

Policy DMT 1: Managing Transport Impacts

A) Development proposals will be required to meet the transport needs of the development and address its transport impacts in a sustainable manner. In order for developments to be acceptable they are required to:

- i) be accessible by public transport, walking and cycling either from the catchment area that it is likely to draw its employees, customers or visitors from and/or the services and facilities necessary to support the development;
- ii) maximise safe, convenient and inclusive accessibility to, and from within developments for pedestrians, cyclists and public transport users;
- iii) provide equal access for all people, including inclusive access for disabled people;
- iv) adequately address delivery, servicing and drop-off requirements; and
- v) have no significant adverse transport or associated air quality and noise impacts on the local and wider environment, particularly on the strategic road network.

B) Development proposals will be required to undertake a satisfactory Transport Assessment and Travel Plan if they meet or exceed the appropriate thresholds. All major developments¹¹ that fall below these thresholds will be required to produce a satisfactory Transport Statement and Local Level Travel Plan. All these plans should demonstrate how any potential impacts will be mitigated and how such measures will be implemented.

Highways Impacts

8.10 Managing traffic that arises from new development is a priority for the Borough. The Local Infrastructure Plan identifies that the strategic road network is at capacity, causing high levels of congestion and environmental impacts in the surrounding residential areas as well as delays which have a negative impact on the Borough's economy. Map 9.1 in the Local Plan Part 1 identifies congestion hotspots within the Borough. In addition, the Borough's

¹¹ Major Development: Residential development of 10 dwellings or more, any building with a floor space of 1000 square metres or more; development on a site of 1 hectare or more.