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Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2050 and Delivery Plan

What do you think?



BEE NETWORK



Transport for
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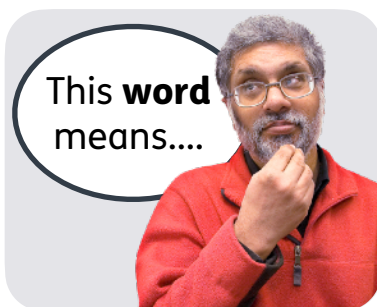
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About this booklet



We are Transport for Greater Manchester.



We run the Bee Network which includes buses, trams, walking, wheeling and cycling, and in the future trains too.

This is called **public transport**.



We want to make it easier to get around Greater Manchester.



So we have written a plan for transport from now until 2050.



We have also written a plan to explain how we are going to make our ideas happen.

This includes ideas to make our plan happen.



This booklet explains our plans.



There are questions at the end, so you can tell us what you think of our ideas.



We will think about what you say.



We will use this to write our final plan in 2026.

Why we have written this plan



It is very important that people can get around easily.



Transport helps people to:

- Get to work, school or college.



- Spend time with others.



If more people use public transport, like buses, trains and trams, this is good for the **environment**.



The **environment** is nature around us, like plants, animals, land and sky.

The Bee Network



The Bee Network is our transport system in Greater Manchester.

It includes:



- Buses and trams. This is called **public transport**.



- Ways to get around by walking, wheeling and cycling.



It makes it easier to get around without needing a car.



We want the Bee Network to be the main way that people get around Greater Manchester.

Our vision



Our **vision** means what we want transport to be like.



We want transport to be good for everyone in Greater Manchester.



We want it to be safe and cheap.



We want people to get around by walking, wheeling, cycling and using public transport.



We want half of all journeys to be made this way by 2040.

Our ambitions



We have 7 ideas for our transport.

These ideas are called **ambitions**.



Think about which ones are most important to you.

Transport you can trust



We want people to be able to trust that their buses and trams will come often, and on time.

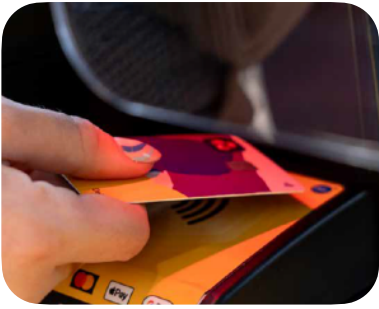


By 2030, almost everyone in Greater Manchester will be within a 5-minute walk of a bus or a tram.



These buses and trams will come at least every 30 minutes.

Different types of transport



We want people to change between different types of transport easily.



So people will be able to change from a bus to a bike to a tram.



We will make it easier to get around stations.

Transport you can afford



We want everyone to be able to afford to get around.



We will keep the Bee Network as cheap as we can.

Transport that keeps you healthy



We want people in Greater Manchester to live long, healthy lives.



We will help people with less money to stay healthy.



Getting around by walking, wheeling and cycling can help with this.

Transport that helps the environment



We want our transport to stop making **pollution**.

Pollution is gases that hurt the environment and people.



Want to stop making pollution by 2038.

Safe transport



Some people are worried about staying safe when they are walking, cycling, wheeling or using public transport.



So we need to make sure that getting around is safe and people feel safe using our transport.

Looking after our transport



We want to look after our transport and roads.

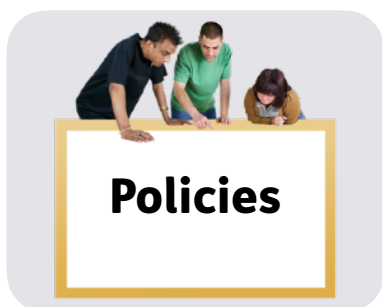


It will be ready for bad weather and things that we do not expect.

What we are going to do



We have thought about our ideas in the last part of the booklet.



We have plans to make each of them happen. These are called **policies**.



We are going to keep making the Bee Network better.



We will help town centres in Greater Manchester to grow.

Transport you can trust



We will make sure more of our buses and trams run on time.



We will focus on the Bee Network.

Transport you can afford

We will:



- Make sure that everyone is able to use the Bee Network.



- Stop people from feeling lonely because they cannot get around.



- Keep the Bee Network as cheap as we can.



- Have good transport choices at night time, so that people can go out at night.

Different types of transport

We will:



- Check that we have enough buses, trains and trams so that everyone can get around.



- Make it easy to understand how much it costs to get around.



- Help people to plan their journeys using public transport.



- Build new areas where people can get around without using cars.

Transport that helps the environment

We will:



- Check how much pollution cars, vans and buses make.



- Stop making pollution by 2038.



