



# School Travel Consultation

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Transport for  
Greater Manchester





# Introduction

At Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), we are committed to improving travel to and from places of education across Greater Manchester.

The draft School Travel Strategy sets out our vision and approach to enabling more young people to walk, wheel (wheelchair users, people using a mobility aid, and people pushing a buggy/pram), scoot, cycle or use public transport to get to school and access further education.

This is your opportunity to share your views and ideas on how we can improve school and college journeys for everyone.

Your feedback will be used to inform the final version of the School Travel Strategy. Further information on how we will use this information you provide is available in our privacy notice that you can view at [beenetwork.com/privacy-policy](https://beenetwork.com/privacy-policy)

**The consultation runs from 18 November 2024 to 23.59 on 26 January 2025.**

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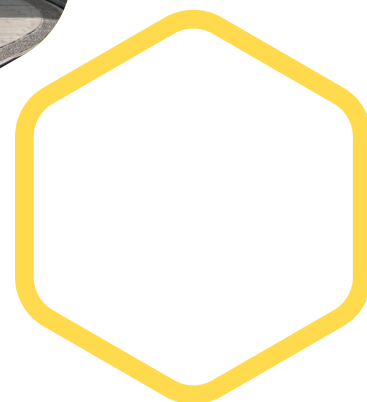
## About TfGM

- TfGM (Transport for Greater Manchester) is the local government body responsible for transport in Greater Manchester. Through the Bee Network we provide buses and trams to schools, colleges and local communities. We also work closely with local authorities to provide walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling facilities.
- By giving feedback on the draft School Travel Strategy, you are helping TfGM and its partners to understand what changes are needed to improve school and college travel. Your input will directly shape decisions on how we can make your journeys safer and easier.

## Why the strategy is being developed

In Greater Manchester, every day around 460,000 students travel to and from more than 1,200 schools and colleges. By enabling more of them to walk, wheel, scoot or use public transport it will help to:

- **Improve physical and mental health:** Currently, 22% of reception-aged children and 39% of Year 6 children are overweight or obese in Greater Manchester. Encouraging active travel can help combat this trend.
- **Protect the environment and improve air quality:** More walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling or using public transport will reduce carbon emissions and create cleaner air
- **Reduce congestion:** Taking children to school currently accounts for approximately 31% of traffic on GM roads during peak hours.
- **Better support those with caring responsibilities:** We want to make it easier for parents and guardians to walk, wheel, scoot or use public transport as part of the school run and their onward journey.
- **Enable future travel choices:** By providing travel skills and knowledge, we can empower children and young people to make informed choices as adults and access future opportunities.



## The process so far

Over the last six months, TfGM has been engaging with key stakeholders to gather feedback on the early proposals and help shape the priorities within the draft Strategy. Some of the key areas discussed included how children and young people should travel to school, how to encourage more children and young people to walk, wheel, scoot, cycle and use public transport, and how these changes might impact individuals and communities. The feedback has helped to shape the draft Strategy that we're now consulting on.

It's important to be clear about what is covered by this consultation.

The focus of the draft School Travel Strategy is travelling to mainstream education; special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) home-to-school transport is not covered. Councils are separately considering how they can improve the provision of SEND transport.

The School Travel Strategy brings together all our activities and programmes that are seeking to encourage more children and young people to walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or use public transport to travel to school.

**This consultation will inform the final version of the strategy by:**

- Identifying what barriers exist to children and young people walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling or using public transport to travel to school, and therefore informing whether the activities we have identified are sufficient to address them.
- Informing what skills and knowledge children and young people need to support them travelling to school and college.
- Informing our future approach towards school bus services and how they should interact with the wider public transport network.



## How to take part

- This consultation is open to everyone who lives or travels in Greater Manchester. We are particularly keen to hear from children and young people and their parents and guardians, as their experiences and ideas are essential in shaping a transport system that works for them now and in the future.
- The consultation questions and supporting information are included below. Further information, including the full draft Strategy and an easy read version is available online at [gmconsult.org](http://gmconsult.org)
- You can share your views by completing the online survey on [gmconsult.org](http://gmconsult.org) which is open from **18 November and closes at 23.59 on 26 January 2025** or by completing this paper survey and sending it to **FREEPOST SYSTRA RESEARCH** (you do not need a stamp and can write this address on any envelope).
- We understand that a survey may not be suitable for everyone, particularly for children, young people, or anyone with specific access needs. In these cases, please send us your feedback either in writing or via video message to [gmschooltravel@tfgm.com](mailto:gmschooltravel@tfgm.com). For children and young people under 16, a parent, guardian or teacher must confirm on video they give their consent.
- Support for non-English speakers is available by calling **0161 244 1000**.
- To request a specific alternative format, please contact [gmschooltravel@tfgm.com](mailto:gmschooltravel@tfgm.com) or call **0161 244 1000**.

## How can I get support?

Staff will be available in the following locations for you to ask questions about the Strategy or for support in completing the consultation:

- **Stockport Interchange:**  
Stockport, SK1 1NU  
11 December, 3–5.30pm
- **Shudehill Interchange:**  
Shudehill, Manchester, M4 2BS,  
18 December, 3–5.30pm
- **Rochdale Interchange:**  
Smith Street, OL16 1YG  
22 January, 3–5.30pm

We will also host two online sessions where the proposals will be presented, and you can ask questions. If you would like to attend either of these sessions, please email [GMSchooltravel@tfgm.com](mailto:GMSchooltravel@tfgm.com). Please note, if you are under 16 you will need to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

- **3 December 5–6.30pm**
- **15 January 5–6.30pm**

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Jeśli potrzebujesz udzielić odpowiedzi w inny sposób lub potrzebne Ci są materiały z konsultacji w innym formacie to prosimy o kontakt na e-mail [GMSchooltravel@tfgm.com](mailto:GMSchooltravel@tfgm.com) lub o telefon pod numer 0161 244 1000 w celu omówienia Twoich potrzeb. Tak samo dostępne jest wsparcie dla osób, które nie mówią po angielsku pod numerem 0161 244 1000.

