

Redbridge Sustainable Transport Strategy

2024 – 2041

Keep Redbridge Moving

Draft for Consultation



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Foreword

Redbridge is a diverse and thriving borough. The choices people make about how they travel have critical impacts on their health, safety and wellbeing. The decision about whether to take the bus, train, cycle, walk or using the car are defined by the transport opportunities available. These transport choices also have wider impacts on the economy, the environment, air pollution and wider climate.

This strategy is designed to ensure that our residents, businesses and visitors have a transport system that serves their needs, now and into the future. This strategic approach looks at all the elements that make up our transport system, the principles that underpin it and sets out a plan to keep Redbridge moving. This document will guide our choices about where we invest, what we lobby other agencies for, how we cooperate across the Council and across borough boundaries. It aims to make our streets safer, vibrant, healthy, attractive and good for business.

Through this Strategy we will create a fairer transport system to keep Redbridge moving, that is fit for the future and enables everyone - young and old, people of all races, genders and walks of life, to all travel safely, independently and efficiently.

Jo Blackman
Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability

What is the Strategy?

- ✿ The Borough's first Sustainable Transport Strategy with an ambitious vision
- ✿ The Strategy is evidence based, policy led and reflects the needs and wants of local communities in Redbridge.
- ✿ The document sets out a clear plan and targets to keep Redbridge moving, with a focus on safer, more accessible, and greener travel.
- ✿ The Strategy recommends the actions that we and our partners will need to take to achieve the vision.



What are the timescales?

- Our goals and actions fit with the London-wide Mayor's Transport Strategy timeline for 2041.
- This provides a long period of time during which policies and transport infrastructure can change and improve. We will deliver key targets over the short, medium and longer term.





We have developed this strategy together with our communities

✿ The Strategy has been designed with the support of various groups of people in Redbridge, including:

- younger people and schools,
- elderly people,
- disability groups,
- transport stakeholders,
- and other community groups.



✿ Engagement with these groups has helped to identify **four key themes** and **nine priorities for the Strategy**.

✿ The challenges and opportunities raised during engagement have helped to inform a range of actions and interventions for the Council and key partners to deliver.





Why do we need a Strategy now?

- ✿ Redbridge does not have a dedicated, long-term plan for how transport will develop across the borough.
- ✿ Climate and public health emergencies have highlighted the need for intervention
- ✿ If we do not act to make changes to the transport network in the coming years, Redbridge may face new transport problems, and some existing issues are likely to get worse.

What is the impact of 'doing nothing'?



Residents continue to be **injured** on our road network



More **congested roads** will damage our economy, our health and our environment



Polluted and **noisy** environments that are unattractive and bad for our health



Little choice in travel options, with unsafe roads making walking and cycling less viable



Worsening public health and **quality of life** for our residents, workers and visitors.



Our Vision

This Strategy sets out a clear **vision statement** of where the Borough needs to be by 2041, to keep Redbridge moving:

- ✿ By 2041, Travel in Redbridge will be safer, healthier, greener and more inclusive.
- ✿ There will be more affordable choices for all journeys that help us to live healthier and more independent lives.
- ✿ At least two thirds of all journeys will be by public transport, walking, wheeling, cycling or scooting.
- ✿ Ambition to create safe and seamless connections between the bus, Underground and rail networks.
- ✿ Deliver an extensive network of zero-emission vehicle charging points in Redbridge.



Key themes and priorities

- ✿ To deliver on our Vision, we have created four key themes and nine priorities, each related to a topic or issue that the Strategy will address.
- ✿ All our priorities are interconnected. By working towards one priority, we will be helping to achieve the others.

How are these used in the Strategy?

- ✿ For each priority area, we have undertaken an assessment of existing evidence and identified issues and opportunities. These inform what actions the Council will take on each priority and why.
- ✿ Individual actions may address more than one priority at a time, so our action plans sit under the four key themes, bringing actions on similar issues together.



Our themes and priorities

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Active and Safer Travel for Healthier Lifestyles

1. Improving road safety and air quality
2. Enabling healthy lifestyles
3. Enabling active travel
4. Education, promotion and engagement

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Making Transport and Travel Accessible

5. Increasing accessibility and creating high quality public realm

Enhancing the environment and responding to the climate emergency

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6. Enhancing the environment and biodiversity
7. Responding to the climate emergency

