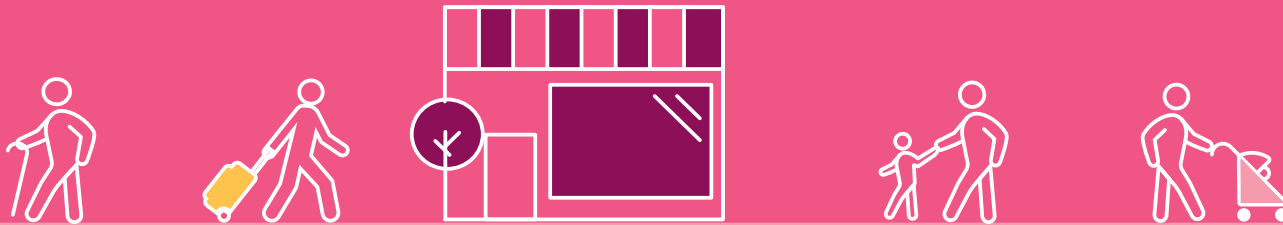


Walking and Wheeling Action Plan

Executive Summary



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Walking and wheeling is an everyday part of life. We walk or wheel to catch the bus, to get to school or work, to meet with friends, for leisure, or for exercise. It is so normalised and taken for granted that the prioritisation of a safe and attractive walking and wheeling network has often been neglected.

What is walking and wheeling?

People walking or moving with wheels at walking pace. This could be using a wheelchair or mobility scooter, travelling with a pushchair or with luggage, but it does not include cycling or e-scooters. It covers anyone travelling for leisure, education, commercial or personal business, and for the benefit of their physical and mental health.

The Walking and Wheeling Action Plan supplements the Hounslow Transport Strategy setting out how investing in our walking and wheeling environment is key to creating liveable places and vibrant communities by reducing traffic and improving air quality and wellbeing. This Action Plan sets out how this can be achieved in Hounslow, allowing residents and visitors to *Walk it, Wheel it*.

Through our work on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, we know that a lack of a high quality walking and wheeling environment has a disproportionate effect on our communities, with areas of the borough being more affected than others. This action plan sets out how we will be responding to increased needs within these communities.

The vision for walking and wheeling in Hounslow is for it to be:

“a place where people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds see walking and wheeling as a form of leisure and the natural mode of choice for all short trips. These trips are supported by a well- connected environment resulting in improved health, safety, air quality, and more generally, an improved quality of life and wellbeing.”

This Action Plan is supported by targets which provide direction and set the level of ambition. These have been developed in line with the MTS and Transport for London's (TfL) Walking Action Plan.



Figure 1: Action plan objectives
Source: Mott MacDonald

These are:

By 2030, 50% of Hounslow residents will walk, wheel or cycle for at least 10 minutes, twice a day.

By 2030, 40% of trips by Hounslow residents will be made by walking and wheeling.

This action plan has five key objectives, shown in Figure 1 to increase walking and wheeling and deliver wider benefits. To achieve these objectives, 17 key actions are proposed, grouped into six themes:

1. Changing travel behaviour
2. Enhancing the walking & wheeling network
3. Maps and wayfinding
4. Pavement maintenance and coordination
5. Sustainability
6. Local centres and new development

This document includes an action plan outlining next steps for each action along with delivery partners, anticipated timescales and funding bands. There is a clear approach to monitoring and evaluation so the success of the Action Plan can be tracked.

This clear set of actions, and timelines for delivery will deliver a healthier and more active Hounslow and realise its vision to be a place where people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds see walking and wheeling as a form of leisure and the natural mode of choice for all short trips.

In other words, it will allow residents of Hounslow to *Walk it, Wheel it*.