- Make sure that our transport system is safe from flooding.



- Make areas around Greater Manchester nicer, with more nature.



- Make sure that new buildings do not hurt the environment.

Safe transport

We will:



- Work to make sure that nobody is dying or getting badly hurt on our roads by 2040.



- Help people to feel safe while they use public transport.



- Stop people who want to hurt others when they are using public transport.

Looking after our transport



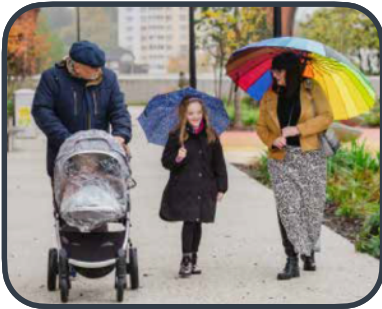
We will look after our transport and roads so they keep working for a long time into the future.

Transport that keeps you healthy



We will encourage everyone to use the types of transport that help people to stay healthy and happy.

Our streets and roads



We want people to feel safe and happy on our streets and roads.

We will:



- Help more people to get around by walking, wheeling and cycling.



- Make our buses better. This includes making them faster and easier to use.

We will:



- Work with a government group called **National Highways**.

We will work together to look after our biggest roads and motorways.



- Make sure that there is enough places for people to park their cars.



But we do not want so many places to park that there is not enough space for everyone else.



- Give people more chances to hire cars instead of owning their own cars.

We will:



- Give people chances to hire bikes and scooters.



- Help people who use motorbikes, mopeds and scooters.



- Make sure that taxis are safe and good for people to use.



- Work with coaches, so that they work well with the Bee Network.



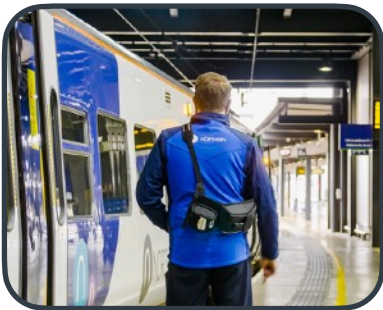
- Help people to use cars and vans that do not make any pollution.

Trains and trams

We will:



- Make sure that local trains are part of the Bee Network by 2030.



- Make sure that there are good trains that take people to and from other parts of the country to Greater Manchester.



- Look after our trams.



- Make it easy for people to change from trains and join buses and trams in the Bee Network.

How we work

We will:



- Speak up about how to use the Bee Network.



- Always think about how new ideas and inventions can help to make transport better.



- Work with other places near Greater Manchester.

The changes we are going to make



We have plans for changes across Greater Manchester.



We have made maps of where we are going to make these changes.



You can see these maps on pages 28, 29, 30 and 31.



There are different coloured boxes on the maps.



Where we have put a green box, we will be making local streets better.



Where we have put a yellow box, we will be making trams better.



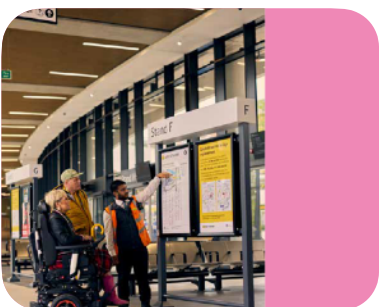
Where we have put a purple box, we will be making trains better.



Where we have put a light blue box, we will be making motorways better.



Where we have put a dark blue box, we will be making main roads better.

