

East Anton Community Travel Plan

The East Anton Travel Plan should not be seen as anti-car, as travel by car is desirable and/ or convenient. The plan aims to inform residents about the availability of other methods of travel, such as walking, cycling and public transport.

Travel by sustainable modes can have many benefits including:

- Lower journey costs
- Less pollution (noise, emissions)
- Health benefits (walking and cycling)
- Creating a sense of community
- Less congested, safer roads

Travel on Foot or Cycle

Walking and cycling offers the cheapest, healthiest and convenient way of travel over short distances – generally it is considered that walking is attractive at distances up to 2 km (just over a mile) and cycling at 5 km (3 miles). To enhance opportunities to walk and cycle around the East Anton area, an extensive network of pedestrian and cycling facilities have been built or improved.

Car Sharing

Car sharing is when two or more people share a car and travel together. Car sharing is a simple way to cut the costs of fuel and parking, cut congestion and pollution, and cut the stress of driving.

The benefits of car sharing are:

- Reduced Travel costs
- Less congestion and pollution
- Reduced parking problems (less single occupant cars = more parking spaces available)

You can obtain a free car sharing account by registering on hantscarshare.com, connecting you to like minded individuals, wishing to see a reduction in traffic in Hampshire as well as reducing travel costs. There are currently 379,233 members registered with the National Liftshare Network and on average they each save £786.38 per year.

- **FREE** to use
- Find drivers and passengers on-line instantly
- Find information on travel and public transport
- Reduce the congestion and pollution on our roads
- For assistance with registering call 08700 111199 (Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 5:00pm)

Travel by Public Transport

A new bus service, Star 1 by Stagecoach now operates in the East Anton area, connecting Augusta Park with Andover town. This service operates every 15 minutes and picks up from the Temporary bus stop on Icknield Way. The bus service provides a dedicated new low floor, low emission vehicle. For bus enquiries call 0845 1210190

As the development grows, further bus stops will be located within the development so that no house is more than about 300 metres or 4 minutes walk from a bus stop and all stops will be equipped with a shelter, timetable and route information.

Andover Railway Station is on the London Waterloo to Exeter St David's Line, with direct routes to Salisbury and Basingstoke. It is situated on Station Approach, off Charlton Road and The Avenue and is clearly signposted throughout the town.

Subsidised Bus Pass Scheme.

As part of the Community Travel Plan, the developers at Augusta Park have agreed to offer households in Augusta Park, within the first two years of occupation, an 'Andover Area Mega Rider' Stagecoach bus pass for a period up to one year.

The pass will be issued as four quarterly passes, for a heavily subsidised fee of £10 per quarter.

Application forms are available by contacting the Community Development Worker – details below. Completed forms should be taken to the Council Offices along with proof of occupancy (tenant agreement, mortgage statement or council tax bill) and a cheque in the sum of £10.00 made payable to Test Valley Borough Council or debit card (we are unable to accept cash).

101 yearly passes or 404 quarterly passes are available and will be issued on a first come first served basis.

Please note the passes are:

- Only available to the first occupant of a new house
- Lost or spoilt passes cannot be replaced or renewed until after the expiry date.

Stagecoach are able to offer residents of Augusta Park a further 10% discount on bus passes once their yearly bus pass scheme has expired followed by a 5% discount for the second year. Details explaining how residents can take up this offer will be provided when they apply for their last quarterly bus pass.

Cycle Voucher Scheme

As part of the Community Travel Plan each household within the Augusta Park development is entitled to receive a £50 Halfords bicycle voucher from Taylor Wimpey developers. This is for the purchase of bicycles and associated safety equipment from the 'Bike Hut' in Halfords at Enham Arch Retail Park, Andover.

Application forms are available from the Community Development Worker.

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