

# MANIFESTO TRANSPORT SUMMARY

As the 2019 Election approaches, Evoke have provided a summary of some of the parties' key transport policies for England, taken directly from each Manifesto. This summary covers the four main parties when looking at Transport. We have also extended our review to cover some of the other parties and their interesting transport policy proposals.

CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	GREEN PARTY
<b>KEY STATEMENT ON TRANSPORT</b>			
'We will invest 100bn in additional infrastructure spending on roads, rail and other responsible, productive investment which will repair and refurbish the fabric of our country and generate greater growth.'	'Will build a sustainable, affordable, accessible and integrated transport system, founded on the principle that transport is an essential public service.'	'Our plan is to invest in public transport, encourage walking and cycling, and accelerate the transition to ultra-low-emission transport – reducing the impact of transport on the environment and improving people's health.'	'The Green New Deal will revolutionise our transport system by ending dependence on carbon and investing instead in alternatives that work for better for the climate and for people. This means more reliable and affordable trains, electric buses and trams, and better options for cycling and walking.'
<b>NET ZERO EMISSIONS BY</b>			
2050	2030s	2045	2030
<b>RAIL/ TRAM</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Powerhouse Rail</li> <li>Invest in Midlands Rail Hub &amp; South West and East Anglia;</li> <li>Contactless ticketing (in the South East);</li> <li>Restore many Beeching Lines to connect smaller towns;</li> <li>End the complicated franchising model.</li> <li>Require minimum service during strikes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring railways back into public ownership;</li> <li>Long-term investment plan inc. Crossrail for the North;</li> <li>Full, rolling programme of electrification;</li> <li>Promote rail freight;</li> <li>Consult with communities to reopen branch lines;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open up franchising bidding;</li> <li>New Railways Agency to oversee operation of the railway network;</li> <li>Rail network to ultra-low emission by 2035;</li> <li>Support Northern Powerhouse Rail, East-West Rail and Crossrail 2, (with tighter financial controls &amp; accountability);</li> <li>Freeze some rail fares for a Parliament;</li> <li>Improve disabled access;</li> <li>Implement Light Rail schemes where appropriate;</li> <li>Shift freight from road to rail, inc. electrifying lines to major ports as an urgent priority.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Railways into public ownership over 10 years &amp; reduce cost to cheaper than by car;</li> <li>Enhance capacity in South West, Midlands and North;</li> <li>Electrify all railway lines that connect cities;</li> <li>Where possible, re-open closed stations;</li> <li>Ensure good railway connections with ports;</li> <li>Majority of long-distance freight to switch from road to rail;</li> <li>Local authorities serving urban areas encouraged to explore tramways.</li> </ul>
<b>HS2</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider findings of Oaktree report before deciding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete HS2 route to Scotland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support HS2, but with tighter financial controls and increased accountability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cancel HS2</li> </ul>
<b>BUS</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest in superbuss networks with lower fares and increased frequency;</li> <li>Bring back and protect rural routes;</li> <li>Invest in electric buses and develop the UK's first all-electric bus town.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public ownership of bus networks;</li> <li>Where councils take control of buses, free bus travel for under-25s;</li> <li>Increase and expand local services.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Restore bus routes and add new routes where there is local need.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public ownership of bus networks &amp; support local authorities to restore and open new routes;</li> <li>Reduce cost to cheaper than by car;</li> <li>More bus priority measures on roads;</li> <li>Fund improvements to bus stops and stations inc. accessibility for disabled people.</li> </ul>
<b>ROADS</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£28.8 billion investment in strategic and local roads;</li> <li>'Biggest ever' pothole-filling programme.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest to make local roads, pavements and cycleways safer &amp; adopt a Vision Zero approach to road safety, striving for zero deaths or serious injuries.</li> <li>Review tolled crossings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shift more freight from road to rail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop building increased road capacity;</li> <li>Reduce overall mileage &amp; number of vehicles on roads;</li> <li>20 mph default speed limit for residential areas;</li> <li>Adopt a Vision Zero approach to road safety, striving for zero deaths or serious injuries;</li> <li>Make 40mph the default speed limit in non-residential areas except on major roads.</li> </ul>