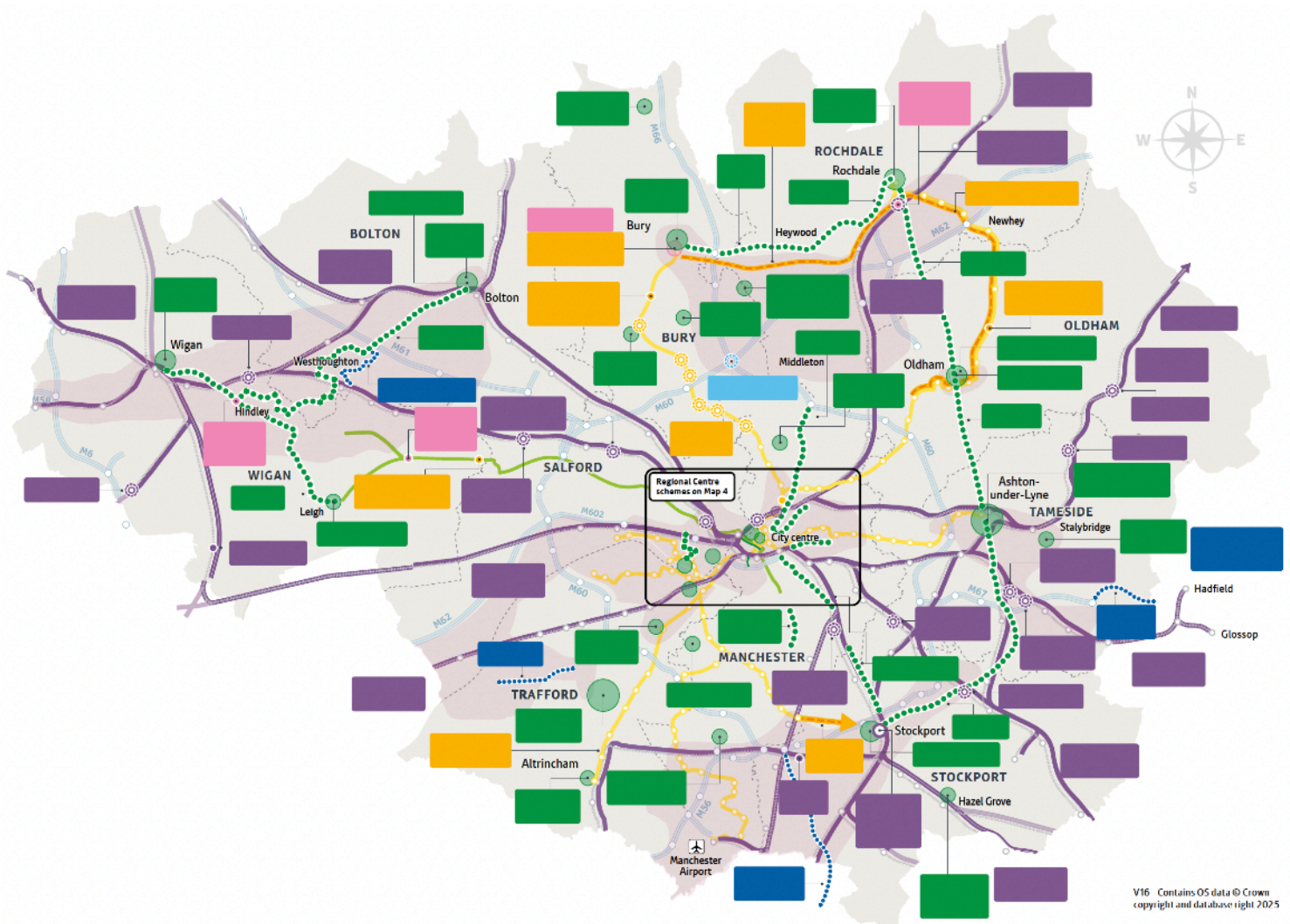


Where we have put a pink box, we will be making stations better.

Projects that we will finish by 2032

2032

We will work on the projects on this map between 2027 and 2032.



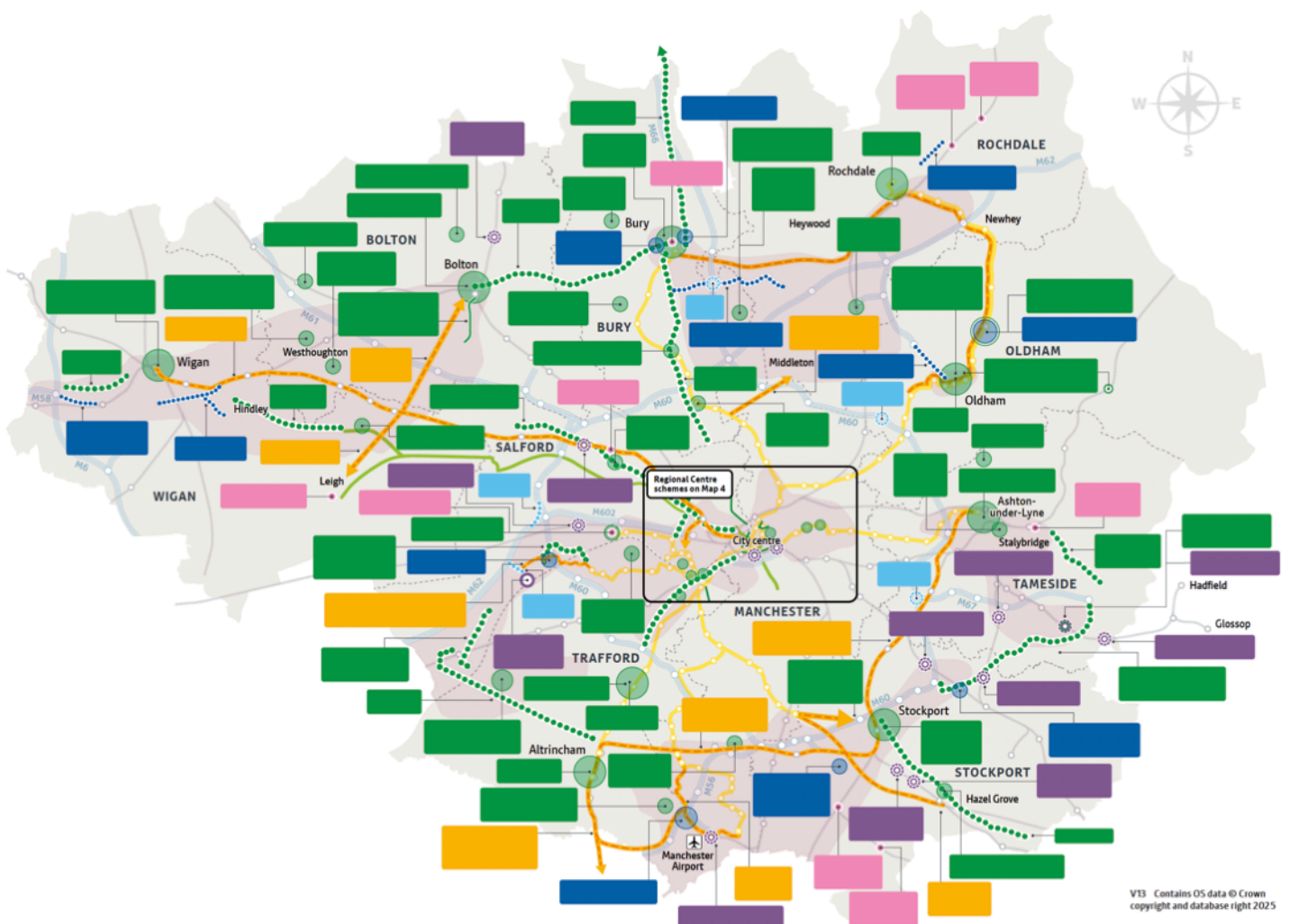
Projects that we will try to finish by 2037



