

Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041

Statement of Common Ground

between

London Borough of Hounslow

and

Transport for London

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Statement of Common Ground has been prepared between the London Borough of Hounslow (LBH) and Transport for London (TfL). It seeks to inform the independent examination of the Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041 and will be submitted to the Planning Inspectors ahead of the hearings on Matter 5: Transport, Communications and Connectivity.
- 1.2. It sets out the parties' agreed positions in relation to Matter 5: Transport, Communications and Connectivity, Question 2 of the Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions (MIQs), which can be found from the following link: [IN03 – Inspectors' Matters, Issues and Questions for Stage 1 Hearings \(21 November 2025\)](#). Specifically, it sets out the parties' agreed positions in relation to Piccadilly Line improvements; District Line Improvements, Hounslow West Improvements; Improvements to bus services and the implementation of express bus services; Cycle network improvements and; walking and cycling enhancements. It is considered that LBH and TfL are important stakeholders in the delivery of the schemes.
- 1.3. Before the previous Local Plan was withdrawn, a Statement of Common Ground between TfL and LBH was signed and submitted to the Inspectors prior to the examination hearings in November 2021. A further Statement of Common Ground was signed in 2025 and can be found on the following link [LBH TfL Statement of Common Ground 2025](#). These Statements both help demonstrate the ongoing work and cooperation between the two parties and records of agreement at that point.
- 1.4. This Statement expands upon the 2025 Statement in so far as illustrating the ongoing collaboration between TfL and LBH in strengthening the evidence base that justifies and informs the relevant transport infrastructure projects.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Hounslow Local Plan states that LBH will work with partners to secure investments to existing and future strategic transport connections, including to London Underground, rail, London Overground, bus, pedestrian and cycle and highway services. These enhancements are a key component of the Transport and Connectivity policies in the Local Plan 2020-2041.
- 2.2. The projects where TfL and LBH will need to work together are:
 - [Piccadilly Line improvements](#) – Underground capacity upgrades and improvements.
 - [District Line improvements](#) - Underground capacity upgrades and improvements
 - [Hounslow West improvements](#) - Improvements to station capacity, accessibility and customer experience.
 - [Improvements to bus service and implementation of express bus services](#) – Bus service improvements in the Great West Corridor and borough-wide along with the introduction of an express bus service with extensive bus priority measures along the A4 Corridor.
 - [Cycle network improvements; walking and cycling enhancements](#) - Upgrading the whole of the Priority Cycle Network Routes including 5/6/7; Upgrading the whole of the walking and wheeling network; Upgrading and installing new signage and; walking and wheeling improvements.
- 2.3. TfL have been consulted at numerous stages of the Plan making process and in October 2024 were consulted as part of the Regulation 19 consultation. In their response, a number of aspects of the Plan were welcomed and supported, including *“broad support for public*

transport and active travel improvements”. TfL also welcomed, inter alia, the policies and site allocations in the emerging Local Plan which aim to rebalance the transport system towards walking and wheeling, cycling and public transport.

- 2.4. On the 27th August 2025 a Statement of Common Ground was signed between the London Borough of Hounslow and TfL. This Statement ([LBH TfL Statement of Common Ground 2025](#)) clarified a number of matters of agreement between the two parties. Included in the Matters of Agreement it is stated that TfL would continue to work with LB Hounslow on improving schemes that improve active travel along the GWC; on ensuring Hounslow West Station improvements; on ensuring Piccadilly Line upgrades are delivered and; to identify the necessary interventions that would enable any strategic public transport based schemes to be delivered and operate effectively.
- 2.5. The Borough is served by the London Underground District and Piccadilly Lines. The District Line serves Stamford Brook, Turnham Green, Chiswick Park, and Gunnersbury stations in the east of the Borough. The Piccadilly Line serves Boston Manor, Osterley, Hounslow East, Hounslow Central, and Hounslow West and further to Hatton Cross and Heathrow Airport. Some early morning and late evening services stop at Turnham Green station. Capacity improvements on both the Piccadilly Line and District Line will bring accessibility and connectivity benefits to the borough.
- 2.6. The Council, through the allocation of CIL funding have committed to improve Hounslow West Station through capacity and accessibility upgrades. The station is located in the Great West Corridor opportunity area which will experience growth during the Plan period.
- 2.7. The 2025 Hounslow Transport Strategy outlines the Council’s commitment to encouraging walking, wheeling and cycling through the transport hierarchy and improving road safety. The council has a Walking and Wheeling Action Plan to support the implementation of the Transport Strategy which sets how walking and wheeling networks will be improved including public footpaths such as the Thames Path and London Loop. The Council has an adopted Cycling Action Plan which establishes the Hounslow Priority Cycle Network spanning the borough.
- 2.8. TfL’s Strategic Cycling Analysis Report (SCA) demonstrated that there was considerable potential for improving cycle infrastructure in the Borough in order to increase the number of people cycling. TfL have committed to working closely with the Council to develop proposals for improved cycle infrastructure including new connections and extensions to existing routes.

