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Best Practice for Local Walking Schemes

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Why a Best Practice publication?

Best Practice for Local Walking Schemes

Prepared for all London Boroughs and Sub-regional Partnerships



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- **Walk21 - WAP - Borough questionnaire highlighted need for improved LIP guidance**
- **Increased LIP Walking funding needs supporting with better information**
- **Good opportunity to align LIP Walking to new route based focus and Mayoral objectives**



Best Practice objectives

- **Clarify types of walking proposals that will be supported through LIP programme**
- **Give clarity on scheme development, prioritisation and appropriate walking intervention measures**
- **Clarify Walking relationship to other programmes**
- **Provide general walking advice and information aligned to TfL objectives**
- **Provide advice on walking audits and monitoring**
- **Ensure walking funding provides value for money**



Walking Funding

- Rising importance of walking reflected in increased budget:
- * **2008/09 and 2009/10 LIP walking budget confirmed at £9.2m ***
- Increased emphasis on multi-year proposals
- Multi-year proposals allow focus on larger route and area based treatments without annualised delivery pressures



Best Practice Main Themes

- **Walking LIP programme concerned with improving:**
 - 1. Pedestrian priority**
 - 2. Walking environment**
 - 3. Walking levels of service**
- **Delivering the above over routes rather than piecemeal**



Best Practice Main Themes

- 3 main types of walking trips:

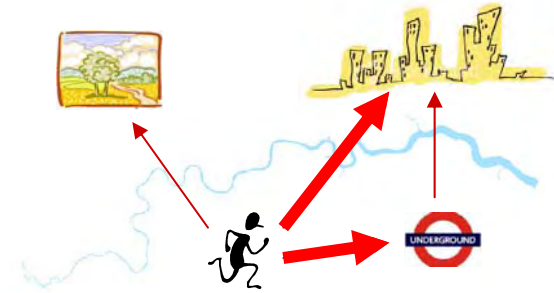
1. Walking from A to B

2. Walking to access public transport

3. Walking for pleasure

- A to B trips offer greatest potential for mode shift, followed by walking to public transport

- * LIP programme will increasingly focus on A to B and public transport walks *



Best Practice Main Themes

- **Future focus will be on improving and upgrading walking routes and areas into:**
 1. **Local centres**
 2. **Shopping parades**
 3. **Public transport stations and stops**
 4. **Schools**
 5. **Leisure, health and community facilities**



Key Walking Routes



Key Walking Routes

- **Highest priority for LIP Walking programme over next 2-3 years**
- **Entirely focused on improving and upgrading walking routes into local attractor destinations**
- **Offer greatest potential to:**
 - 1. Increase walking trips**
 - 2. Increase walking numbers**
 - 3. Reduce short car trips**



Key Walking Routes - details

- **They allow for a co-ordinated approach to key pedestrian routes, not one-off piecemeal treatments**
- **Provide a step-change in walking to attractor destinations**
- **Should be multi-year proposals to afford flexibility in terms of works programming and funding**
- **Should be based on an analysis of the existing walking environment**
- **Offer tie-in potential with other programmes to increase available funding and maximise benefits**



Key Walking Routes - elements

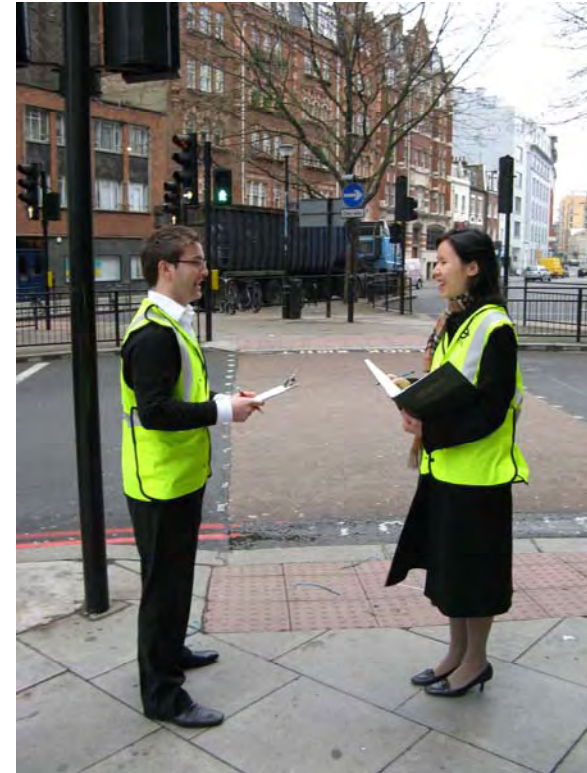
- **Key Walking Routes funding available for:**
 1. **Widened and improved footways**
 2. **Improved pedestrian directness**
 3. **New and improved pedestrian crossings with greater priority**
 4. **Measures to reduce speed and impact of motor vehicles**
 5. **Street de-cluttering**
 6. **Legibility and environmental enhancements**



What else is in Best Practice?