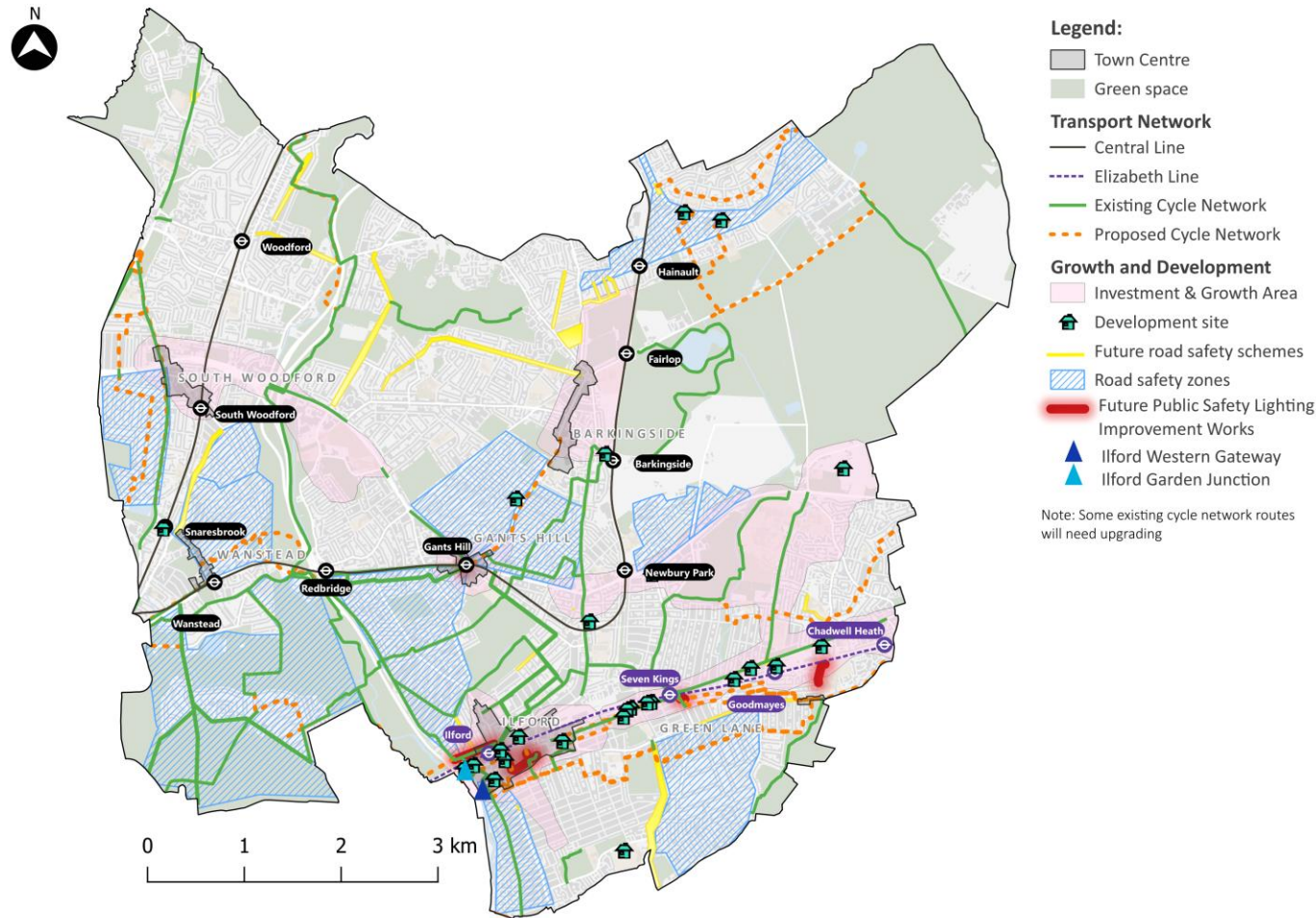
Keeping Redbridge's Economy Moving

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8. Supporting housing, jobs and economic growth
9. Rethinking freight and servicing



