

Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan

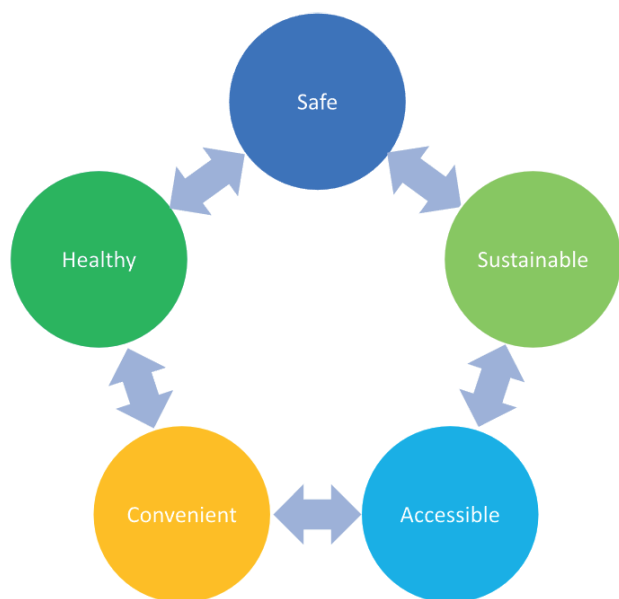


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Getting Around Chapter Summary

This update to the Getting Around chapter in our Neighbourhood Plan aims to highlight the issues that residents face every day with getting around the area for work, school, shopping and leisure.

The hope is to develop the transport framework to encourage everyone to use more sustainable ways of travel. The expectation is that by implementing the measures highlighted in the chapter we can ensure that the area develops in a safer and healthier way.



By making walking and cycling, (known as Active Travel), safer, sustainable, accessible, convenient and healthy it will encourage more people to adopt it.

Key issues and priorities

- Road safety, particularly the speed of traffic and a lack of safe crossing places at key locations.
- Public transport provision links within the town, villages, neighbouring towns, and key facilities is infrequent or non-existent.
- Calne area is noted as having one of the highest levels of out-commuting in Wiltshire predominantly due to the imbalance between housing and employment within the area.
- Parts of the road network, particularly junctions on the A4, are heavily congested at peak times.
- Traffic generated air pollution in parts of Calne at times exceeds internationally recognised safe levels.
- Promoting a comprehensive and joined-up strategic sustainable transport network that works for the Calne Community Neighbourhood Area.

The following 6 policies will be included in the updated Getting Around chapter:

Policy GA1 - Highway Impact - MAJOR UPDATE

Calne lies at the intersection of two major roads (A4 and A3102) and traffic congestion, plus air and noise pollution, are recognised as major issues for residents. This impacts on the safety of other routes where drivers seek to avoid the congestion, particularly through Studley Crossroads and Derry Hill. Road safety, especially on the two main roads, but also within residential areas, is an additional significant concern. Several recent large developments are not seen as having brought sufficient infrastructure or mitigation to address these problems. This policy is designed to strengthen the requirements in these areas.

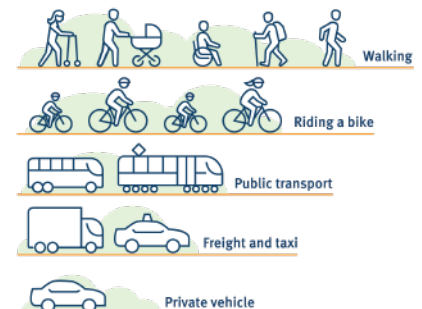
Policy GA2 - Public Realm - UPDATE

This policy will aim to ensure that any development proposals in the town centre balance issues like parking, safety and accessibility with quality of space to benefit businesses and customers

Policy GA3 - Sustainable Transport and Inclusive Active Travel - MAJOR UPDATE

Transport is now the biggest carbon emitting sector in Wiltshire so maximising active travel in and around the Plan Area could make a meaningful contribution towards Wiltshire Council's aim to reach county-wide net zero by 2030. This policy is designed to make active and sustainable transport networks a key part of any new developments.

Sustainable transport hierarchy



Policy GA4 - Ultra low emission vehicle (ULEV) charging - NEW

With the law requiring a gradual switch to electric vehicles, this policy is designed to support this change-over and put in place the necessary infrastructure. This will cover both private and commercial properties.

Policy GA5 - Parking Provision - MAJOR UPDATE

Parking provision is an important part of a change of use for a building, or for a development - whatever the size. This policy seeks to ensure that as well as providing the space for parking, the layout and way the spaces connect to the road network are carefully considered.

Policy GA6 Walking and Cycling for Leisure and Recreation - NEW

The many benefits of walking and cycling for leisure have become more widely recognised and valued since the last plan was written. This new policy is designed to protect and where possible, gain enhancements for these routes.