

Travel Plans

The government now requires that a Travel Plan be prepared to support all significant planning applications that will generate a transportation impact on the local environment; a travel plan can be prepared for any residential, employment, retail, school and/or leisure development.

A Travel Plan is a scheme which comprises a package of measures, produced by an employer/developer/school or similar to encourage the use of alternative sustainable travel modes, to private, single occupancy car journeys.

Travel Plans offer benefits to those involved directly in the Travel Plan as well as the wider community, through contributing to the relief of parking and road congestion problems; improving public transport links; improved road safety and an enhanced physical environment from improved levels of air and noise quality.

Stuart Michael Associates (SMA) has a comprehensive background in the preparation of Travel Plans involving the assessment of local travel demand, accessibility and sustainability, as well as the analysis of behavioural travel patterns and resources to develop mapping of public transport and safe walking and cycling routes. SMA has considerable experience in the preparation of Travel Plan documents and assisting in their implementation through the Travel Plan coordinator role.

SMA has prepared of a number of Travel Plans for residential, workplace, school and leisure developments in varying locations from inner urban areas to remote rural locations.

Travel plans have been prepared for large mixed developments, such as South Leighton Buzzard which comprises 1,536 residential homes and is complemented by employment, community and leisure facilities. This has involved the development of an Exemplar Sustainable Transport Scheme and SMA is taking the lead role in the implementation of this Residential Travel Plan through the position of Travel Plan Coordinator.

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