



The next Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy

Main Issues consultation 2021



Introduction





The Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy is the plan for the development of the City’s transport network over a five-year period. It includes a list of actions to be completed over the 5 year period. It deals with different types and subjects of transport including walking, wheeling, cycling, public transport, freight, taxis, motorcycles, car sharing, car clubs, car and van use, parking and low carbon fuels. You can find the current Local Transport Strategy here <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Local%20Transport%20Strategy%20%282016-2021%29.pdf>

The Local Transport Strategy for Aberdeen follows the National and Regional transport policies, strategies, plans and projects and takes account of transport’s relationship with the economy, the environment, health, people and communities. To make sure it best reflects the needs and wants of people, we need your help to develop it. The current Aberdeen Local Transport Strategy ran from 2016 and the time has come to start work on its replacement. **We need your help** to do this.

We want to understand what you consider to be the main issues currently facing the transport network in Aberdeen as well as what you think works well, what needs improvement and how you think things could be improved. Please tell us your thoughts at <https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/planning/aberdeen-lts-main-issues>

What has been achieved since 2016?

Some highlights include:

 <p>Go-Abz Smart Travel App Launched</p> <p>New Sustainable Urban Mobility Plan – Transport Masterplan – for the City Centre</p> <p>Enlargement of Aberdeen Airport terminal building completed </p> <p>Double tracking between Inverurie and Aberdeen completed </p> <p>New active travel connections at Dyce Station, Dyce Drive and Denmore Road and Gordon Brae</p> <p>Updated Active Travel Action Plan</p>	 <p>AWPR Opened and New Roads Hierarchy for the City</p> <p>Corridor studies being undertaken on Wellington Road, Ellon to Garthdee, A92 South, A93, A96, A944/ A9119 and A947</p> <p>Craibstone Park and Ride opened on A96</p> <p>North-east Casualty Reduction Strategy 2017 and the Road Safety Plan for Aberdeen City 2019-2022 published</p>	 <p>Strategic Car Parking Review underway</p> <p>Cashless parking is now available in all our controlled parking zones and off street car parks where charging is applicable</p>
 <p>New Electric Vehicle Framework</p> <p>Network of Council-installed EV charge points has grown by 48 sockets to 114</p> <p>Aberdeen car club grows to 52 vehicles including hybrid, electric and hydrogen power</p>	 <p>Bike Hire Scheme Awarded and under development</p> <p>50 cycle lockers delivered across the Craibstone and Bridge of Don Park and Ride sites and Dyce Railway Station</p> <p>Additional cycle and Scooter parking installed in 35 additional locations across the city</p> <p>I-Bike Officer recruited in 2017 and funded externally</p> <p>13 cycle maintenance stands installed across the city </p>	 <p>15 hydrogen-powered double decker buses on road</p> <p>Contactless payment available on First and Stagecoach buses </p> <p>Publicly-available hydrogen production and refuelling station opened at Cove</p>
 <p>Spaces for People project, allowing people to safely physically distance during COVID-19, delivered</p>  <p>The city’s network of pedestrian wayfinding totems has grown by 19 to 73</p> <p>Public realm improvements introduced at Schoolhill and Broad Street</p>		

What has been Invested?

Invested in the transport network in Aberdeen by Aberdeen City Council (2016/17-2020/21)	~£440M
Amount of the above investment made up from externally sourced funding	~£170M

Some highlights include:













~£63M	Roads Maintenance
~ £14M	Footway Improvements
~ £26M	Lighting
~ £10M	Flooding and drainage
~ £22M	Structure improvements
~ £910,000 (external)	Invested into electric vehicle charging infrastructure
~ £830,000 (external)	Invested into the Aberdeen Car Club
~ £200,000 (external)	Adding 19 new pedestrian wayfinding totems to the City's existing 54 to make it easier to walk around the city
~ £1.5M (external)	Invested into temporary infrastructure to keep people safe during COVID-19
~ £2.6M (external)	Publicly-available hydrogen production and filling station at COVE
~ £8.3M (external)	15 hydrogen-powered double decker buses

What does the monitoring tell us?

Of the 190 actions in the Local Transport Strategy (2016):

Number which are being achieved	142 (75%)
Number which are underway	31 (16%)
Number which have not been realised	10 (5%)
Number which cannot be reported upon due to insufficient information	7 (4%)









How have people's transport choices changed pre COVID-19?

Method of transport	Change	Percentage
Pedestrian Levels 	Increased 	3.1%
Cycling Levels 	Increased 	1.4%
Bus Patronage 	Decreased 	3.8%
Train Patronage 	Decreased 	0.5%
Car/ van passenger 	Increased 	4.4%
Car/ van drive 	Decreased 	9.6%

Data based on Scottish Household Surveys: Employed adults not working from home, resident in Aberdeen City, usual method of travel to work by public transport and active travel 2016-2019

How have people's transport choices changed since the COVID-19 pandemic?



The figures below show the differences in levels between July 2019 and July 2021

Levels of cycle users on paths compared with July 2019		
		same
Level of Traffic Compared with July 2019		
	Increased 	21%
Level of Pedestrians Compared with July 2019		
	Increased 	14%
No ² Concentrations Compared with July 2019		
	Increased 	19%

Data taken from Council counters and monitoring equipment



For on-road cycling, the Council has been collecting data since September 2020. The figures below show the differences in levels between September 2020 and July 2021

September 2020 compared to July 2021

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	Increased 	105%

Data collected from cameras at 41 sites

April 2019 compared to April 2021

April 2019 compared to April 2021		
Bus Patronage 	Decreased 	50 - 55%

We need your help.

To inform the next Local Transport Strategy for Aberdeen we want to hear from you. What do you think are the main issues? What do you think needs to be improved? The following link will take you to a questionnaire which should take around 20 minutes to complete. <https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/planning/aberdeen-lts-main-issues>

Next Steps

The results from the main issues consultation will form part of a main issues report, which will be completed by early 2022 and made available via the Council's website. This will then be used to inform the draft Local Transport Strategy.

This will be produced in late 2022 and will then be available for public consultation.

For further details, check <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/roads-transport-and-parking/local-transport-strategy> or watch out for future updates on the Council's consultation Hub <https://consultation.aberdeencity.gov.uk/>



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