



Environmental Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to use the power of communications to make a better world. In the environmental space we aim to achieve this by reducing the environmental impact of our operations.

1. Introduction

Transport for the North (TfN) recognises that its economic, social and civic responsibilities are central to its activities and that its core business operations have the potential to affect the environment, health and prosperity of employees, stakeholders and the communities in which it operates.

2. Making a Difference

TfN wishes to play a central role in protecting and enhancing sustainability locally and nationally by ensuring that this principle underpins all our operations and activities. Thus, we are committed to create a difference by:

- Reducing the carbon emissions through efficient and responsible use of energy and water and by promoting resource efficiency associated with day-to-day activities and new developments
- Preventing pollution whenever possible by reducing emissions & discharges and minimising waste production as far as is practicable by reusing or recycling waste where appropriate
- Minimising the impact of transport on the environment through promoting and supporting the use of walking, cycling and public transport
- Monitoring and auditing the TfN's environmental performance and practice at regular intervals
- Meeting and where appropriate applying more stringent standards to ensure the TfN complies with applicable legal requirements and with other requirements to which we subscribe which relate to our environmental aspects
- Increasing awareness of environmental responsibilities among employees and contractors
- Seeking to influence our suppliers and contractors through the development and implementation of a sustainable procurement policy, an objective of which will require sustainable issues to be considered in the procurement of all goods and services supplied to TfN
- Making this Policy available to all employees and communicating it to all parties working for or on behalf of TfN.

3. Promote and Support the Built and Natural Environment

By transforming economic performance, more people will experience the high quality built and environmental assets of the North. There is an opportunity to further enhance the quality of places, but we also need to

guard against undermining the environment aspects that make the North a great place to live and work.

4. Integrated Sustainability Appraisal

Creating and sustaining transformational economic growth requires an environment where people want to live and work, businesses of the future want to invest and individuals have access to opportunities, including employment, education, healthcare and other services.

The Integrated Sustainability Appraisal, which is published alongside the formal statutory consultation on the Strategic Transport Plan, provides the framework to review and challenge objectives, policies and programmes thorough the development of the Strategic Transport Plan.

The Strategic Transport Plan presents a unique opportunity to encourage quality of place and good growth in the North, while taking a strategic view of sustainability challenges at a pan-Northern level. In identifying gaps in the transport network and developing Strategic Development Corridors, TfN will be able to progress solutions that maximise the use of existing infrastructure, are multi-modal and smart, and connect and protect the North's fantastic heritage and biodiversity assets.

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