Key proposals across the Borough



Targets

Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured

Increase the number of new road safety zones

Reduce air pollutants that are harmful to public health

Increase share of trips on foot and cycle

Increase length of cycle network

Increase number of cycle training for children and adults

Theme 2: Making transport and travel accessible

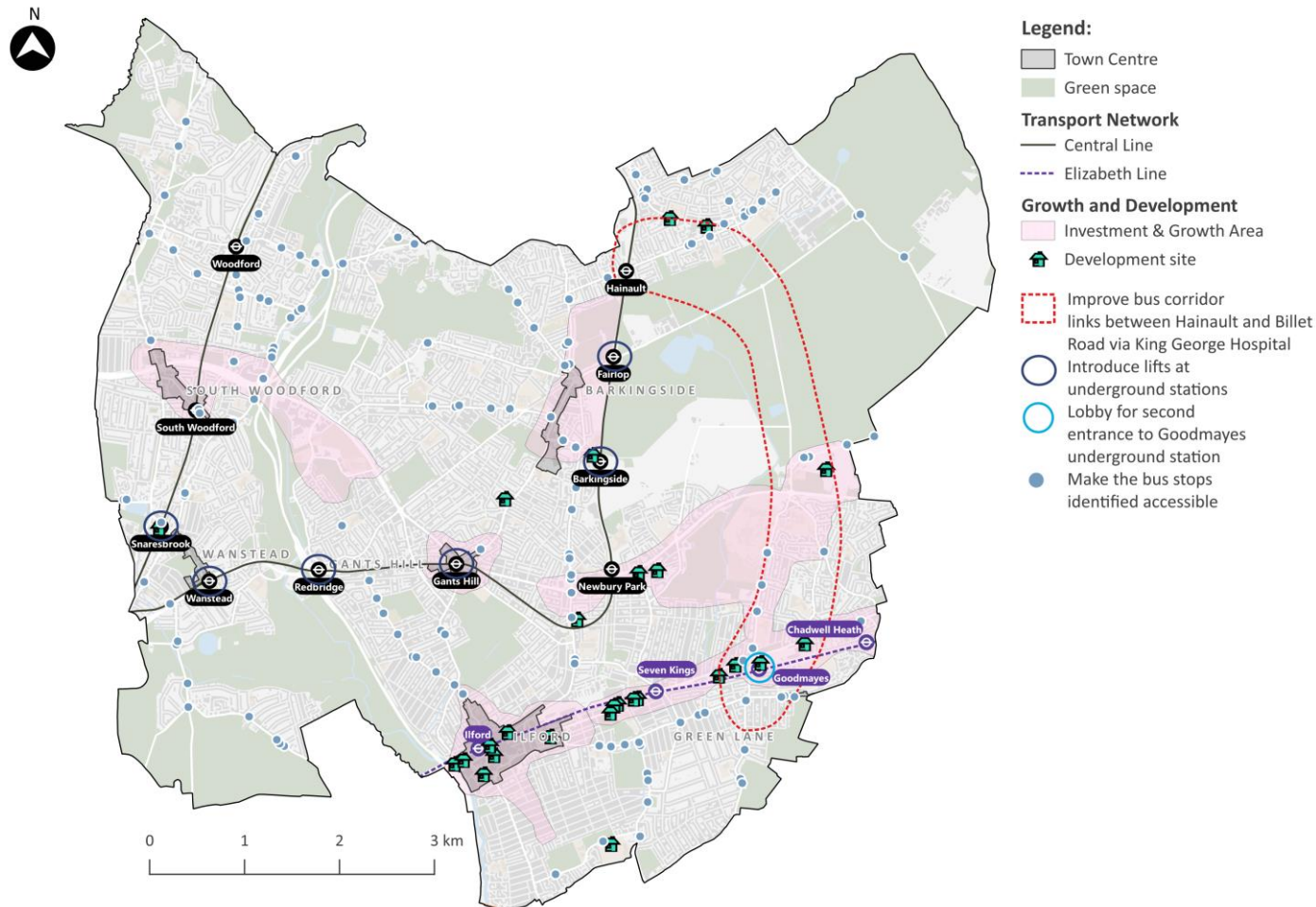
Which priorities are important here?

- ✿ **Increasing accessibility and creating high quality public realm**

What are we going to do?

- Work with TfL and local communities to improve bus priority in the Borough and make bus stops accessible
- Lobby TfL to introduce lifts at Wanstead, Redbridge, Gants Hill, Barkingside, Fairlop and Snaresbrook Underground stations
- Improve the public realm by de-cluttering streets
- Encourage groups of children walking to school with one or more adults
- Develop a programme for footway renewals
- Improve signage and develop accessible walking maps

Key proposals across the Borough



Targets

Improve the condition of footways

Introduce mobility hubs to provide sustainable choices

Reduce the number of stations without step-free access

Theme 3: Enhancing the environment and responding to the climate emergency

Which priorities are important here?