3. Statement

- 3.1. It is noted that the Inspector requires reassurances on the likelihood of delivery of the projects within the plan period, the likely sources of funding and timescales.
- 3.2. Both parties agree that Piccadilly Line improvements; District Line Improvements; Hounslow West Improvements; Improvements to bus service and implementation of express bus service; Cycle network improvements and; walking and cycling enhancements are important pieces of infrastructure, which is reiterated by their inclusion in the 2018 Mayor’s Transport Strategy and/or the London Plan 2021 and the Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041.
- 3.3. Through the Hounslow Local Plan, particularly Chapter 10 Enhancing Connectivity, LBH support and promote the delivery of the projects outlined in Paragraph Table 1

below. Policy EC1 of the Local Plan states that *“We will work with partners to secure investments to existing and future strategic transport connections, including to London Underground, rail, London Overground, bus, pedestrian and cycle and highway services. These enhancements will maximise the borough’s regeneration potential and support growth whilst also helping achieve our environmental objectives including tackling climate change and air quality as well as improving public health in our communities.”*

- 3.4. TfL recognise and support LBH in their aspirations to deliver the projects outlined in Table 1 below.
- 3.5. All parties agree that the aspirational delivery timescales of each scheme in Table 1 below are all within the plan period, subject to confirmation of funding for further scheme development and delivery.
- 3.6. All parties agree to collaborate and work together where necessary to promote the projects listed in Table 1 and encourage their delivery.
- 3.7. It is acknowledged that a number of improvement schemes to the Priority Cycle Network have already been funded, designed and are being implemented, such as continuing work on PCN Routes 1, 5, 6, and 7 which are being delivered in phases.
- 3.8. It is acknowledged that other schemes also have funding and are being implemented Including Cycleway 9 which is being delivered in phases and in partnership with TfL.
- 3.9. It is acknowledged that TfL have consulted on bus network changes, including but not limited to, the extension of the E1 service to serve redevelopment on the Golden Mile with planned implementation from 2027.
- 3.10. It is acknowledged that LBH has an annual programme to deliver new pedestrian crossing, drop kerbs and reduce speed limits.
- 3.11. Both parties agree with the potential funding contributors as listed below in Table 1, as well as by other means if further feasibility work identifies other sources. Where needed, detailed work to identify further potential funding sources and the practical steps required to secure them is underway. The funding could also come from any specific government or London-wide funding programmes, such as Housing Infrastructure Fund or any new funding source that emerges.


Table 1




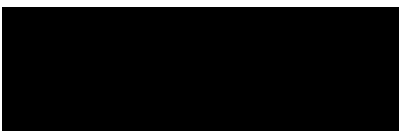
Project	Funding Source	Timescales
Piccadilly Line Improvements (capacity upgrades due to rolling stock replacement. The new trains provide 10% more capacity per train since they are longer and bigger)	TfL/ Central Government [Piccadilly Line Upgrade Stage 1 Rolling Stock Replacement]	Next TfL Business Plan period i.e. next 4 years
District Line Improvements	TfL/ Central Government [Four Lines Modernisation Programme Signalling Replacement]	Next TfL Business Plan period i.e. next 4 years
Hounslow West	LB Hounslow (partial CIL award	Ongoing.

Improvements	already obtained in 2023), Developer contribution, TfL funding.	
Improvements to bus services and introduction of express bus services	TfL Funding, Developer Contributions	Ongoing
Cycling network improvements and walking and cycling enhancements	TfL Funding, Borough CIL funding, Developer Contributions, LIP (Funding already secured for improvements to Cycle Route 5, 6 and 7	Ongoing

4. Signed confirmation

4.1. The contents of this Statement of Common Ground are agreed for the purposes of the examination of the Hounslow Local Plan 2020-2041.

Signed on behalf of LB Hounslow		
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