We are working on plans for these projects.

2037

They could be finished by 2037.



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Projects we will think about



We will think about projects on this map.



Most of them will take a long time to finish, and will not be done before 2037.



Projects in Manchester City Centre

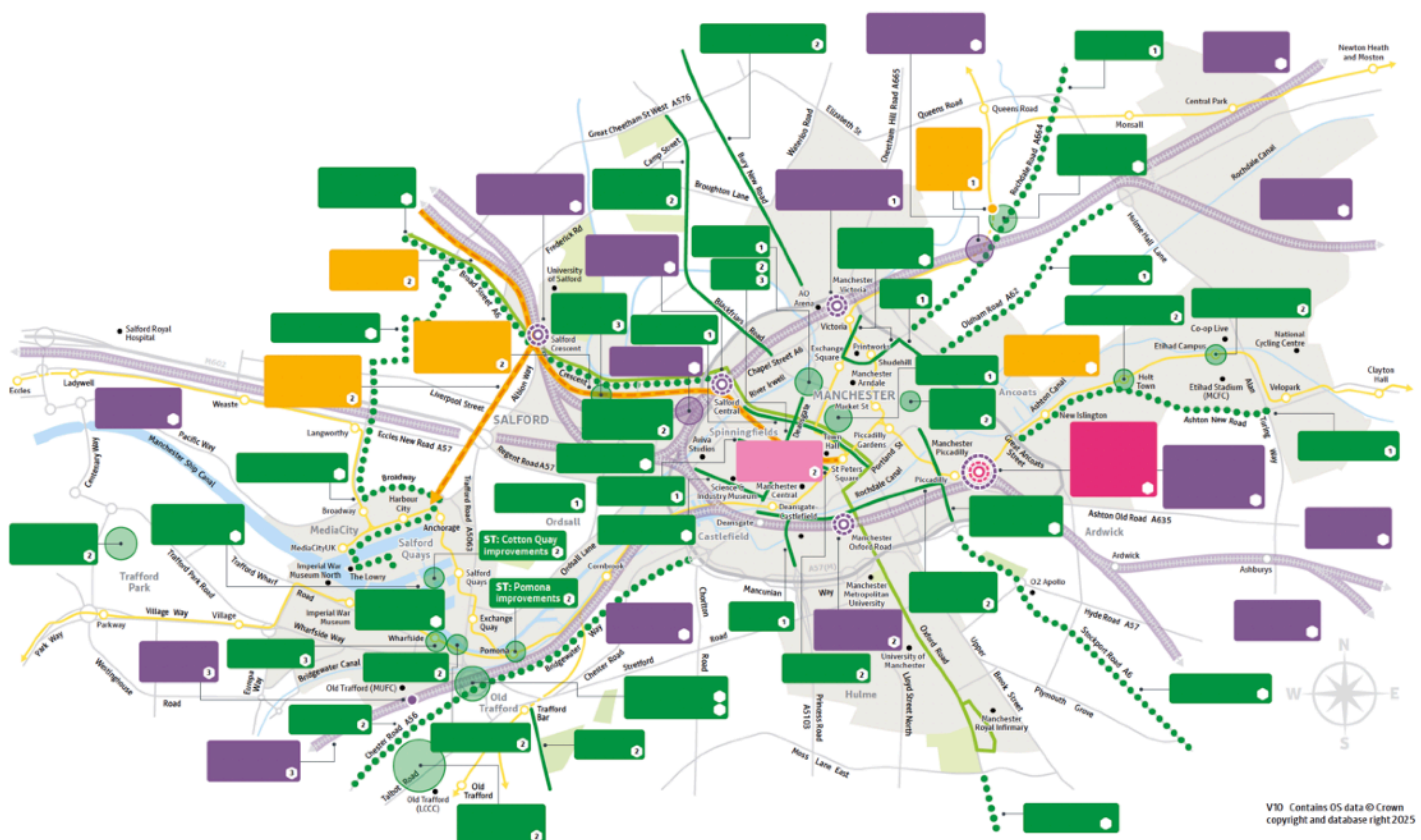


This map has our plans for Manchester and Salford city centres.



Some of these projects will be done soon.

Others will take a long time to finish.





Trains in the Bee Network

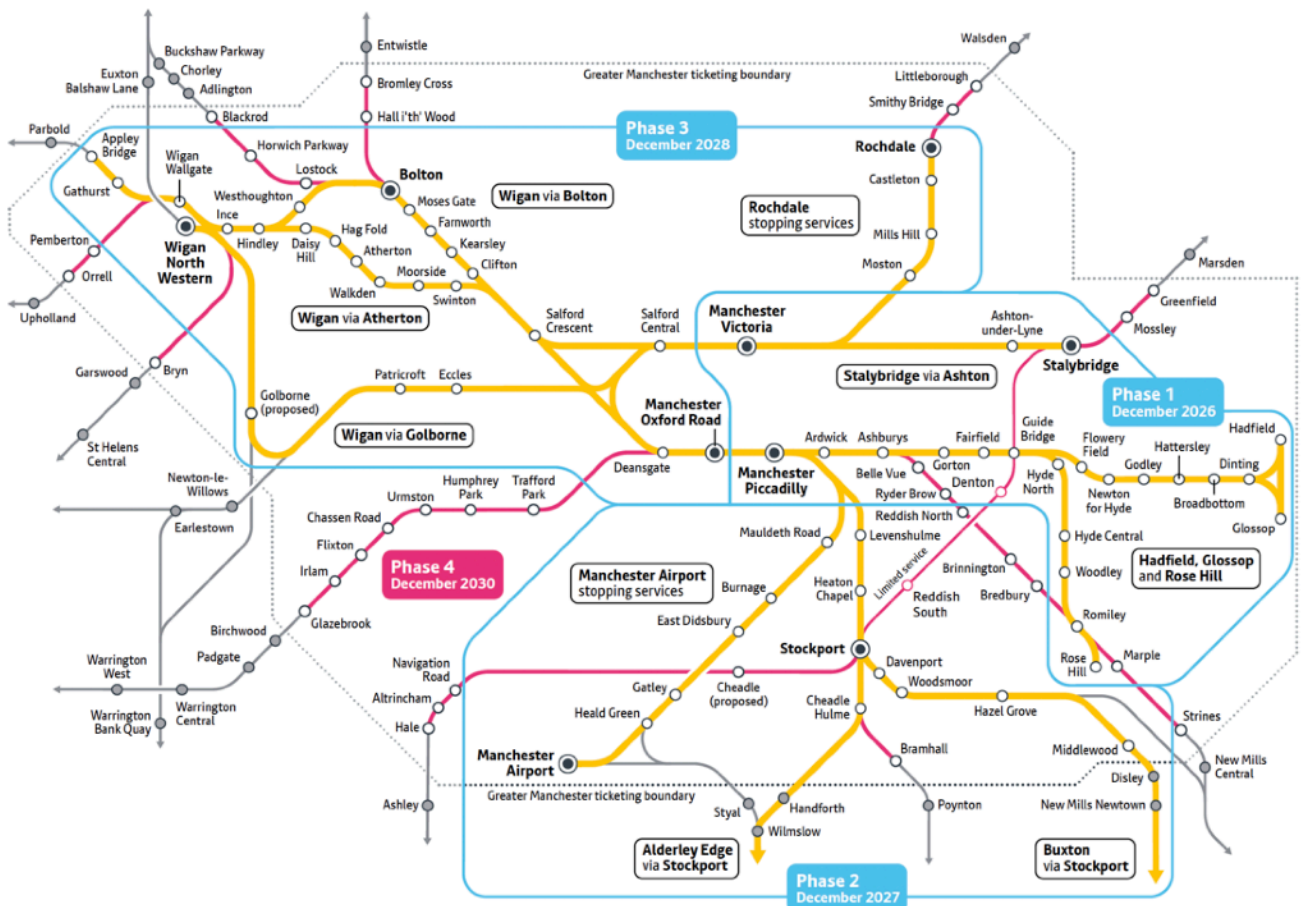
We want to add trains to the Bee Network.

