

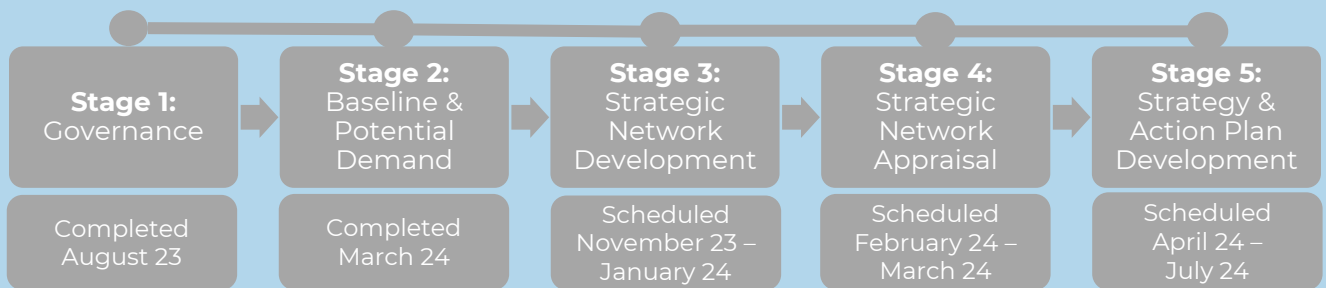


Regional Active Travel Newsletters

The Regional Active Travel Newsletters are quarterly newsletters that we produce to provide updates and insight during the development of our Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan. To view this newsletter and previously published newsletters, please visit the Transport for the South East Active Travel webpage at: <https://transportforthesoutheast.org.uk/active-travel/>

Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan Overview

Transport for the South East (TfSE) has been developing a Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan (RATSAP). The RATSAP **aggregates, complements, and supports work being undertaken by local authorities** across the region. We are in Stage 5: Strategy & Action Plan Development.



Strategic Network Appraisal Methodology

We developed a two-step methodology with Steering Group members to appraise the Strategic Active Travel Network.

Objective Appraisal

Strategic corridors were appraised against each of the RATSAP's four objectives using quantifiable data.



Delivery Assessment

High-level deliverability criteria were used to assess potential challenges to deliver corridors.

While the Objective Appraisal assigns scores, the Deliverability Assessment acts as a consideration filter for the corridors, meaning scores are unaffected by deliverability. Stakeholders expressed desire for assessing deliverability but recognised that important but more difficult schemes to deliver may be unjustly penalised by deliverability scores.

The appraisal process provides insight into the regional significance of each corridor. However, this appraisal does not negate local priorities as active travel infrastructure is ultimately delivered locally.



Strategy & Action Plan

The Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan (RATSAP) is currently under internal review and is due to be finalised in early autumn. The Steering Group has been instrumental in helping shape RATSAP and we are grateful for their time and participation throughout RATSAP's development! Additional thanks are due to wider stakeholders who gave their time in focus groups – you are super stars!

There are several themes that have come from the development of RATSAP:

- **Collaboration & Coordination:** There is need for greater collaboration and coordination which TfSE can help facilitate and encourage. TfSE has a history of providing space for these discussions and will continue to work with stakeholders to enhance partnerships across authorities and organisations.
- **Knowledge Sharing:** TfSE recently launched their Centre of Excellence, which provides a one stop shop for best practice and knowledge sharing. The Centre of Excellence can be utilised to share active travel best practice, case studies, funding opportunities, and collaboration opportunities for LTAs across the TfSE region.
- **Integration:** As a regional body, TfSE can work with operators on a regional scale to enhance and improve connections between their services and active travel, which minimises cross-boundary fragmentation and reduces resource needed for LTAs and operators to meet on an individual basis.
- **Data:** Stage 2 revealed that active travel data is inconsistently collected, stored, and shared by LTAs across the TfSE region. This has an impact on building business cases for future investment and understanding the impact of active travel infrastructure. Therefore, a regional data collection exercise could be undertaken to ensure consistency, as well as reduce individual LTA costs.

Developing RATSAP identified key challenges and opportunities for developing a high quality, safe, convenient, and accessible active travel across the region. The RATSAP supports and joins up local networks, especially where multiple authorities are involved as it ultimately seeks to uplift and unify active travel across the TfSE area.

What Have We Achieved This Quarter?

- ✓ We **continued to engage with stakeholders across the region.**
- ✓ We **appraised the Strategic Active Travel Network** for the region.
- ✓ We **drafted the Regional Active Travel Strategy & Action Plan** which sets out a vision for active travel across the TfSE area and actions to help realise that vision.