

## Estates Strategy following results from Travel Survey – 2021 / 2022

### Survey results– Monitoring Status

Twenty-nine activities have been identified as a result of the survey results. Significant attention is required for the following:

<b>University driven initiatives</b>	<b>Current position Sept 2024</b>
<p>EV schemes including company vehicle schemes, company car / subsidised loan schemes, car allowances, EV salary sacrifice scheme, etc. Encourage EV schemes available commercially in the Financial Markets</p>	<p>EV Charging points added to WH, Nations and Locations.</p> <p>Electric Vehicle scheme (new) November 2022 - The new Car Benefit Scheme from Tusker is a way for eligible employees to run an electric car. A fixed monthly amount is taken directly from your gross salary and in return, you get the use of a brand-new electric car. This approach means you have the opportunity to save on tax and national insurance. Eligibility rules apply. Further details on eligibility and the scheme itself (how it works, how to access etc.) can be found on the intranet: Electric Vehicle scheme intranet page.</p> <p>A find out more webinar on the scheme will be held on 6 December at 2pm.</p>
<p>Review current cycle and e-bike limits on Cyclescheme annually.</p>	<p>Cyclescheme purchase limits increased</p>

	Associate Lecturers are eligible to take advantage of Cyclescheme (from 1 October 2021)
<b>Estates driven activities</b>	
The provision of improved bus services and service routes.	Worked with local supplier Arriva for a more regular early morning and evening service – changes introduced 1 Sept 2024
Consider multiple company bus sharing or the procurement of alternate bus routes for staff.	Options have been looked into and companies would not consider sharing usage or change routes but the service is available to be caught resulting in a 20 min walk to or from WH Campus.
Drive an increase utilisation of the car share scheme.	A large piece of housekeeping work was undertaken to ensure that the Car Share scheme was fit for purpose, we will be re marketing the scheme in Sept 24
Investigate Government subsidies for rapid charging facilities.	Funding is These are not available.
Re-enforce flexible ways of working initiatives being undertaken across the OU.	The OU continues to offer hybrid working where the needs of the business allow.
Estates Strategy to review and consider parking for disabled.	EV Disabled spaces added to WH Campus
Bike facilities to be improved including parking for e-bikes, battery charge facilities and lockers.	The lights in the bike shed near Mulberry Bear have been updated with LED lights which are brighter to make the area safer, they are also more economical. We are hoping to roll this project out over the rest of the campus – May 2023 Charging for E Bikes and lockers for equipment added to bike shed with a further project to expand across campus in hand – Jan 2023
Access to EV test driving opportunities to be documented and made available for all staff to take advantage of.	EV Roadshow brought to Walton Hall Campus – April 24 with test drives included. Travel Fayre July 2024 included EV suppliers for test drives.

<b>Other actions underway</b>	
Consider opening other mini office suites for staff operation in areas such as London.	We were awaiting the Estates Strategy to see where this was heading – there are no plans to operate in more places, current satellite offices are under used due to hybrid working arrangements.
Review travel procurement so it is better value for money and Greener.	Estates encourage sustainable travel where possible, available travel and accommodation booking via our approved supplier are undertaken as per policy
Link on latest weather up-dates to be added to the Travel Website.	The latest weather updates are widely known though general sites, BBC for example. Security send out university wide alerts if there is severe weather warnings .
Discounted rail services information to be shared on Travel Advice Yammer Group and our website. SmartGo Group to be approached to provide more information related to discounted train services.	Discounts are on our TA Page. SmartGo have supplied resources allowing us to advertise their services they have committed to attending the next Travel Fayre at WH Campus in July 2025 We continue advertising discounts on our Viva Engage (Yammer) where possible and are working towards better coverage using university wide communication channels.
E-scooter / e-bike availability to travel to site from the train station to be reviewed and published on the website. Scooters will need to be left off campus as GPS systems will not work on site.	Lots of useful information has been added to the TA page <a href="#">E-scooters around campus   Estates (open.ac.uk)</a>  E Bike Charging and secure storage has been provided.
Communication strategy on Travel Advice information in the planning. Advice to include advertising our facilities and where they can be found.	We are using every resource possible to advertise our facilities and planning: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TV Screens</li> <li>• Events</li> <li>• Posters</li> <li>• Noticeboards</li> <li>• Email groups</li> </ul>
Communication strategy for the Cyclescheme, its benefits and processes to be further developed and implemented. New staff to be targeted as part of induction processes.	New staff are sent a link to our TA Page to ensure they have access to all information Travel wise. A Cyclescheme representative attends our travel events and has supplied us with webinars for sharing with staff.

Heat map review - Map of possible bus service routes with a view to engaging with local service providers to encourage implementation of services through or close to the OU.	This has been completed and shared with the bus provider.
EV charge booking system being developed in Resource Scheduler / Planon.	This has been looked into and it not viable.
Re-engage with Car Share Scheme for returning to site employees.	A communication / advertising plan has been put in place to begin in Sept 2024
Engage with SmartGo team to review available travel services across MK.	We are in constant contact with SmartGo to re publicise their discounts and make sure we have the most up to date travel / services / transport scheme pictures of what facilities are available.
Review facilities for cyclists to improve their experience – lockers, hair dryers, security, etc.	The facilities available have been publicised. Electric bike charging lockers have been installed and large lockers for storing equipment.
<b>Completed / on-going actions</b>	
Increased visibility of Travel Website implemented along with the creation of a Travel Advice Yammer group.	Increased visibility of Travel Website implemented along with the creation of a Travel Advice (Viva Engage) Yammer group. Membership growth is slow but steady