

# FINDINGS & EVIDENCE

## HOW DO PEOPLE MOVE AROUND BEDDINGTON?

Beddington contains a variety of land uses, including businesses, homes, green spaces, and landfill and sewage treatment works. This leads to a range of traffic problems in the Beddington area, whether it is people travelling to Beddington for work, local residents wanting to go to places in Beddington, or outside it, or others passing through Beddington to go elsewhere.

Congestion is often caused by large numbers of motor cars or lorries, and there is little room for pedestrians and cyclists which discourages people from walking and cycling. There is a particular problem with Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) driving through residential Beddington Village. Blocked road junctions and heavy on-street parking also create congestion and so roads cannot cope with the levels of traffic, and traffic does not flow as easily as it should. This also reduces the reliability of public transport, and discourages people from choosing to use local buses.

## QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

The London Borough of Sutton carried out a survey in February-March 2017 to understand how people get around in Beddington, why they chose their travel method, and what would be necessary for them to make alternative choices.

The Council distributed 1,552 copies of the survey, and received 329 completed surveys from members of the public. Nine completed survey forms were returned by local businesses.

The Council also carried out an on-street survey which was completed by 350 people.

The top three reasons for not choosing transport other than the car were total time taken, frequency of service, and safety concerns.

The survey produced the following headlines:

- 77%** of respondents live in Beddington, with 9% visiting Beddington for work
- 70%** of everyday journeys in Beddington are made by private transport
- 30%** of everyday journeys in Beddington are made by sustainable means of transport, namely public transport or on foot
- 23%** of respondents choose 'the most convenient' mode of transport
- 11.6%** of respondents choose their mode of transport for 'exercise and health'
- 56.1%** of journeys to work are made by public transport
- 45.8%** of respondents are 'overall satisfied' with the Beddington street scene, with 27.3% 'overall dissatisfied' with the Beddington street scene
- 47.5%** feel 'overall safe' cycling in Beddington during daylight hours, with 34.4% feeling 'overall unsafe' and 18.1% 'neither safe nor unsafe'

**Merton**

**Beddington Lane Tramlink Stop**

**Lack of space for pedestrians at Beddington Lane Tramlink stop, with lack of signage making onward travel confusing**

**Therapia Lane Tramlink Stop**

**Lack of lighting, overgrown vegetation and poor visibility discourage use of cycle lane**

**Croydon**

**Beddington Lane**

**Beddington Cross**

**Thames Water**

**ASDA**

**Beddington Village**

**Lack of clarity on entrance to more residential environment of Beddington Village**

**Dedicated cycle lane does not continue for full length of Beddington Lane, discouraging people from cycling**

**Inefficient traffic signal control on busy junction at Marlowe Way creates congestion and impacts on bus reliability**

**Opportunity to strengthen identity of Beddington Village through improvements that provide places to sit, and make it easier to cross Beddington Lane**

↑ EXISTING PROBLEMS AND CONSTRAINTS