如果您需要以不同方式的回覆，或需要不同格式的諮詢資料，請聯絡 [GMSchooltravel@tfgm.com](mailto:GMSchooltravel@tfgm.com) 或致電 0161 244 1000 討論您的要求。也可以致電 0161 244 1000 聯絡為非英語使用者提供支持的服務。

إذا كنت تريد الرد بطريقة مختلفة، أو كنت بحاجة إلى مواد الاستشارة ب صيغة مختلفة، يرجى الاتصال بـ [com.tfgm@GMSchooltravel](mailto:com.tfgm@GMSchooltravel) أو الاتصال ب الرقم 0161 244 1000 لمناقشة متطلباتك. كما يتوفر الدعم للمتحدثين ب لغات غير الإنجليزية على الرقم 0161. 244 1000





Signature of parent or guardian:

Primary school.....☐ Further Education establishment.....☐  
 Secondary school.....☐ Pupil Referral Unit.....☐  
 Secondary school with college.....☐ Special school.....☐  
 Other, please specify: .....

Bad weather .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roads feel unsafe to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle along .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't own a bike .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unable to ride a bike .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of buying a bike .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Have nowhere to securely store a bike .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike/scooter is broken .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	No shower or changing facilities at school .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
It's quicker to drive .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Too many bags / items to carry .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
It's quicker to use public transport .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nothing prevents me/my child cycling or scooting to school .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live too far away to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Parents or guardians are unable to travel to work/care duties afterwards .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other please specify:			



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**Q12. Is there anything else you would like to share, or changes you would like to see to our proposed approach towards encouraging more children and young people to walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or use public transport to travel to school?**

As a reminder the draft School Travel Strategy proposes to:

- **Create safer streets around schools:** We want to implement a combination of physical and behavioural road safety interventions to improve safety in the immediate area around schools.
- **Deliver more walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure:** We aim to create more cycle routes and crossings, using data and insight to inform future priorities.
- **Increase access to cycles and cycle storage:** We want to help improve access to cycles through creating more bike libraries and providing additional cycle storage.
- **Teach travel skills:** We want to develop a new programme to teach children and young people and their families essential travel skills, such as crossing roads safely, riding bikes, and using public transport.
- **Improve the customer experience on public transport:** We want to create a more reliable, affordable, and accessible public transport network.
- **Make our network safe and secure:** We want to improve safety and security so that passengers feel safe and confident when travelling.
- **Create an integrated network:** We want to bring buses, trams, trains, active travel and school services together, so that we can provide improved travel options for young people and the wider community.
- **Engage schools and community groups:** We want to collaborate with schools and local communities to enable them to run initiatives that promote walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling or using public transport.

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# About you

We must consider how different people will be affected by our strategies and policies, and we also want to make sure we hear from people from all of Greater Manchester’s diverse backgrounds. Therefore, to help us ensure we hear from a range of voices, and to help identify any possible discrimination or barriers for particular groups of people, would like you to answer a few questions about yourself.

The personal information you give us will remain strictly confidential and we will not use it in a way that could identify you. If there are questions would prefer not to answer, please choose the ‘prefer not to say’ option.

## Q1. What is your postcode please?

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Prefer not to say .....

## Q2. Which of the following age brackets do you fall into?

Under 16 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	55-59 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
16-18 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	60-64 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
19-24 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	65-74 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
25-34 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	75+ .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
35-44 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
45-54 .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## Q3. How would you describe your gender?

Woman (including trans woman) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	In another way, can you tell us more?
Man (including trans man) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
Non-binary / gender fluid .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	.....
Prefer not to say .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	.....

## Q4. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a long-term health problem, impairment, or disability?

No .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, learning disability .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, lung condition /	
Yes, mobility impairment .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	breathing difficulties .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, hearing impairment .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (what health problem or	
Yes, visual impairment .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	disability limits your activities?) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yes, mental health condition .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say .....	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Q5. How would you describe your ethnicity?

White: English/Welsh/Scottish/ Northern Irish/British .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian: Bangladeshi .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
White: Irish .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Asian: Chinese .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
White: Gypsy or Irish Traveller .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other Asian background .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other white background .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black: African .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black: British .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed: White and Black African .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Black: Caribbean .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mixed: White and Asian .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other black background .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other mixed/ multiple ethnic backgrounds .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Arab .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian: Indian .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other ethnic group .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asian: Pakistani .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say .....	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Q6. How do you describe your religion?

No religion .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Muslim .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buddhist .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikh .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christian .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other religion .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hindu .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	Prefer not to say .....	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jewish .....	<input type="checkbox"/>		

## What happens next?

- Place this completed survey in an envelope and write **FREEPOST SYSTRA RESEARCH** on the front. **You do not need to put a stamp on, as postage has already been paid for.**
- The consultation closes at 23.59 on 26 January 2025.** Following this, the responses will be reviewed and considered as part of finalising the Strategy. We will share the outcomes of the consultation and outline how your views have shaped the final Strategy in Spring 2025.
- We have commissioned an external agency to analyse and report on the responses to the consultation. They will develop a summary report of all the feedback which will be published alongside the final Strategy.
- You can find more information on **gmconsult.org** or by calling **0161 244 1000**





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