Case Study:

# LONDON
# HEALTHY
# STREETS

WALK21
LEADING THE WALKING MOVEMENT

## Project Summary

London developed a healthy streets policy, which puts the human experience at the centre of decision making about how streets are designed, managed and used.

Ten indicators were set to highlight the quality of the street experience: 1) everyone feels welcome; 2) is easy to cross the road; 3) there is shade and shelter; 4) there are places to stop and rest; 5) is not too noisy; 6) people are choosing to walk and cycle; 7) people feel safe; 8) there are things to see and do; 9) people feel relaxed; 10) the air is clean.

The 25-year Transport Strategy and City Spatial Plan, as well as other statutory strategies, have adopted the approach for the city. Transport for London agreed to dedicate a £2.3 billion central fund for schemes which give priority to walking, cycling and public transport use over private vehicles.

A checklist tool for engineers to use when redesigning street environments was created to quantitatively assesses proposals against 31 metrics and gives a performance score for the street. In London this has been built into the strategic decision making as a key performance indicator which has had a transformational impact on the prioritisation of walking.

As a result, major arterial roads are being removed to provide public space for walking and spending time and on local streets 'liveable neighbourhoods' are being developed to reduce traffic dominance and make them easier to move around on foot.

**LOCATION:**

London, UK

**ORGANISATION:**

Transport for London

**KEY OUTPUTS:**

Healthy Street policy steering service delivery decisions for people orientated benefits

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*An example of the transformation of public space being delivered in London*