

Draft Nature and Climate Emergency Strategy

Theme: Mobility and Transport

The rural and often hilly nature of our district presents significant challenges in term of getting around, with extreme weather disrupting travel, especially in winter months.

In 2021, recognising the significant contribution to greenhouse gas emissions from transport (37% in the Forest of Dean District), the UK Government published it's '[Decarbonising Transport Plan](#)'.

Recent local progress in relation to this theme includes building working relationships with [Gloucestershire County Council](#) and [Climate Leadership Gloucestershire](#) Transport Teams in support of their work, creating a [plan for active travel](#), supporting [community transport](#), piloting a [car club](#) and [installing electric car chargers](#).

Proposed aims and actions within this theme are guided by the [travel hierarchy](#), which prioritises more sustainable solutions with the additional benefits off helping to create green jobs, improve physical and mental health, reduce pollution and promote a fairer society.

Aim/Actions	Priority
Aim MT01: Collaborate at a county-level to deliver significantly improved mobility and sustainable transport options for residents and businesses.	
MT01-01: FoDDC works with Gloucestershire County Council to contribute to the revision of the Local Transport Plan .	1
MT01-02: FoDDC works with community partners and organisations (e.g. FODCAP and GCRP) to represent transport users in key forums, ensuring the needs of the district are represented.	1
MT01-03: FoDDC collaborates with Councils and Local transport groups to lobby Central Government and Transport Providers to provide better public transport .	1
MT01-04: FoDDC supports the Gloucestershire Green Skills Programme and identify opportunities for employment, training and skills in the Forest of Dean to meet local transport needs (e.g. E Bike, EV Maintenance and infrastructure).	4
Aim MT02: Enhanced infrastructure and local facilities/amenities reduce the need for residents to travel for work, shopping or leisure pursuits.	
MT02-01: FoDDC ensures that the Local Plan 2025-2045 addresses sustainable transport needs in all development and supports the creation of hubs that improve sustainable travel choices and reduce the impacts of travel.	1
MT02-02: FoDDC establishes a Forest of Dean Active Travel Forum to help ensure a cohesive community view of active travel needs are presented to county and regional transport bodies.	1

MT02-03: FoDDC supports the provision of low carbon business workspace, commercial development and co-working space to help reduce the need for commuting.	4
Aim MT03: Local resident journeys are made using lower carbon options.	
MT03-01: FoDDC supports delivery of the FoD active travel strategy and action plan including the stated FoDDC commitments and proposed priority route network.	1
MT03-02: FoDDC works with stakeholders to promote rail travel, bus travel and demand responsive bus services for residents and visitors.	1
MT03-03: FoDDC supports sustainable transport campaigns through district-wide promotion and FoDDC participation e.g. Cycle September, and 'Shop Local' campaigns.	1
MT03-04: FoDDC maintains an up-to-date Electric Vehicle Charge Point (EVCP) strategy that ensures suitable infrastructure provision, responding to the growth in electric vehicle use in the district.	1
MT03-05: FoDDC works with local, county, and regional partners to expand and improve community transport and the delivery of integrated transport hubs to connect services and provide more sustainable travel choices.	2
MT03-06: FoDDC encourages residents to report problems with footpaths and roads via FixMyStreet and work with GCC to ensure climate change resilient solutions are adopted in repairs and maintenance work.	4
MT03-07: FoDDC supports the uptake of EV and other low emission vehicles by residents and major fleet owners in the district.	4
MT03-08: FoDDC supports piloting and promoting the use of Shared Mobility schemes including Car Clubs , E Bike Cycle Hire and Liftshare including integrated access to public, community transport and booking systems (e.g. Apps and multi-use tickets).	5
MT03-09: FoDDC ensures all Taxi services in the district operate with low carbon vehicles and work in a complimentary way alongside public and community transport.	5
Aim MT04: The ecological and climate impact of tourist travel is minimised.	
MT04-01: FoDDC supports and promotes "slow tourism" to encourage more overnight/longer stays, connecting our towns and destinations including active travel, public and on demand transport.	4