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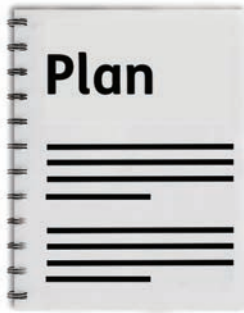


Better connected

Our plan for transport that works
well together



About this easy read



This is the easy read of a big plan for England by the UK Government called **Better Connected**.



It is about making sure people can use transport to get around easier.



This easy read tells you about the main things in the bigger plan.



You do not have to read this easy read all at once if you don't want to. You can stop if you need to or just read the bits you want to.



You could ask someone to help you read it if you need to.

What is in this booklet



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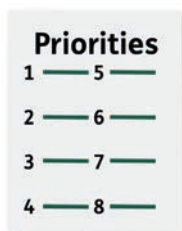
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Transport that works well together



Transport is things like buses, trains, cars, motorbikes and taxis.

And it also means:

- Walking, cycling or **wheeling**. **Wheeling** means pushing a pram or using a scooter or wheelchair.



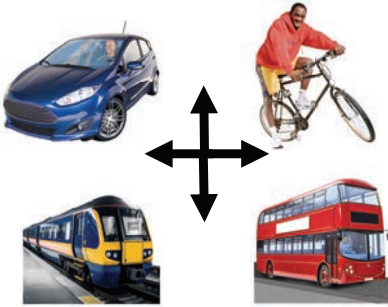
- Streets, roads and train tracks.



- Bus stops and train stations.



The Government is doing a lot of work to make transport in England better.



We now want to make sure different kinds of transport work well together.



Things like if you ride a bike to the train station you have somewhere to park your bike.



Then you get on a train to go to a big town.



When you get to town, you get on a bus to get to where you need to go.

About our plan



We have written a new plan for transport in England.



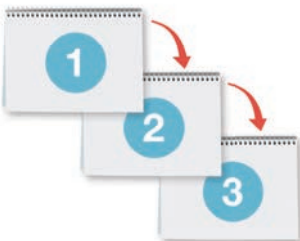
It says how we will make different kinds of transport work well together.



We have spoken to lots of people to help make our plan.
They told us what matters most to them.



This will help us to make sure we have the right things in our plan.



Our plan is in 3 parts.



Part 1: Our vision

A **vision** is things we want to see happen in the future.



We want to have transport that works well for everyone.



We want transport that is easier for people to use and afford.



We want transport that people can trust. This means it is safe and runs on time.



Good transport makes it easier for people to get around and do well in life.

Part 2: How we will work



We will follow some rules when we work on our plan.

Rule 1: We will put people at the centre of everything we do

We will work with people who use transport.



We will work together to plan transport that people want and need.



Rule 2: We will use transport to connect places together

This means helping people get to the places they need to go to.





Rule 3: We will work in partnership

Work in partnership means working closely together to make decisions.

We will work together with:

- Other parts of the UK Government.



- Local councils.



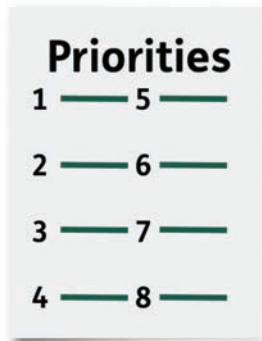
- Places that run things like bus stations and train stations.



- The governments in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.



Part 3: Our 8 priorities



Our **priorities** are big things we will work on to make our plan happen.

Big thing 1: Make it easier to pay for transport and get information



We will make it easier to understand how much it costs to travel.



Things like making it easy to know the cost of your ticket.



We are making it easier to pay for bus **tram** and train tickets.



A **tram** is a little bit like a train. It runs on tracks that can be on or off the road. It stops more often like a bus.



People can use their bank card. They can pay for everything in one go.



You tap your bank card on a machine on the tram, bus or at the train station.



