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## Bedford Stations Travel Plan



### Welcome to the Bedford Stations Travel Plan

This plan has been developed by the Bedford Stations Travel Plan Steering Group. The plan aims to transform both Bedford Midland and Bedford St. Johns Stations into effective sustainable transport interchanges.

### What is a Station Travel Plan?

A strategy for managing the travel generated by a railway station, with the aim of reducing its environmental impact and encouraging more travel by rail. This typically involves support for walking, cycling, public transport, and better car park management.

The plan has been developed by...



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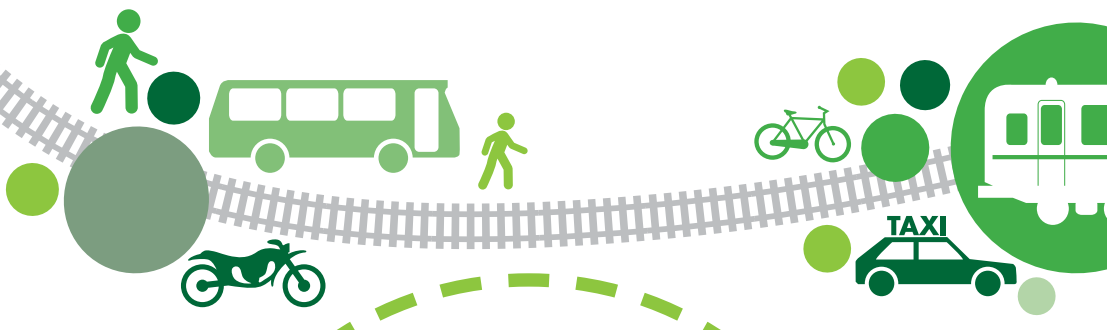
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## Our Approach...

### APPROACH ONE

#### Improvement to infrastructure and services

Encourage sustainable transport to both stations and improve customer satisfaction by improving infrastructure, services and facilities.

The plan's objectives are to be achieved through two main approaches:

### APPROACH TWO

#### Promotion, marketing and provision of information

Increase awareness of opportunities for sustainable transport to and from both stations through initiatives and campaigns.

## Two

Increase cycling as a safe and convenient means of travelling to and from both stations.

## One

Increase walking as a safe and convenient means of travelling to and from both stations.

## Three

Increase the use of public transport as a safe and convenient means of travelling to and from both stations.

## Four

Manage car and motorcycle use at the stations.

## Key Objectives...

## Existing Transport Facilities...

**TAXI PARKING**  
An official taxi rank is provided at the entrance to Bedford Midland Station.

Did YOU know?

**CYCLE FACILITIES/NETWORK**  
Around 70% of the 418 **FREE** cycle parking spaces at Bedford Midland Station are covered.  
National Cycle Network (National Route 51) is within approximately 500m of both stations.

**PEDESTRIAN ROUTES**  
Good quality pedestrian links are available in close proximity to both stations.

Bedford has a number of safe crossing points and cycleways within the town centre and surrounding areas.

**BUS NETWORK & PLUSBUS**  
There are a number of bus routes in close proximity to both stations. The rail and bus stations are approx 10 minutes walk apart. You can buy a discounted bus ticket when you purchase a rail ticket (PLUSBUS).

**CAR PARKING**  
**710** car parking spaces at Bedford Midland station  
**120** car parking spaces at Melbourne Street car park, next to Bedford St. Johns Station.

**MOTORCYCLE PARKING**  
Motorcycle parking is **FREE** and there are 36 official motorcycle parking bays at Bedford Midland Station  
Motorcycles can also be parked in Melbourne Street car park, next to St. Johns Station.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**  
Promote current bus services serving the stations.  
Investigate Real Time Passenger Information on station forecourts and concourses.  
Work with public transport operators towards service improvements.

## BSTP - Action Plan...



**MANAGEMENT & MONITORING**  
Appoint a Travel Plan Coordinator.  
Develop a Marketing Plan.  
Develop a dedicated webpage.  
Work with local developers.  
Undertake regular travel surveys.

**TRAVEL INFORMATION**  
Supply regular travel information to public buildings around the town.  
Update signage around both stations.  
Ensure station staff are briefed on the onward travel choices.



**CAR/TAXI SHARING**  
Promote car sharing scheme.  
Investigate a Station Taxi Share scheme.

**PARKING**  
Develop a station parking policy based on a hierarchy of need.  
Target car parking enforcement in and around both stations.

**CYCLING & WALKING**  
Provide combined local cycle and walking maps.  
Improve walking and cycling routes.  
Install good quality secure cycle parking facilities at both stations.  
Investigate the provision of a rental bicycle scheme at both stations.





## Ways you can help...

- Travel more sustainably to and from the Bedford Stations on one or more occasions a week;
- Take part in the two yearly surveys of station use;
- Complete customer satisfaction and feedback forms;
- Encourage others to travel sustainably to / from the stations whenever possible.

## For more information about the Travel Plan...

Please feel free to contact us:

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[www.bedsrcc.org.uk](http://www.bedsrcc.org.uk)

[www.ccnb.org.uk](http://www.ccnb.org.uk)

[www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk](http://www.eastmidlandstrains.co.uk)

[www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk](http://www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk)

[www.londonmidland.com](http://www.londonmidland.com)

[www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk](http://www.marstonvalecommunityrail.org.uk)

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