Walking Audits

- **Good way to analyse existing walking environments and issues**
- **Should form first part of multi-year Key Walking Route**
- **Funding available to undertake audits**
- **Funding available to purchase audit tools and training**



What else is in Best Practice?

Personal Safety and Security Proposals

- **Some people choose not to walk due to a fear of crime and perceptions of unsafe environments**
- **Resolving this can encourage new walking trips, increase natural surveillance and improve perceptions of walking**
- **Funding available for improved lighting, environmental and aesthetic improvements, blind corner removal**
- **Funding available for surface crossings to replace subways and footbridges**



What else is in Best Practice?

Safely Crossing Streets

- **Should serve pedestrian desire lines**
- **Funding available for new crossing facilities and improvements to existing facilities**
- **Funding available for reviews of signalised facilities**



What else is in Best Practice?



Major Infrastructure

- Can remove existing barriers to walking and encourage suppressed demand
- Funding available for new or upgraded footbridges where required
- Funding available for improving subways and railway arches to encourage walking



What else is in Best Practice?

Legible London

- Wayfinding support to give pedestrians confidence to walk
- Funding available for small-scale schemes that incorporate Legible London design principles and support system roll-out
- Borough specific schemes will not receive funding at this time



What else is in Best Practice?



Public Spaces and Public Realm

- **Public realm and spaces generates walking trips and promotes walking in general**
- **Funding available for small squares, resting spaces and larger public spaces to make being out more enjoyable**
- **Ideally linked to Key Walking Routes**



What else is in Best Practice?

Walks for Pleasure

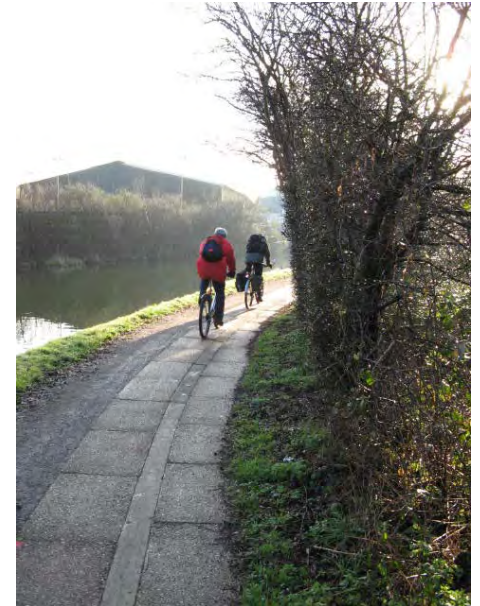
- **Commitment to 6 Strategic Walk Networks (SWN) completion by 2012**
- **SWN funding to continue centrally through WalkLondon on TfL's behalf**
- **Outside of SWN, leisure route funding will reduce with shift to Key Walking Routes**
- **Some funding will be available but must demonstrate links to health, exercise and obesity reduction programmes**



What else is in Best Practice?

Jointly Funded Schemes

- **More holistic, co-ordinated schemes increasingly encouraged to deliver multi-modal benefits**
- **Should focus on route and area treatments wherever possible**
- **Walking funding available to form part of larger funding packages to deliver wider, more ambitious schemes**
- **Walking programme has strong links to Cycling, Accessibility, Area Based Schemes and Bus Priority programmes**



What else is in Best Practice?

Scheme Feasibility and Innovative Research

- **Studies and feasibility research can support London's 'Walkability' and ultimately encourage walking**
- **Funding available for feasibility studies and research with clear output goals**
- **Should be linked to Key Walking Routes and could form 1st part of multi-year proposals**



What else is in Best Practice?

Monitoring

- LIP Walking Programme selects 7-8 LIP funded schemes per year for before and after monitoring
- TfL Walking funds this monitoring
- Results published and freely available
- Boroughs and partnerships encouraged to undertake independent monitoring where possible
- Funding available for specific scheme monitoring as part of LIP Walking funded schemes



Best Practice Review

Overall:

- **LIP Walking programme focus for next 2-3 years on Key Walking Routes**
- **Key Walking Routes comprise co-ordinated improvements to walking routes into important local destinations**
- **Multi-year proposals and funding encouraged to support Key Walking routes**
- **Joint funding and delivery with other programmes of increasing importance**



Best Practice Review

Overall:

- **Best Practice designed to help boroughs and partnerships prepare stronger submissions and gain more funding**
- **Part of Walking programme's desire to build stronger relationships to boroughs and partnerships**
- **Best Practice for Local Walking Schemes due to be issued no later than March 18th**
- **This is the 1st edition, expect revisions**
- **Feedback welcome**



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