

GREEN TRAVEL PLAN

OUR AIM

To encourage staff and visitors to use more sustainable forms of transport rather than car usage to minimise our impact on the environment.

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. Increase awareness of the travel plan to both visitors and staff at the Galleries.
2. Work with local transport providers to improve the provision of public transport to and from the Shopping Centre.
3. Manage vehicle use at the site.
4. Continue to enhance facilities and infrastructure for cycling and walking to and from the site.
5. Monitor the effectiveness of the travel plan.

OUR APPROACH

Our objectives will be achieved through two main approaches.

Facilities

Improving the overall infrastructure of the Galleries to help encourage sustainable travel by staff and shoppers.

Communication

Working in partnership with transport providers to increase awareness of and the benefits in using sustainable travel to staff and shoppers.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES



BUS: The Galleries has its own bus station with over 1,100 buses passing through the Shopping Centre each day. www.simplygo.com



WALK: Two pedestrian underpasses and three bridges link surrounding residential areas making access on foot easy and traffic free.



CYCLE: Cycle racks can be found at the entrance to Sainsbury's, Independent Square and outside individual units at the Retail Park. Working with Go Smarter to Work, there is a dedicated cycle hub for staff.



METRO: Local buses link to the light rail system: Tyne and Wear Metro. Heworth is the closest interchange with the remaining journey can be made by the Connections 4 bus.



TAXI: There are two taxi ranks located at the entrances to Asda and Market Village.



CAR: There are over 2,500 free parking spaces for up to 4 hours. These include 105 disabled parking bays and 74 child and parent bays across the site.