

Transport Team
Westminster City Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Sustainable Transport Strategy consultation

I am writing on behalf of the Westminster Property Association (WPA), the membership body and advocacy group for the leading owners, investors, professional advisors and developers of real estate in the City of Westminster. A list of the 240+ member companies we represent is available [here](#).

The WPA welcomes the development of Westminster's first Sustainable Transport Strategy as a key step towards delivering a more sustainable Westminster as well as supporting good economic growth within the borough.

Whilst the WPA does not normally comment on more specific and localised transport interventions, we recognise the importance of ensuring that Westminster's residents, workers and tourists can travel easily, safely and sustainably around the city. Ensuring the needs of these distinct but often competing groups are fully considered will be critical to the Strategy's successful implementation as the city continues with its post-pandemic recovery.

Prioritising active travel and reducing the number of vehicle trips within Westminster are therefore welcomed as key priorities of the emerging Strategy, as is promoting the flexible use of kerbside spaces. Supporting al fresco dining, the introduction of new active frontages and helping to blur the lines between development boundaries and public realm will create a more open and people-focused city. This will enable streets to respond to changing demands, in addition to allowing Westminster and its businesses to remain attractive, vibrant destinations.

Alongside the updated Westminster Way, due to be published for consultation later in the year, the Strategy should provide clear guidance on key priorities for public realm improvements as well as setting out funding mechanisms for these enhancements including CIL contributions.

I would be happy to discuss any of the points raised in our response, and look forward to working collaboratively with Westminster as the Sustainable Transport Strategy progresses.

Yours sincerely,



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