

London's Children: Streets for their Future

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By 2028, London Living Streets is calling on the Mayor of London to ensure:

1. London is designed to include children and young people.
2. Journeys to school are active and safe.
3. Air is safe to breathe.
4. London's main roads and high streets are safe and attractive places to walk.
5. There is a London-wide network of enjoyable everyday walking routes.
6. Liveable Neighbourhoods are delivered!
7. The heart of London is designed around people.





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London Living Streets wants a future where all London's children have an **accessible active journey to school** and **clean air to breathe**.

We need a Mayor who **reduces road danger** and builds more **climate-resilient streets** for our children's future.

Streets that work for children, from babyhood to teenage years, should also work for all vulnerable road users.

Working with the London boroughs, as Mayor of London will you commit to delivering streets that work for our young people?

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- 1. London is designed to include children and young people.**

TfL and London's boroughs will ensure that young people have the voice they deserve (eg via Youth Parliaments) in the design of our streets and public spaces. These designs will ensure that children can travel safely around the city, and by at least secondary school age travel independently too.



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2. Journeys to school are active and safe.

London must meet its targets on Vision Zero; there should be no more serious injuries or deaths of London's children as a result of road danger. School Streets will be rolled out across London and expanded to local streets surrounding schools so that it is safe and attractive to walk, wheel or scoot outside the school gate and throughout the journey to school.



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3. Air is safe to breathe.

London currently fails to meet World Health Organisation (WHO) air quality targets, despite great progress most recently thanks to the expanded ULEZ. By 2028, London will meet WHO targets and ensure every child in London has access to clean air.



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4. London's main roads and high streets are safe and attractive places to walk.

To make London's town centres and TfL Red Routes safe and attractive for all pedestrians we need:

- Speeds of 20mph or lower, with increasing levels of compliance by drivers.
- Pedestrian phases on all arms of signalled junctions.
- Crossing times which allow enough time for all pedestrians to cross, with low wait times.
- Pavements wide enough to allow a parent to hold a child's hand when walking alongside each other.



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5. There is a London-wide network of enjoyable everyday walking routes.

This London-wide walking network will link communities to key destinations from town centres, public transport hubs, schools and places of work to parks and green spaces – to support children's independence and boost walking journeys. Developing the [Footways](#) network across London, routes will be located along quiet attractive streets with safe places to cross main roads. Free paper and digital maps will be available at libraries, tube and train stations to enable and promote enjoyable, everyday walking.



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6. Liveable Neighbourhoods are delivered

Residential streets will be transformed into places for people not through traffic. Low traffic neighbourhoods across the Capital will allow children to enjoy their streets safely. Play streets will be a common sight. Far more kerbside space will now be allocated for play, trees, seating and parklets. Once again, our streets will be places where children play out and neighbours speak to each other.



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7. The heart of London is designed around people.

London will catch up with other global cities in creating large parts that are pedestrianised. Building on the success of the South Bank, Covent Garden and Strand/Aldwych, central London will be transformed into a more attractive, safe and welcoming place for residents, workers and visitors through pedestrianisation. This will be enhanced by a dedicated walking network, piazzas outside rail stations, pocket squares at junctions of side and main roads, wider paving, parklets, streateries, rain gardens and new green corridors.

