidents and improve highway safety
- to reduce transport related crime and fear of crime
- to promote more efficient use of transport by commuters and businesses
- to integrate public transport services
- to promote the regeneration of the town centre through improvements in accessibility for all modes of transport

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## **HIERARCHY OF PROVISION FOR TRAVEL IN STROUD**

1. Pedestrians
2. Cyclists
3. Public Transport and taxi users
4. Other motorised traffic users

## **STRATEGIES**

### **1. Pedestrian Strategy**

- provision of pedestrian friendly roads, frequent pedestrian crossings and refuges, and wider use of neighbourhood traffic calming, 20mph zones, and home zones
- provision of attractive signed walking routes for residents, commuters and shoppers
- promotion of walking to school, and the creation of 'Safe Routes to Schools'; plus traffic calming in the vicinity of schools
- the development of coherent, direct and safe routes from the bus and railway stations to the schools and College
- provision of improved lighting to reduce the actual and perceived safety risks to pedestrians

### **2. Cycling Strategy**

- provision of a coherent cycle route network
- improved cycling facilities on routes to schools and college, routes from residential areas to significant journey 'attractors', and routes which serve utility trips
- cycle routes which are segregated, surfaced and lit where appropriate
- secure, convenient cycle parking

- traffic management to reduce traffic volumes, supported where possible by exemption for cyclists from traffic restrictions applying to general traffic

### 3. Public Transport Strategy

- wholesale improvements to the bus infrastructure such as bus shelters, raised kerbs and construction of new shelters
- provision of detailed passenger information through notices and timetables at every bus stop
- provision of improved bus corridors
- development of bus quality partnerships to develop the local network
- improvements to the access roads to the railway station
- provision of an attractive and convenient rail and bus interchange
- common timetabling and ticketing
- re-opening of local railway halts, and Stonehouse, Bristol Road

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### 4. Motor Traffic Strategy

- rationalising signage of through routes and car parks
- provision of appropriate convenient parking, and stronger enforcement of parking regulations
- creation of a better and safer residential environment, through traffic calming measures such as pedestrian priority areas and 20mph zones; and improved design and layout of new developments, with the creation of car free areas and home zones
- improvements to Merrywalks where the A419 crosses the A46

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## STROUD TOWN COUNCIL'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The aims, objectives and strategies above have been taken and amended from the Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan 2001/02 - 2005/06. The Plan details the proposed expenditure by the County on transport infrastructure and facilities. Stroud Town Council supports the Plan, and will:-

- a. support and encourage the improvements detailed therein
- b. lobby for further improvements that meet the needs of Stroud
- c. financially support appropriate items.

### STROUD TOWN COUNCIL WILL:-

1. provide plans for:
  - pedestrian routes and facilities
  - cyclist routes and facilities
  - public transport, including taxis, routes and facilities
  - motorised traffic routes and facilities
  - minimization of conflict between goods deliveries and pedestrians.
2. consult with residents, businesses and organisations
3. work with Gloucestershire County Council and Stroud District Council to achieve those plans
4. seek additional outside funding to enable their achievement.

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Notes: (1) Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan page 21  
 (2) " " " " page 293  
 (3) " " " " page 294/5