2028

The yellow lines show what the Bee Network will look like by 2028.

2030

The pink lines are extra lines that we will add by 2030.



How we have made choices



We have looked at information about people and places in Greater Manchester.



We have thought about:

- People and jobs.



- The environment.



- How we can help places to grow.



- Any issues that could cause us problems.

What do you think?



We would like to know what you think of our ideas.



Please answer the questions on the next pages to tell us what you think.



Once you have finished the questions, post your answers to us in the envelope we have given you.



You do not need a stamp.



Please send us your answers by Monday, 9 March 2026.

Our vision



We talked about our vision on page 10.



We said that we want people to get around by walking, wheeling, cycling and using public transport.



We want half of all journeys to be made this way by 2040.



Question 1: Do you think our goal for half of journeys to be made without cars is high enough?

Please tick one box.

Much
too
high

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Too
high

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About
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Too
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Much
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low

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I do
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Question 2: Please tell us why you said this:

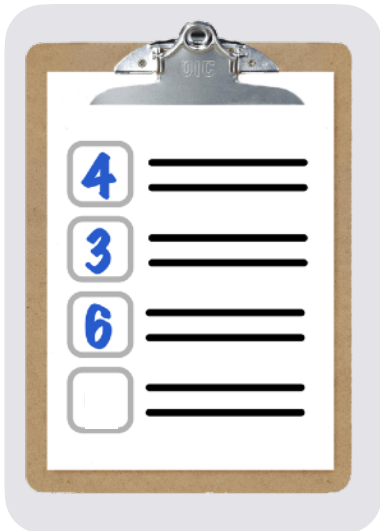
Our ambitions



We talked about our ambitions on page 11.

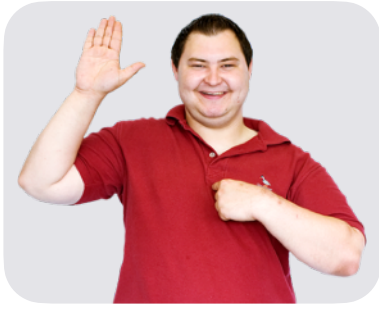


We want to know which of our ambitions you think is most important.



On the next page, please write a number next to each idea:

- Write number 1 by the most important.
- Write a number 2 by the second most important.
- Write a number 3 by the third most important.
- Write a number 4 by the fourth most important.
- Write a number 5 by the fifth most important.
- Write a number 6 by the second least important.
- Write a number 7 by the least important.



Question 3: Which are the most important ambitions to you?

Please write a number between 1 and 7 in each box. Only use each number once.

Transport you can trust

Different types of transport that work together

Transport you can afford

Transport that keeps you healthy

Transport that helps the environment

Safe transport

Looking after our transport



Question 4: Please tell us why you said this:

Our policies



We talk about our policies on page 14.



Question 5: How much do you agree or disagree that our policies will help us to achieve our goals?

Please tick one box.

Agree a lot	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Disagree a lot	I do not know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



Question 6: Please tell us why you said this:

Our projects



We put maps of all of the projects we are thinking about on pages 28 to 32.



Question 7: Do you have any ideas about the projects we have put on the maps?

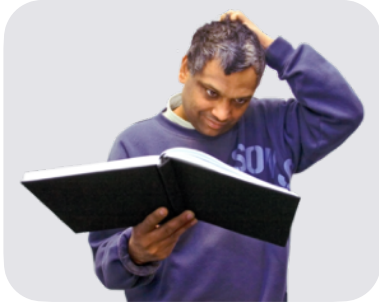
The first map, on page 28

The second map, on page 29

The third map, on page 30

The fourth map, on page 31

The fifth map, on page 32



Question 8: Do you think we have missed anything important on our maps?



Question 9: If you think we have missed something important, please tell us what it is:



Question 10: Is there anything else you would like to say about our plans?

Questions about you



These questions are about you.



They will help us to check that we are hearing from many different people from across Greater Manchester.



We will keep this information private.



You do not have to answer them if you do not want to.



Question 11: Why are you answering this survey?

Please tick one box.

