

2025 Kirklees Transport Vision

Transport and the need to travel are essential for our everyday lives, allowing people to work, play and access services. But the unrelenting growth in car use is not sustainable with worsening congestion, poor air quality, environmental damage and finite oil reserves. Additionally, public transport services are poor, suffer a negative image and are a last choice mode of travel for many people.

Against this background Kirklees Council has set an ambitious 20 year Transport Vision to allow sustainable transport systems to flourish. It will improve the wellbeing of all its citizens and the environment whilst providing the building blocks for a thriving local economy.

The vision will be reviewed regularly against changing travel patterns, technology improvements and funding opportunities.

The 2025 Kirklees Transport Vision provides:

- A A top class public transport system for everyone providing a first choice for travel for many more new customers and a real alternative to using the car.**

- B A sustainable transport system that encourages healthy citizens, promotes social inclusion and preserves and enhances the local environment.**

- C A transport network that promotes a sustainable thriving economy for businesses to invest in.**

Rob Vincent
Chief Executive
Kirklees Council
28 March 2007

Councillor Robert Light
Leader
Kirklees Council
28 March 2007

2025 Kirklees Transport Vision

A A top class public transport system for everyone providing a first choice for travel for many more new customers and a real alternative to using the car.

- A1 Publicly accountable bus services so that they serve local needs and improve accessibility.
- A2 Priority for public transport modes on all congested core routes and motorways.
- A3 Comprehensive rail network with regular rapid services linking directly key local, regional and national destinations with sufficient capacity to meet local needs.
- A4 An extended Bus Rapid Transit network linking Kirklees with other districts.
- A5 Fully integrated hub & spoke public transport system, with feeder services linking into core routes for bus, rail and taxi.
- A6 Simple through ticketing system for bus, rail and taxi.
- A7 Integrated park & ride facilities for bus and rail.
- A8 A fare structure that encourages public transport use.
- A9 Enhanced passenger facilities at local and strategic locations with improved waiting facilities, real-time information and comfortable, clean, modern vehicles with easy access for all.

B A sustainable transport system that encourages healthy citizens, promotes social inclusion and preserves and enhances the local environment.

- B1 Increased use of sustainable modes of travel to safeguard the environment.
- B2 Continued road casualty reduction with 20mph zones in residential areas and around schools.
- B3 Local services are promoted and local produce used, reducing the need to travel.
- B4 Regenerated town and district centres as pleasant places for people to live, work and shop.
- B5 All Kirklees schools have enforceable, achievable and effective Travel Plans.
- B6 Increased walking and cycling journeys through encouragement and by creating safer routes.
- B7 Improved accessibility for all highway users.
- B8 Targeted demand management & parking restraints to suppress growth in car usage.

C A transport network that promotes a sustainable thriving economy for businesses to invest in.

- C1 Create a range of sustainable transport networks that support economic development.
- C2 Flexible and sustainable working practices for all employees in the district e.g. Travel Plans, flexible working hours, electronic communication, etc
- C3 Improved transport infrastructure to meet local business needs and sustain a vibrant economy.
- C4 A regional approach to transport through the “Northern Way” strategy.
- C5 First-rate transport links with the regional economies.
- C6 The Leeds Road Strategic Economic Zone in Huddersfield is fully developed.
- C7 Land for future sustainable transport investment is safeguarded.
- C8 Tackle local congestion hotspots by increasing highway capacity to assist regeneration
- C9 Support the widening of the M62 to improve local congestion problems providing it is done in an environmentally sustainable manner with due consideration to local communities.
- C10 Understand the current and future impact of congestion on economic performance and the role of demand management measures in tackling congestion.