Local Transport Plan 5

Housing & Land Delivery Board

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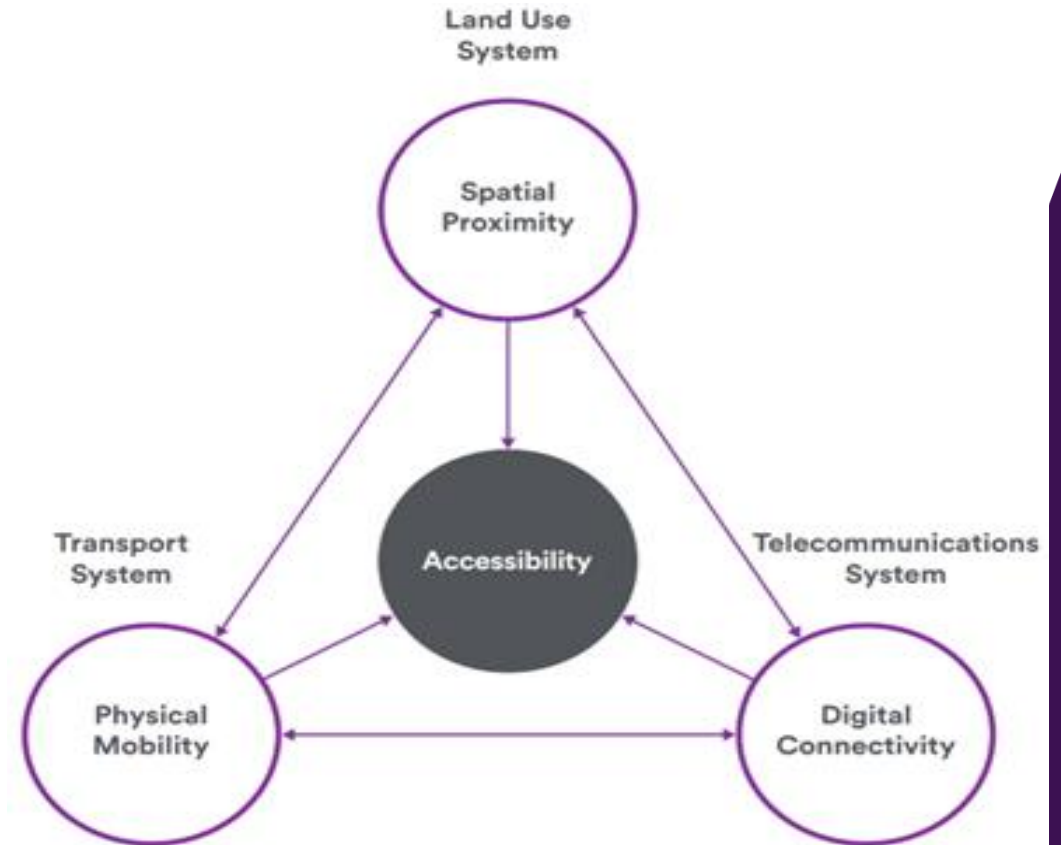
Big Move Document in the WM LTP: '*Accessible and Inclusive Places*'

What is a Big Move?

➢ The Big Moves provide more detailed policies and building blocks of our longer term strategy, covering key themes and principles of actions which can change the transport system and help deliver on our strategic outcomes and policies within the LTP Core Strategy.

➢ Lays out the actions needed to decarbonise and deliver on transformative transport improvements; allowing us to move faster, in terms of scale and pace.

➢ But noting it will require a sustained effort over the next 20 years, with a number of steps and challenges along the way.

Key issues covered in the Big Move: '*Accessible & Inclusive Places*'

➢ Poor levels of accessibility

➢ Growing inequalities and car dependency with limited choice of modes

➢ Poor digital accessibility and connectivity

➢ Restrictive streetscape design

➢ Cumulative impacts of new development and limited opportunity to retrofit existing built environments

➢ Separate and independent governance structures in place for transport and land use planning

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Policies Proposed in the Big Move: '*Accessible & Inclusive Places*'

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A number of policies are proposed in this Big Move Document including:

➢ Accessibility policies

➢ Spatial planning policies

➢ Transport design policies

➢ Digital transport / connectivity polices

➢ Digital infrastructure / platforms policies

Accessibility Policies

- ➤ Develop a **framework for accessibility** which provides a more comprehensive vision of key elements which informs on what good accessibility looks like, covering all modes.

- ➤ Deepen our understanding of the role played by **land use planning and digital connectivity, alongside transport accessibility** (through the triple access system) and influence the inter-related mechanisms of these 3 areas to deliver on LTP outcomes.

- ➤ Build **accessibility measures into the LTP monitoring and the evaluation plan,** to deliver on the targets and aims of the LTP.

Spatial Planning Policies

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➢ Ensure **local plans & planning strategies complement and align with our policies set out in the WM LTP 5**.

➢ Ensure our **transport interventions align with planned development proposals** and are delivered in the right places and at the right time.

➢ Encourage **higher density development**, especially in locations close to high frequency transport corridors and hubs.

➢ Promote **mixed use development** served by good transport infrastructure and services.

➢ Adopt a **brownfield first approach**, exploiting the existing urban fabric close to good transport links and services and bolstering sustainable transport demand.

➢ Work alongside LPAs, scheme developers and key stakeholders to **shape masterplans** in a given area or corridor.

Transport Design Policies

➢ Ensure all new development reflects the road user hierarchy and **fulfils our 'Streets for All' framework.**

➢ Ensure the **design of new development maximises accessibility** to support travel behaviour change and follows TfWM's new Design Guide Principles.

➢ **TfWM to work closer with Local Planning Authorities** to encourage pragmatic design principles, which fully reflect accessibility and wider transport policy.

➢ Ensure new development reflects and **supports future transport development**, especially in terms of EVs, connected & autonomous vehicles, shared & micromobility options and freight & logistics as well as enabling future transport technology and innovation, as it enters the market.

Investment in Digital Infrastructure

➢ Support and promote efforts to **deliver high speed, reliable broadband and 5G connectivity** to all communities and businesses, to help reduce digital poverty and create more connected communities.

➢ **Secure and leverage investment for digital infrastructure**, as part of wider transport investment and funding.

➢ Continue to **work with digital network planners** to ensure digital infrastructure is embedded into wider transport infrastructure.

Transport Digital Platform Policies

➢ Continue **developing travel planning tools** which improve customer information, make travel information more available and enable quicker responses to transport incidents.

➢ Explore new opportunities to **enhance our transport information, services and levels of accessibility** through introducing shared mobility services, Mobility as a Service, new digital platforms and through publishing our transport datasets for other transport providers to use.

➢ Provide **digital access points across our transport system** including free Wi-Fi at stations and interchanges and on public transport services.