

Bee Active Travel – Walking, Wheeling and Cycling

- 11.26 This policy details how the local Active Travel Network will continue to develop supporting access to local amenities and existing and future development proposals.

Policy T6 – Bee Active Travel – Walking Wheeling and Cycling

New development will enhance the borough's bee active network links for pedestrians, wheeling and cycling:

- a. to / from and within the borough's growth locations, development focus areas, town centres and neighbourhoods;
- b. by enhancing public realm and creating space on local streets to encourage active travel and improve local safety for vulnerable road users, by easing conflict with motorised traffic;
- c. by integrating the Atom Valley Growth Location Bee Active network with conventional bus, Metrolink, future tram train and bus rapid transit services, to access local centres including Heywood, Castleton and Middleton, within and outside the borough;
- d. by building a well maintained, continuous, safe and coherent bee active network in the Borough that connects with neighbouring authorities and town centres to deliver a strategic network; and
- e. to / from bus interchanges, Metrolink stops, railway stations and town centres, employment areas and local amenities incorporating pedestrianisation, secure cycle parking and Mobility Hubs as appropriate.

Designs will be expected to adhere with the GM Streets for All Design Guide and Check List where possible.

Places for Everyone Links

Policy JP-C6 Walking and Cycling

Reasoned Justification

- 11.27 Developing the Bee Active Network and widening active and sustainable transport choices is a key transport priority in Greater Manchester in contributing to meeting its "Right Mix" target by 2040. The policy aligns with those in the "Places for Everyone", GM Strategic Plan and the draft Greater Manchester 2050 Local Transport Plan (LTP).
- 11.28 This policy will assist the drive to continue development of an Active Travel Network linking communities to local amenities and new development sites towards a connected Bee Active Network (Walking, Wheeling and Cycling) that is easy to access and safe to use. This includes linking the Atom Valley Growth Location and local developments to the Bee Network. This offers greater travel choices for local travel to employment and education / training opportunities, homes, adjacent communities and local amenities including Metrolink Stops, railway stations.

- 11.29 All new routes, junction improvements and access measures will proportionately comply with the Streets for All Design guide and checklist. The existing network over time will be upgraded to a similar standard through ongoing transport scheme investment. Third party and private developer finance will be expected to contribute where appropriate and at levels proportionate with the impact of their proposals along with any matched funding where it is secured.