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I am answering for myself

☐

I am answering for a company or organisation

☐

I am a member of the council

☐

I am a member of parliament

If you answered **member of the council** or **member of parliament**, please give your name and state which area you represent:



If you are answering for yourself, where do you live?

Please tick one box.

☐

Bolton

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Bury

☐

Manchester

☐

Oldham

☐

Rochdale

☐

Salford

☐

Stockport

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Tameside

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Trafford

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Wigan

☐

Outside Greater Manchester

If you live outside Greater Manchester, please tell us where you live:



Question 12: If you are answering for an organisation or a company, where do you work?

Please tick one box.

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Bolton

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Bury

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Manchester

☐

Oldham

☐

Rochdale

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Salford

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Stockport

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Tameside

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Trafford

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Wigan

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Outside Greater Manchester



Question 13: If you are answering for a company or organisation, please tell us its name and postcode:



Question 14: If you run or own a company, how big is it?

Please tick one box.

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Micro – this means that between 1 and 9 people work for it

☐

Small – this means that between 10 and 49 people work for it

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Medium – this means that between 50 and 249 people work for it

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Large – this means that 250 people or more work for it

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Only I work for the company

☐

I do not know



Please only answer the rest of the questions if you are answering for yourself.



Question 15a: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by bus?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
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3 or 4
days a
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1 or 2
days a
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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 15b: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by train?

Please tick one box.

5 days
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or
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3 or 4
days a
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1 or 2
days a
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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 15c: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by tram?

Please tick one box.

5 days
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or
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3 or 4
days a
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1 or 2
days a
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At least
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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 15d: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by cycling?

Please tick one box.

5 days
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or
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3 or 4
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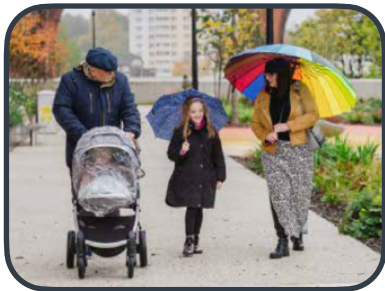
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the last
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Never

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I do not know



Question 15e: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by walking?

Please tick one box.

5 days
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3 or 4
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1 or 2
days a
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At least
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month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 15f: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by wheeling, like using a wheelchair or mobility aid?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
week

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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 15g: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by driving a car or van?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
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At least
once a
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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 15h: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester as a passenger in a car or van?

Please tick one box.

5 days
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or
more

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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
week

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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 15i: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by lorry?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
more

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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
week

☐

At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

☐

Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 15j: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by driving something else, like a bus?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
more

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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
week

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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

☐☐

Never

☐

I do not know



Question 15k: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by taxi?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
more

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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
week

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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

☐☐

Never

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I do not know



Question 15l: How often do you travel around Greater Manchester by motorbike or moped?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
more

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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
week

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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

☐☐

Never

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I do not know



The next questions are about how often you make certain types of journey around Greater Manchester.



Question 16a: How often do you travel to or from work?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
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more

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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 16b: How often do you travel to or from school, college or university?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
more

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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
week

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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

☐☐

Never

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I do not know



Question 16c: How often do you travel to or from the shops?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
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3 or 4
days a
week

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1 or 2
days a
week

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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

☐☐

Never

☐

I do not know



Question 16d: How often do you travel to or from having fun and spending time with others?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
more

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3 or 4
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1 or 2
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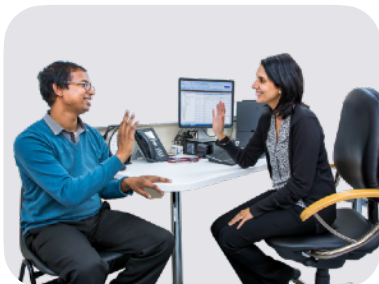
Not in
the last
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Never

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I do not know



Question 16e: How often do you travel to or from health appointments, like your doctor?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
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3 or 4
days a
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1 or 2
days a
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At least
once a
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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 16f: How often do you travel to or from looking after someone else?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
more

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3 or 4
days a
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1 or 2
days a
week

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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

☐

I do not know



Question 16g: How often do you travel to or from activities to do with your religion or culture?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
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3 or 4
days a
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1 or 2
days a
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At least
once a
month

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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 16h: How often do you travel because of other personal activities?

Please tick one box.

5 days
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or
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3 or 4
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1 or 2
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once a
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At least
once a
year

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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 16i: How often do you travel for your job?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
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3 or 4
days a
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1 or 2
days a
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At least
once a
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Not in
the last
year

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Never

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I do not know



Question 16j: How often do you travel for other reasons?

Please tick one box.

