

Pedestrians and Cyclists

8.22 Walking and cycling are sustainable methods of travel, which free up space on public transport and roads and thereby help to address issues relating to capacity and congestion. They also help to improve air quality, local amenity and reduce noise nuisance. In accordance with the London Plan, development proposals should take account of TfL's Legible London programme, where possible.

8.23 The London Plan Policy 6.9: Cycling aims to increase cycling in London so that it accounts for at least 5% of modal share by 2026. Policy 6.10 identifies actions to bring about an increase in walking and the following are relevant to Hillingdon:

- identification, promotion and completion of the London Outer Orbital Path (LOOP) strategic walking routes which run north-south in the Borough;
- the need to identify and implement accessible safe and convenient routes to town centres, transport nodes and other key destinations; and
- the encouragement of a high quality pedestrian and street environment.

8.24 The Council will seek to improve the pedestrian and cycle network in the Borough (as identified on Local Plan Part 2 Map 9.1 - Transport Infrastructure), including links to Hillingdon's canal and rivers network where appropriate.

8.25 All development proposals are required to provide good connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists and good permeability within the site where relevant. Connections are required to be of high quality, with safety and ease of access in mind. Development proposals must ensure that any existing pedestrian or cycle access is retained without deterioration to convenience or usability. Public routes must comply with the principles of Secured by Design through consultation with Hillingdon's Designing Out Crime Officer. They must comply with the principles of inclusive access and meet the requirements of the Accessible Hillingdon SPD.

8.26 Development proposals will be required to meet the Council's cycle parking standards as set out in Appendix C Table 1. Employment uses should include facilities for safe and secure cycle storage and changing facilities.

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A) Development proposals will be required to ensure that safe, direct and inclusive access for pedestrians and cyclists is provided on the site connecting it to the wider network, including:

- i) the retention and, where appropriate, enhancement of any existing pedestrian and cycle routes;**
- ii) the provision of a high quality and safe public realm or interface with the public realm, which facilitates convenient and direct access to the site for pedestrian and cyclists;**
- iii) the provision of well signposted, attractive pedestrian and cycle routes separated from vehicular traffic where possible; and**
- iv) the provision of cycle parking and changing facilities in accordance with Appendix C, Table 1 or, in agreement with Council.**

B) Development proposals located next to or along the Blue Ribbon network will be required to enhance and facilitate inclusive, safe and secure pedestrian and cycle access to the network. Development proposals, by virtue of their design, will be required to complement and enhance local amenity and include passive surveillance to the network.

Vehicle Parking

8.27 The Mayor's Transport Strategy acknowledges the role of the car in outer London particularly for medium to longer distance trips but it also recognises that different areas of London require different policy interventions. In outer London, proposals need to acknowledge the role of the car, especially low emission cars.¹⁷

8.28 The Mayor of London's Town Centres SPG¹⁸ states that in planning for parking standards local authorities should take into account the following considerations:

¹⁷ Mayor's Transport Strategy May 2010 p109

¹⁸ Town Centres SPG London Plan GLA , July 2014,