

King's College London Green Transport Policy

The College Estate

The academic activities of the College are concentrated on five campuses located in the Strand, Waterloo, London Bridge, Lambeth and Denmark Hill. The College occupies historic and central sites in London, going back to Saxon and Roman times. In addition, the College has residential accommodation within the urban fabric of London and sports fields are located further afield.

Green Transport Policy

The College's Green Transport Policy sits beneath, and supports, the College's Environmental and Sustainability Policy. It also links with separate Transport Policies prepared for individual sites or by the College's partners such as partner NHS Trusts.

The College recognises its legal and ethical responsibilities to protect and enhance the environment. By adopting better practice in the use and disposal of resources energy we can contribute to sustainable development at local, regional and global levels.

Our aim is to promote environmental best practice throughout the College community, and to demonstrate the College's commitment to continual improvement and innovation in all aspects of environmental management.

In addition to the Policy below, the College will continue to promote academic work relevant to this area. Recent activities include the Environmental Research Group (ERG) launch of the redesigned London Air Quality Network website:
www.londonair.org.uk;

Green Travel Policy Statement

The College's Green Transport Policy seeks to reduce the use of individual vehicles as part of a strategy to reduce carbon emissions. The aim is to encourage travel by people working, studying and visiting the College in the most efficient, sustainable and socially inclusive manner. Some measures to encourage staff, students and visitors to the College by more sustainable modes of travel have already been put in place. The aim of this document is to draw those measures together, introducing new measures where appropriate and produce a coherent strategy for the future.

The most effective way of promoting more sustainable transport is to instigate a continually evolving policy that will be reviewed and updated annually as the College and its external environment develops. It also seeks to link with other relevant agencies, where appropriate, in order to be as comprehensive as possible. This

document therefore establishes the basis for the green transport initiatives to be pursued.

To this end, the College's Policy has the following objectives:

1. to reduce the use of vehicles to that necessary for core essential business activities and for disabled staff, students or visitors;
2. to promote the use of public transport to and between College campuses;
3. to promote the use of bicycles to and between College campuses;
4. to promote walking to and between College campuses;
5. to promote vehicles with alternative fuels within the College fleet

Implementation

Objective 1: to reduce the use of vehicles to that necessary for core essential business activities and for disabled staff, students or visitors;

- As a Central London institution, the College already has relatively few car parking spaces. As part of the College Estates Strategy, provision on each Campus is to be regularly reviewed to see where further improvements can be made, linked with objectives 3 and 4;
- As part of the College's procurement strategy, reduce the number of suppliers to the College and hence the number of delivery vehicles serving the College.
- Promote car sharing in the allocation of any car parking spaces;
- The College's Estates Strategy should seek, where possible, to consolidate the physical locations of the College estate to minimise the need for travel between different locations and, if any further expansion of the College estate is considered, for example, additional student residences, these should be located conveniently to existing College locations, with easy walking, cycling or public transport routes, unless part of an over-riding academic strategy.

Objective 2: to promote the use of public transport to and between College campuses

- The College already provides interest-free season ticket loans for annual season tickets for staff, and will continue to do so.
- The College will continue to work with external agencies to improve public transport links to and between its campuses:
 - o As a Member of the South Bank Employer's Group, which underwrites the RV1 Bus, operated by TfL, which connects four of the College's campuses;
 - o Through the service level agreement with GSTT, which finances the Guy's and St Thomas' bus connection;
 - o Through its role as a Friend of the Cross River Tram;
 - o Through its activity on the London Tube Users Forum;
 - o Through links on the College website to TfL, in particular to the TfL Journey Planner <http://journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk>;
 - o Through continued representation to Network Rail and SLAM and KCH NHS Trusts to improve the accessibility of Denmark Hill Station and the frequency of services to London Bridge;

- Through monitoring and commenting on planning and transportation consultation documents which will affect the College environment.

Objective 3: To promote the use of bicycles to and between College campuses:

- Promotion of TfL cycle maps at reception desks and through links on the College website
- <http://www.tfl.gov.uk/cycles/routes/london-cycle-guides.shtml>;
- As part of the College Estates Strategy, provision on each Campus is to be kept under review to see where further improvements in provision of secure, covered bicycle parking can be made;
- In new buildings and appropriate refurbishments in College owned property, provide appropriately located changing and shower facilities and bicycle parking;
- Promotion of KCLSU initiatives for security-marking of bicycles.

Objective 4: to promote walking to and between College campuses

- To promote information on walking routes to and between the College campuses through such media as the South Bank Employer's Group walk leaflets
<http://www.southbanklondon.com/walkthisway/index.html>;
- To influence local stakeholders such as local authorities and TfL to achieve any desired improvements in the public realm in terms, for example of security, safety and lighting of College campus environs, through in particular:
 - membership of the Chancery Lane Association, which has carried out a study into environmental improvements in Chancery Lane;
 - membership of SBEG which has provided (through Lambeth and TfL) funding for improvements to the front of JCMB, interim improvements to the lighting and surfaces of the Imax walkways and has established a working group to look at the Imax environs;
 - membership of the Strand, Aldwych and Trafalgar Square Association which continues to seek improvements to the Aldwych;
 - representation on the London Bridge Business Improvement District (successor to the Pool of London partnership) and the Better Bankside Business Improvement District.
 - liaison with the Central London Partnership on its project to improve information and directional signage for pedestrians, "Legible London".
- To publicise the benefits to health of walking.

Objective 5: to promote vehicles with alternative fuels within the College fleet

- Where practicable, when vehicles used by the College's Schools and Departments and the Students' Union are renewed, they will be replaced with vehicles using alternative fuels.