5 days
a week
or
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3 or 4
days a
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1 or 2
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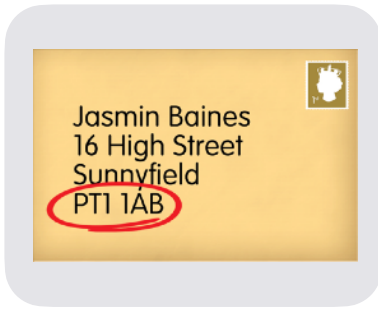
Never

☐

I do not know



If you travel for other reasons, please tell us what they are here:



Question 17: What is your postcode?



Question 18: How old are you?

Please tick one box.

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Under 16 (please go to Question 26)

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16

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17 to 18

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19 to 24

There are more options on the next page.

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25 to 34

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35 to 44

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45 to 54

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55 to 59

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60 to 64

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65 to 74

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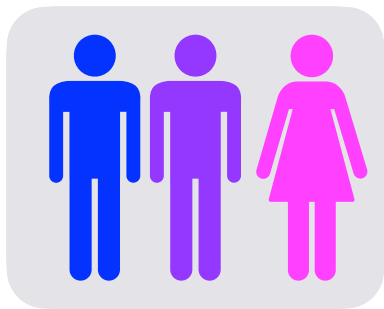
75 to 84

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85+

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I do not want to say



Question 19: What is your **gender**?

This means whether you are a man, woman or describe yourself in another way.

Please tick one box.

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Woman

☐

Man

☐

Non-binary

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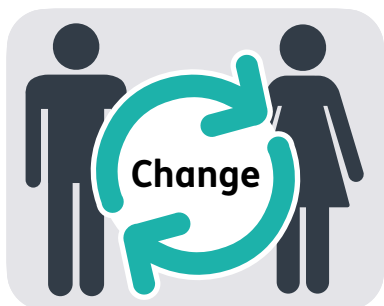
I do not have a gender

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I use a different word

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I do not want to say



Question 20: Is your gender the same as the one you were given when you were born?

Please tick one box.

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Yes

☐

No

☐

I do not want to say



Question 21: Do you have a disability or health condition that affects how you do everyday things?

Things like cleaning, shopping or making meals.

Please tick one box.

☐

No

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Yes

☐

I do not want to say



If you said Yes to the last question, please tell us how your disability affects you:

Please tick all that apply to you.

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It affects how I walk or move around

☐

It affects whether I can use my hands

☐

It affects my hearing

☐

It affects my sight

☐

It affects how I speak

☐

It affects my **mental health** – this means how you think, feel or behave

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It is a learning disability

☐

It affects my breathing

☐

It affects me in a different way. Please tell us how it affects you here:

☐

I do not want to say



If your disability affects how you move around, do you use equipment to help you get around?

Please tick one box.

☐

Yes, a wheelchair

☐

Yes, other equipment with wheels, like a rollator or mobility scooter

☐

No



Question 22: What is your ethnic group?

Please tick one box.

White

☐

English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British

☐

Irish

☐

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

☐

Any other White background



Mixed

☐

White and Black Caribbean

☐

White and Black African

☐

White and Asian

☐

Any other mixed background



Asian

☐

Indian

☐

Pakistani

☐

Bangladeshi

☐

Chinese

☐

Any other Asian background



Black

☐

African

☐

British

☐

Caribbean

☐

Any other Black background

☐

Arab

☐

Any other ethnic group

☐

I do not want to say



Question 23: Do you have a job?

Please tick one box.

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I work full time - 30 or more hours

☐

I work part time - less than 30 hours

☐

I do not have a job, but I am looking for one

☐

I do not have a job and I am not looking for one

☐

I am a student

☐

I am retired

☐

I look after my home and family

☐

I do something else
Please tell us what you do in the box:

☐

I do not want to say



Question 24: What is your **sexuality**?

Your **sexuality** means who you are attracted to.

Please tick one box.

☐

Straight

☐

Lesbian or gay

☐

Other

☐

I do not want to say



Question 25: What is your religion?

Please tick one box.

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I do not have a religion

☐

Buddhist

☐

Christian

☐

Hindu

☐

Jewish

☐

Muslim

☐

Sikh

☐

Any other religion

Please tell us what your religion is
in the box:

☐

I do not want to say



Question 26: How did you hear about this survey?

Please tick all that apply to you.

☐

The Transport for Greater Manchester website

☐

The council website

☐

Social media, like Facebook and Instagram

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Linkedin

☐

Email or newsletter

☐

Local community group

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From friends, family or people at work

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A poster or leaflet

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A local event or meeting

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At work

☐

In another way

Please tell us in the box:

How to send us your answers



Thank you for answering our questions.



You can send us your answers by saving this document and emailing it to transport2050@tfgm.com



Please send us your answers by Monday, 9 March 2026.