

## Liveable London – Time for a Transport Revolution

### London Living Streets Manifesto for Walking in London

London is a successful city, but it can become a city with a far better quality of life. Moves have been made recently to make London more liveable, but its streets are still car-dominated. This discourages walking, causes poor air quality, undermines people's health generally and results in large numbers of pedestrian road casualties.



Many people are now asking: **How can we create a city that is genuinely inclusive of all its residents, workers and visitors and is not just designed for car users?** How can we put active forms of travel at the heart of our transport system in order to increase physical activity, improve air quality and reduce obesity? **London Living Streets believes that much more walking offers a silver bullet to many of London's most pressing problems.** Here are our proposals to rebalance the city in favour of everyone who walks – commuters, shoppers, indeed all Londoners when on foot and thereby create a healthier, happier and more liveable London.

**1. People before traffic:** Rising traffic congestion means the number of vehicles on London's roads must be reduced and road space redistributed for use by pedestrians, cyclists and public transport. **Road pricing, in a system fair to all Londoners,** is needed across the whole of London 24/7 to reflect the real costs of driving and to help reduce traffic volumes. Road building creates more traffic, so we advocate **no new major roads, road tunnels or road bridges in London.**

**2. Safer Streets - Implement a genuine Vision Zero approach** to reduce road danger while promoting active travel. London's default speed limit should be reduced to 20mph (with appropriate exceptions on arterial roads). Enforcement must be improved with a return to active police enforcement on London's roads and zero tolerance for distractions while driving. Greater use of speed cameras plus new vehicle technology will help drivers keep to the speed limit.

**3. Cleaner Air: Ban Diesel vehicles** to improve London's dangerous air quality. Prior to a ban coming into force, the cost of using a diesel vehicle should increase rapidly under London's Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) with incentives for people to drive less.

**4. Walking in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Global City:** Central London needs to become a better environment for its world-class attractions and the tens of thousands of commuters it welcomes every day. In addition to Oxford Street, pedestrianisation and part-pedestrianisation can support the creation of a high quality walking network that makes Central London including Soho, the West End and locations such as Parliament Square and The Strand far more appealing for those on foot.

**5. Healthier high streets and town centres across London: Implement a Healthy Streets approach to deliver vibrant London high streets and town centres** with safe, direct and convenient crossings along all streets, wider pavements and continuous Copenhagen-style side-road crossings and where possible trees. Gyrotory road systems should be removed. Ensuring that the street environment is welcoming to groups such as children, older people or those with disabilities. Regular car free days will encourage people to shop, spend time and simply enjoy the streets in their local area.

**6. Reclaim London's Residential Streets:** A programme of Liveable Neighbourhoods, using the Healthy Streets approach, will prevent traffic cutting through residential areas and instead stay on the main roads. In many London boroughs well under half of households have access to a car. Bringing residential areas back to life is vital to enable our children to play outside, walk and cycle to school and help to tackle an obesity epidemic in London where the latest research from the National Child Measurement Programme (2015/16) shows that almost 40% of children at Year 6 are either overweight or obese.

**Make London a Liveable City, a Walking City, an Inclusive City, a Healthy City and a Safer City.**

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