



Sefton Council Low Carbon Transport Strategy - Position Statement.

Introduction.

Sefton Council knows that climate change is a big problem. They want to cut down on Carbon emissions.



Carbon emissions is dirty air made by burning things like fuel (like for cars) that releases a gas called Carbon Dioxide into the air. This gas makes the Earth warmer.



We plan to have **no** Carbon emissions by 2030. This means we will make changes to help the environment.



Transport is a big part of Carbon emissions in Liverpool area. It makes up about 29% of the climate problem. The Council wants to help people in Sefton use less Carbon. This includes people who live, work, or visit here.



Sefton Council is making a plan called the Low Carbon Transport Strategy. This plan will help us decide what to do first. It will also help us to tell people about our actions.

We want to make sure everyone knows what is happening.



Sefton Council wanted to share the Low Carbon plan in 2025. But we have decided to wait.

We need to understand some important things better before we can finish the Sefton plan. This will help us make better decisions.

The information we are waiting for include:



Integrated National Transport Strategy (INTS) –

In November 2024, the Government shared its big plan for a joined-up transport system. They said they would share more details in the summer 2025.



City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement

(CRSTS) – The CRSTS is money from the Government to help local transport. The current funding lasts until 2027. We will hear about the next 5 years of funding in spring or summer 2025, after a big spending review.



Local Transport Plan 4 (LTP4) – The Local Transport Plan helps decide how to improve transport in Liverpool City Region. Because of delays in national guidance, the plan for 2025 - 2040 might not be ready until late 2025 when rules and funding are clearer.



Sefton Council is sharing this – the Low Carbon Transport Position Statement as an update.

This is while we wait to develop the main Low Carbon Transport plan.



What are we doing?

Many things need to be done to cut down carbon emissions from transport.

Sefton Council is taking action to use less carbon themselves. We are also helping businesses and people who live here to use less carbon.



It will take time and effort to make these changes happen. Some changes need money and time. Changes are needed to our towns and how we travel.

Some areas we need to work on:

Staff Travel.



Sefton Council staff travel around the area doing their work. We need to find ways to reduce carbon emissions from their travel.

Council Work Vehicles.



The Council uses vehicles to do its work. They have started using zero-emission vehicles like small vans. But some vehicles like rubbish trucks are harder to replace.

Construction.



Building work creates a lot of carbon emissions. This is because of materials used, like steel and concrete, which make carbon emissions when being made and used. We need to find ways to reduce these emissions.



Maintenance.

The Council needs to look after parks and roads. They need to reduce carbon emissions from maintaining them. They need to consider the effects climate change like heavy rain and heat from the sun. They will add things like more drainage and shade.



Active Travel.

The Council want more people to walk, use wheelchairs or cycle more for short trips. This is healthier for them and better for the environment. They will make it safer, easier and nicer to travel this way.



Electric Cars.

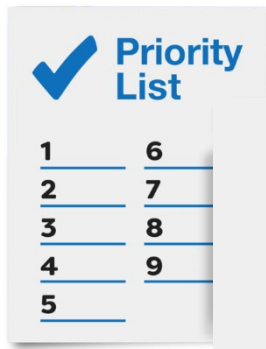
The Council want to help people switch to electric cars because they make less carbon emissions. This means the Council need to make sure everyone can charge their electric cars easily.



Reducing travel demand.

We should try to reduce the need to travel. This means making it easier to work and have fun close to home. The council will help do this by making public transport better and better paths for walking and cycling.

Sefton Council will work with everyone, including the Government and other groups to understand what people need. Together we will make the changes needed to cut carbon emissions.



Our priorities.

Sefton Council has started to work on lowering carbon emissions. Some areas are important to continue doing, called our priorities. These are:

E-mobility and electric vehicles.



We are making plans for electric cars and charging points. This will help people stop using petrol and diesel. The council want everyone to have access to charging points. They are working with Liverpool City Region Combined Authority to get funding.

In 2025, the Council will be asking people what they think about their plans. Then they will start putting more car charging points in Sefton.



Healthy places and active travel.

Sefton Council are helping to make streets better and healthier. They want people to move around in ways that are good for them and the planet.



We want people to use electric vehicles like bikes, cars, and vans for travel and work.

We are working on projects to make streets and neighbourhoods safer, like making it safer for kids go to school.



In 2025, the Council will be asking people what they think of their plans and find out how people walk, wheel and cycle. They will make a travel plan for the next 5-10 years.



Landscaping, maintenance and drainage.

We are changing all the streetlights to LED lights. This helps save energy and lowers carbon emissions. They hope to finish by 2026.

They are also looking at how to make roads better for the environment and for the people using them.



We are working on an Urban Greenway Strategy which means we are planning to make streets and places greener and healthier.

In 2025 we will develop an Urban Greenway site to see how well our ideas work.



Construction and embedded carbon.

We are looking at how much carbon we make when we build and finding ways to make less carbon.

We want to change what materials we use and how we do things to help the planet.



Get Involved.

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