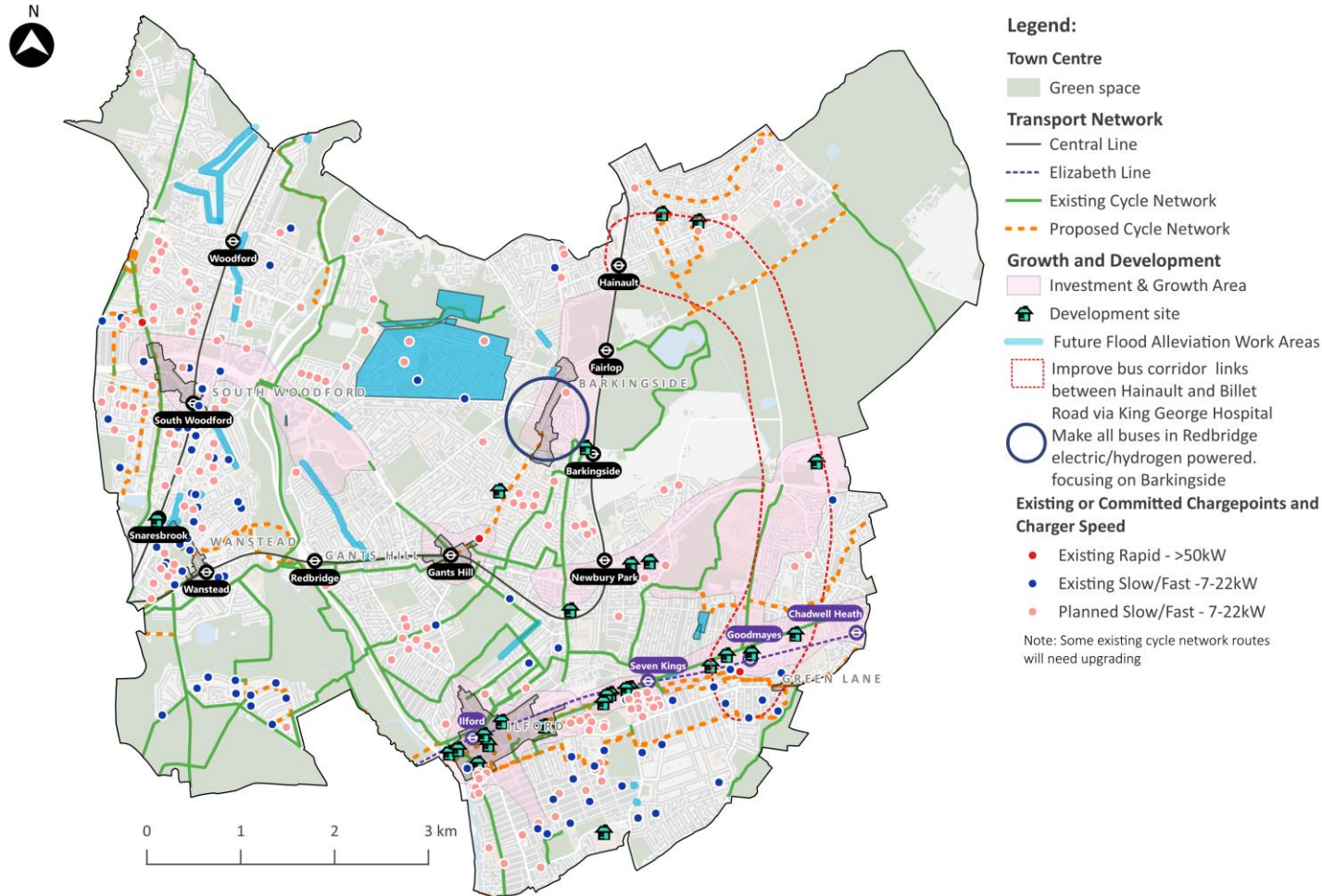
 **Enhancing the environment and biodiversity**

 **Responding to the climate emergency**

What are we going to do?

- Improve biodiversity within the public realm, introduce community planting
- Manage biodiversity during construction of new developments and infrastructure
- Reduce the negative impact of heavy traffic, vehicle emissions and noise on the environment
- Ensure urban drainage is managed sustainably to reduce flooding
- Plant new trees and sustainable drainage as part of new road safety, cycling schemes and improvement works