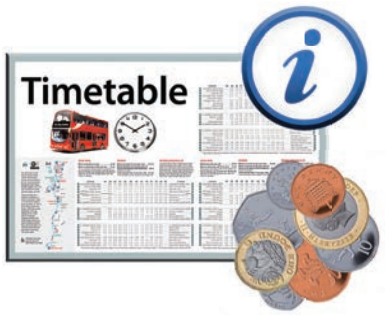
The machine works out how much you need to pay. And it takes the money out of your bank account.



This means people will not need to have lots of different tickets.



We will still have paper tickets for people who need them.



We will make sure information about transport is correct and easy to find. Things like bus and train times and how much it will cost.



We will make sure other information is right too. Things like if lifts are working at a train station or if there are roadworks.



We will use computers to make sure this information is up to date.

Big thing 2: Transport that people can trust



We want transport that is well looked after.



We want people to trust that their bus or train will run on time.



We want transport that can still run even in bad weather.



We will make plans for things that might cause problems.



Things like floods on roads or hot weather that can damage train tracks.



We will look after our roads, bridges, tunnels and train tracks.



We will make sure roadworks don't go on too long.

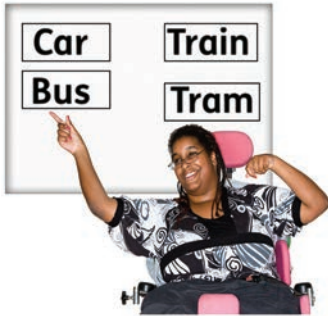


We will listen to people who use transport. We will find out what works well and what needs to change.



We will use what people tell us to make things better.

Big thing 3: Make sure transport is more affordable and easier to use



We want people to have more choice about how and when they travel.



We will work with disabled people to write a new guide called the **Accessible Transport Charter**.



This is a list of what transport companies will do to help disabled people use transport.



We will make sure people know what their **rights** are when they travel.

Your **rights** are things you are allowed to do and how you should be treated.



Things like taxis cannot say no to taking you just because you use a wheelchair.



We will make sure people feel safe when they travel. Things like better lighting and cameras at bus stops and train stations.



We will make sure transport is more affordable.



We will make sure we think about other kinds of transport too.



Things like coaches and buses that help children get to school.

Big thing 4: Support people's health



We want more people to travel in a healthy way. Things like walking, wheeling or cycling.



We will look after our paths, cycle paths and pavements.



We want to have less **pollution**. **Pollution** includes smoke from cars and buses.



It makes the air dirty and can make people poorly.



You can have noise pollution too.
This is when traffic makes a lot of noise.



We want to make it easier for people to travel without using a car.



We will make it easier for people to use electric cars and buses.



Electric cars and buses cause less pollution.

Big thing 5: Make sure people can get transport near their home



This will mean people can get from their homes to where they need to go more easily.



This might be things like:

- Going shopping or seeing friends and family.



- Going to appointments at the doctors or the hospital.



- Going to work, school or college.



We will build new houses and towns where we are building new roads and train tracks.



We will make good use of land that belongs to the Government.



We will use it to build new homes, shops and parks close to train stations.



We will think about what transport people will need when we plan new housing and towns.

Big thing 6: Use more technology



Technology is things like computers, phones and tablets.



We will support new ways of using technology in transport.



It will help us to do things in quicker and better ways.



Things like traffic lights that can check how busy a road is. They can help traffic move better.



We will make it easier for local councils to use technology.

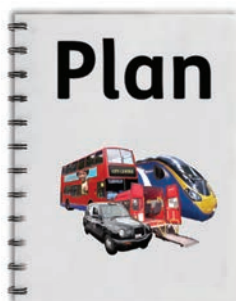


Things like using computers to spot quicker when roads need fixing.

Big thing 7: Give local leaders more power



We will support local leaders to make decisions about transport in their areas.



They have to write a plan called a **Local Transport Plan**.



This plan says how they will make transport better for everyone in their area.



We will give money to local leaders to help them make their plans happen.

Big thing 8: Collecting good information to help us make decisions



We will look at lots of information before we make decisions about transport.



We will share what we find out with local councils.



We will tell people how we make decisions. And tell people what we spend our money on.

Checking our plan is working



We will see how our plan is working.



Then we will write a report on how it has worked.



We will make sure transport is getting better for people across the country.

