

Ernest Bevin College Green Travel Strategy 	
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Green Travel Strategy Statement

Introduction

EBC is situated in an inner London suburban area of Wandsworth close to the main A24, cycle (super)highway CS7 and Quietways 4 and 5, the Northern line at Tooting Bec (not freely open to school students under current Zip card scheme), mainline rail at Balham and Tooting and many bus routes. It is roughly midway between Balham and Tooting which are both key towns within Wandsworth Council’s 5 towns structure, the rest being Putney, Clapham Junction and Wandsworth Town. It is served by green space at Wandsworth Common, Tooting Common and Fishponds Rec.

The immediate area of housing around the school main entrance is located within a CPZ requiring residents to purchase parking permits or use on street or web-based facilities to pay. It is currently outside of the congestion and Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ). All roads other than designated A roads are now speed limited to 20mph in Wandsworth. During the Covid pandemic the council trialled a quiet streets initiative to reduce congestion, but this is no longer in operation.

The Mayor of London has stated that he **wants 80% of Londoners’ trips to be made on foot, bike or public transport by 2041.**

It is the aim of EBC to be the local school of first choice and this ties in with the Mayor’s target and the international work on 15-minute cities, which promotes a lifestyle based on the majority of one’s needs being located within a 15-minute walking or bike radius.

See [15 minute city](#) and [London Living Streets](#) for further details.

To this end Ernest Bevin College (EBC) Green Transport Policy seeks to reduce the use of individual vehicles as part of a strategy to reduce carbon emissions and to increase the take up of other healthier transport methods to improve health outcomes.

Aims

The aim is to encourage those working, studying, and visiting the College to travel in the most efficient, sustainable, and socially inclusive manner.

We have already put in place some measures to encourage staff, students, and visitors to the College to travel by more sustainable modes of transport. This document brings those interventions together,

introducing new measures where appropriate to produce a coherent strategy for the future that will be reviewed and updated annually as the College and its external environment develops.

It also seeks to link with other relevant agencies, where appropriate, in order to be as comprehensive as possible.

Objectives

The College's Policy has the following objectives:

1. To reduce the use of vehicles to that necessary for core essential business activities and for disabled staff, students or visitors
2. To promote walking to and from the College
3. To promote the use of bicycles to and from the College
4. To promote the use of public transport to and from the College
5. To promote, when necessary, vehicles with alternative fuels.
6. To promote the cycle to work scheme

Implementation

Objective 1:

To reduce the use of vehicles to a level necessary for core essential business activities and for disabled staff, students or visitors.

As an inner London based institution, the College already has relatively few vehicle parking spaces on site. As part of the College Strategy, provision of on-site parking is to be regularly reviewed to see where further improvements can be made, linked with objectives 2 and 3.

As part of the College's procurement strategy, to reduce the number of suppliers to the College and hence the number of delivery vehicles serving the College.

The college will:

- run an annual transport survey of all users.
- work to improve its a TFL STARS accreditation. EBC is currently at Bronze level.
- write a revised travel plan based on the Wandsworth formula – see extra notes
- introduce vehicle parking charging for car users using onsite parking.
- promote car sharing in the allocation of any existing car parking spaces.
- prioritise meetings with externals via Teams rather than face to face.

Obviously unless prevented by government directive schools' communities need to be physically in school to perform at their best. However other meetings can be held via online platforms with regard to data security issues. The college uses Microsoft Teams.

All future publicity, including recruitment material, for the college will declare that there is no longer free parking on site for general users.

Objective 2: to promote walking to and from the College by

- Promoting information on walking routes to and from the College through links such as [Wandsworth Society](#)
- Influencing local stakeholders such as local authorities and TfL to achieve any desired improvements in the public realm in terms, for example of security, safety and lighting.
- Publicising the benefits to ones health by walking.
- Walking bus routes – maps and schemes
- Walking buddies – Year 7 induction

Objective 3: To promote the use of cycling to and from the College through:

- The promotion of TfL [cycle maps](#) at reception desks and through links on the College website
- The College strategy, provision is to be kept under review to see where further improvements in provision of secure, covered bicycle parking can be made.
- Checking if new buildings and appropriate refurbishments in College owned property provide appropriately located changing and shower facilities and bicycle parking.
- The promotion of EBC initiatives for security-marking of bicycles e.g. inviting police into mark-up bicycles – also opens the college to the community.

Objective 4: to promote the use of public transport.

The College already provides interest-free season ticket loans for annual season tickets for staff and will continue to do so.

The College will endeavour, where possible to work with external agencies to improve public transport links through.

- Information about the [River Bus](#)
- Activity on the London Tube Users Forum
- Links on the College website to TfL, in particular to the TfL [Journey Planner](#)
- Monitoring and commenting on planning and transportation consultation documents which will affect the College environment.

Objective 5: to promote vehicles with alternative fuels within the College fleet.

- Where practicable, when vehicles used by the College are renewed, they will be replaced with vehicles using alternative fuels.

Objective 6: To promote the cycle to work scheme.

- www.bike2workscheme.co.uk
- www.gov.uk/government/news/cycle-to-work-scheme