### ELECTRIC VEHICLES (EV)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast-charging network 'to ensure that everyone is within 30 miles of a rapid EV charging station';</li> <li>Consult on 'the earliest date to phase out the sale of new petrol and diesel cars.'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aim for 2030 to end new sales of combustion engine vehicles;</li> <li>Invest in EV Charging infrastructure and electric car clubs;</li> <li>Accelerate transition of public sector car fleets and public buses to zero-emission vehicles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Every new car and small van to be electric by 2030;</li> <li>Accelerate transition to ultra-low emission through taxation, subsidy and regulation;</li> <li>Accelerate take-up of EVs by reforming vehicle taxation, cutting VAT to 5% and increasing the rate of installation of charging points;</li> <li>Extend Ultra-Low Emission Zones &amp; ensure that private hire vehicles and new buses in urban areas are ultra-low (or zero)-emission by 2025.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End sale of new petrol and diesel fuelled vehicles by 2030;</li> <li>Create network of electric vehicle charging points across the country;</li> <li>All petrol &amp; motorway stations to offer electric vehicle charging points by 2025;</li> <li>Amend the current HGV road user levy to take account of carbon emissions.</li> </ul>
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### WALKING AND CYCLING

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£350 million Cycling Infrastructure Fund;</li> <li>Extend Bikeability training to every child;</li> <li>Work with the NHS to promote cycling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase funding for cycling and walking;</li> <li>Introduce measures to ensure the zones around our schools are safer, with cleaner air</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nationwide strategy to promote walking and cycling, inc. cycling lanes, increasing spending per person to reach 10% of the transport budget.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£2.5 billion a year on new cycleways and footpaths, built using sustainable materials.</li> </ul>
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### AVIATION AND HEATHROW EXPANSION

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heathrow Expansion will receive no further public money; Heathrow need to demonstrate impacts on air quality, noise pollution.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any expansion of airports must pass our tests on air quality, noise pollution, climate change obligations and countryside benefits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oppose expansion of Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted or any new airport in the Thames Estuary;</li> <li>Introduce a zero-carbon fuels blending requirement for domestic flights;</li> <li>Reform the taxation of international flights.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop building of new runways;</li> <li>Domestic flights to lose VAT exemption &amp; additional surcharge on domestic aviation fuel;</li> <li>Ban advertising for flights &amp; introduce a Frequent Flyer Levy;</li> </ul>
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### PLANNING (TRANSPORT)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amend planning rules so that the infrastructure – roads, schools, GP surgeries – comes before people move into new homes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bring together transport and land-use planning to create towns and cities in which walking and cycling are the best choice.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amend planning rules to promote sustainable transport and land use;</li> <li>Reform planning to ensure developers are required to provide essential local infrastructure from affordable homes to schools, surgeries and roads alongside new homes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requiring EV Charging Point construction through the planning system and encourage the private sector to deliver them;</li> <li>Ensure through the planning system that all new housing is served by high quality walking and cycling routes and much improved bus, tram and local rail services.</li> </ul>
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### SOME OTHER PARTY POLICIES

#### The Independent Group for Change

- Achieve carbon net zero by 2045, with a transition away from the sale of new petrol & diesel cars and vans by 2030;
- Support new capacity on rail including HS2;
- Improve bus services by allowing areas beyond London similar powers to regulate.

#### Brexit Party

- Invest at least £50bn in local road and rail schemes in 'development-starved regions';
- Cancel HS2;
- Free Wi-Fi on all public transport

#### UCAT (Stan the Cat) (Gillingham and Rainham)

- Convert the Medway Tunnel into a giant cat flap;
- Set an army of cats upon the roof of Gillingham Station to remove pigeons; and
- Freedom of movement in neighbours gardens

#### Count Binface (Maidenhead)

- Nationalisation of all model railways
- Speakerphones to be banned on public transport