Key proposals across the Borough



Targets

Ensure new transport and infrastructure supports sustainable urban drainage

Ensure new transport and infrastructure supports a net increase in biodiversity

Plant new trees with new cycle routes

Increase number of public EV charge points

Reduce CO₂ and NO_x emissions

Theme 4: Keeping Redbridge's economy moving

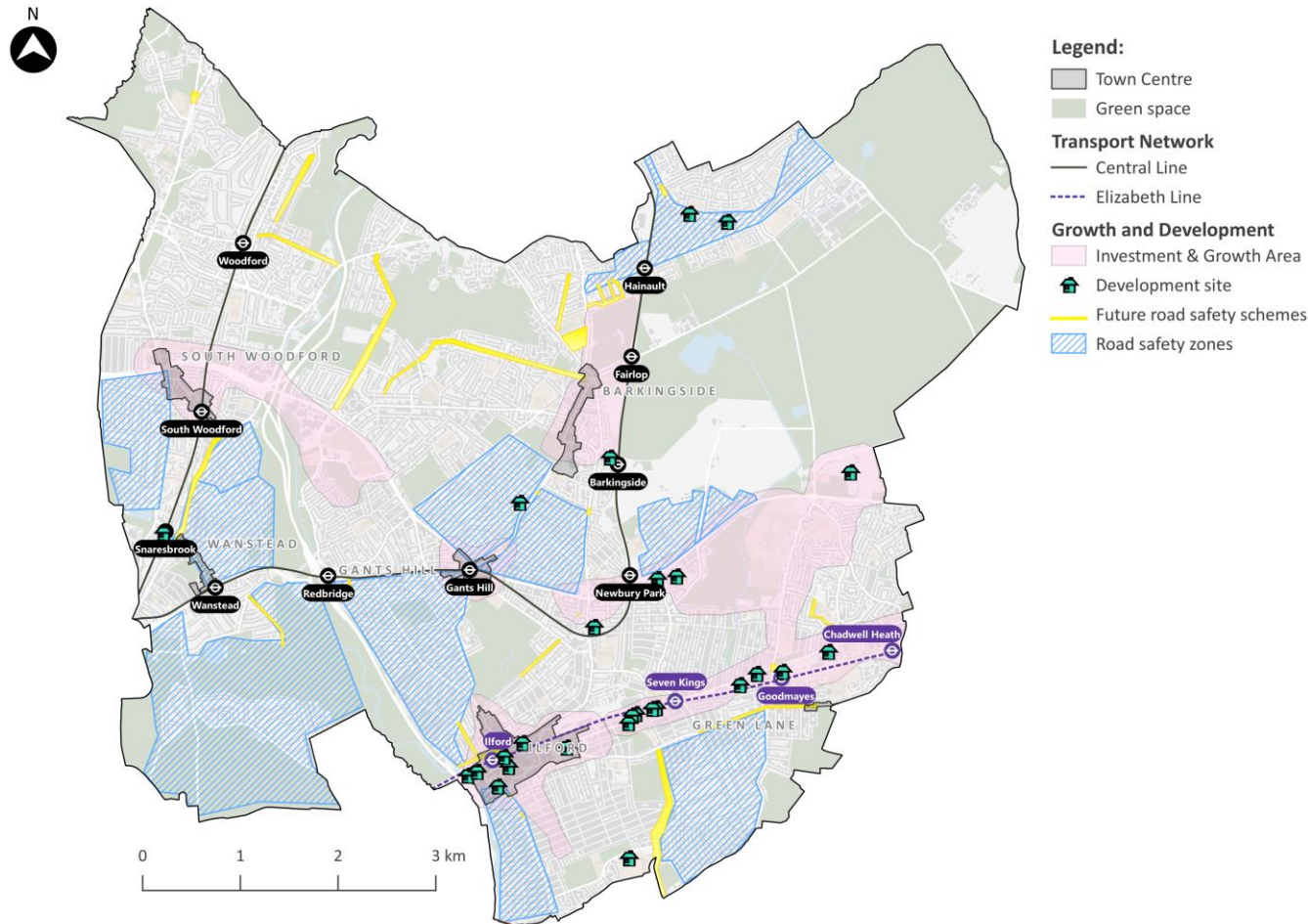
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- ✿ **Supporting housing, jobs and economic growth**
- ✿ **Rethinking freight and servicing**

What are we going to do?

- Ensure new developments include sufficient cycle parking and electric vehicle charging infrastructure
- Ensure new developments promote sustainable travel through travel plans
- Work with TfL and other boroughs to manage congestion on roads
- Ensure the Council's vehicles meet national safety standards
- Liaise with transport and logistics organisations to meet national safety standards

Key proposals across the Borough



Key targets

Increase the share of zero emission Council vehicles

Council vehicles to be FORCS or CLOCS accredited

Collect collision data

Increase parking for powered two wheelers

Trial a last mile delivery hub by sustainable modes

Identify and improve key accident locations for delivery vehicles



Next steps

We will be consulting on our first draft Sustainable Transport Strategy as part of the Council's wider, ambitious plans for a healthier, safer and cleaner Borough.

The consultation is open for 12 weeks from 1 October until 24 December 2024 and we are encouraging everyone to respond to help shape the future of transport in Redbridge.

Webpage to be created on Redbridge webpage as a central point to have all the info broken down and then linked to the consultation page.

Consultation page to be populated: <https://engage.redbridge.gov.uk/sustainable-transport-strategy>

QR code to consultation page (one will be created for the main page):



