



TRAVEL INFORMATION BROCHURE SYMMETRY PARK, KNOWSLEY

Your guide to getting around Knowsley. In this brochure you will find information relating to sustainable transport such as walking, cycling, public transport and car sharing.



WELCOME



This Travel Information Brochure provides information to help you travel with greater ease and to reduce your dependence on driving a private car. It includes information on how to get around using public transport and other environmentally friendly methods of travel.



Your workplace is located off Cronton Road on land to the south of the M62 within Halsnead Garden Village in Knowsley. The location of your workplace provides a great opportunity to travel by non-car modes, so why not see what is available?



This booklet is one of the measures included in a Travel Plan produced for the development and agreed with the Metropolitan Borough of Knowsley and Merseytravel.



A Travel Plan will provide measures and initiatives to encourage you to use alternatives to the private car and to increase your awareness of the advantages and potential for travel by more environmentally friendly modes.

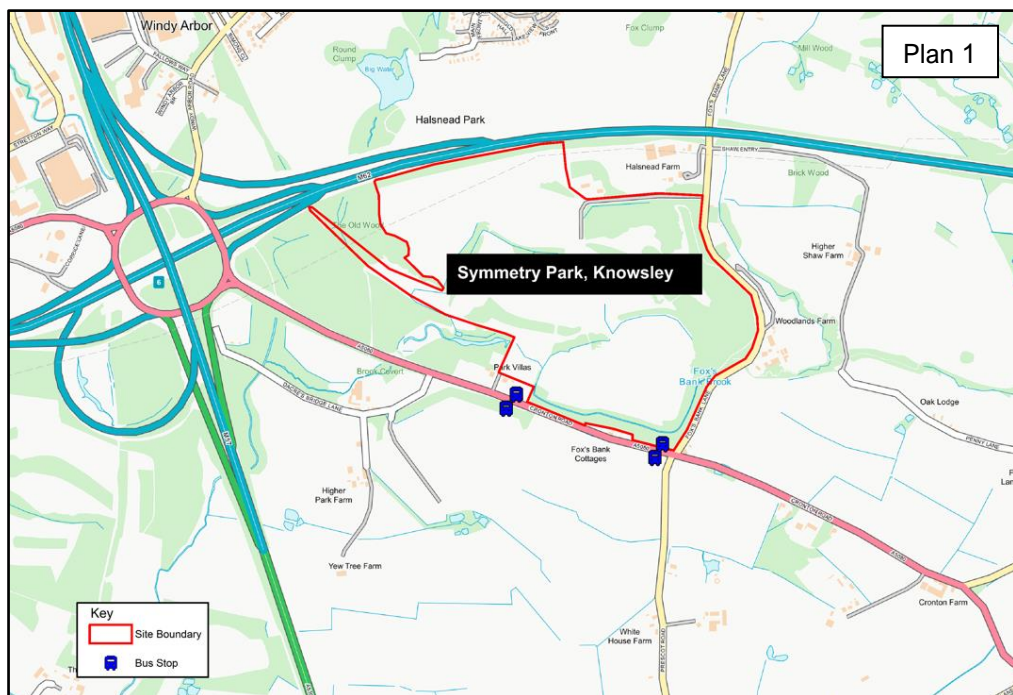
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Your Workplace

Your workplace is located to the south of the M62 on Cronton Road in Halsnead Garden Village, Knowsley. The site is located to the east of the M62 Junction 6 with Widnes and Runcorn located south, Warrington to the east and Liverpool located to the west of your workplace.

As illustrated in Plan 1, there are two bus stops located on Cronton Road which operate between Liverpool and Warrington and provide connections within the local area. Further afield, Whiston Rail Station is located to the north of the site.





WALKING

Walking is a low impact activity which does not require any specialist equipment. It is also one of the easiest ways to get more active and become healthier. Even if you live some distance from your destination, you can make walking part of your journey by getting off your train or bus stop earlier and walking instead.

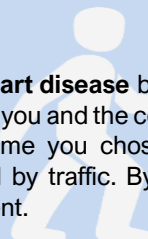
Your workplace is ideally located to facilitate journeys on foot with existing pedestrian footways provided within the site and along the northern side of Cronton Road. Plan 2 highlights the areas which can be reached within a 25-minute walk from the site and include areas to the north and south of your workplace.

There are improvements proposed to the pedestrian network within the local area which would provide you with an off-road shared pedestrian and cycle path leading west of the site over the M62 towards Windy Arbor Road and east of the site towards Fox's Bank Lane.

Improvements will also be made to the Tarbock Island junction west of the site. These improvements include providing signalised pedestrian crossing facilities which will allow you to access areas west and north of this roundabout with greater ease.

Benefits of walking:

- Walking is a great form of **exercise**, which keeps you fit!
- A half an hour brisk walk per day can **reduce the risk of heart disease** by half.
- Walking **costs nothing** and offers a wide range of benefits to you and the community.
- Walking is an **environmentally friendly** activity. Every time you chose to walk instead of drive, you are reducing the air pollution caused by traffic. By regularly walking, you are making a positive impact on the environment.

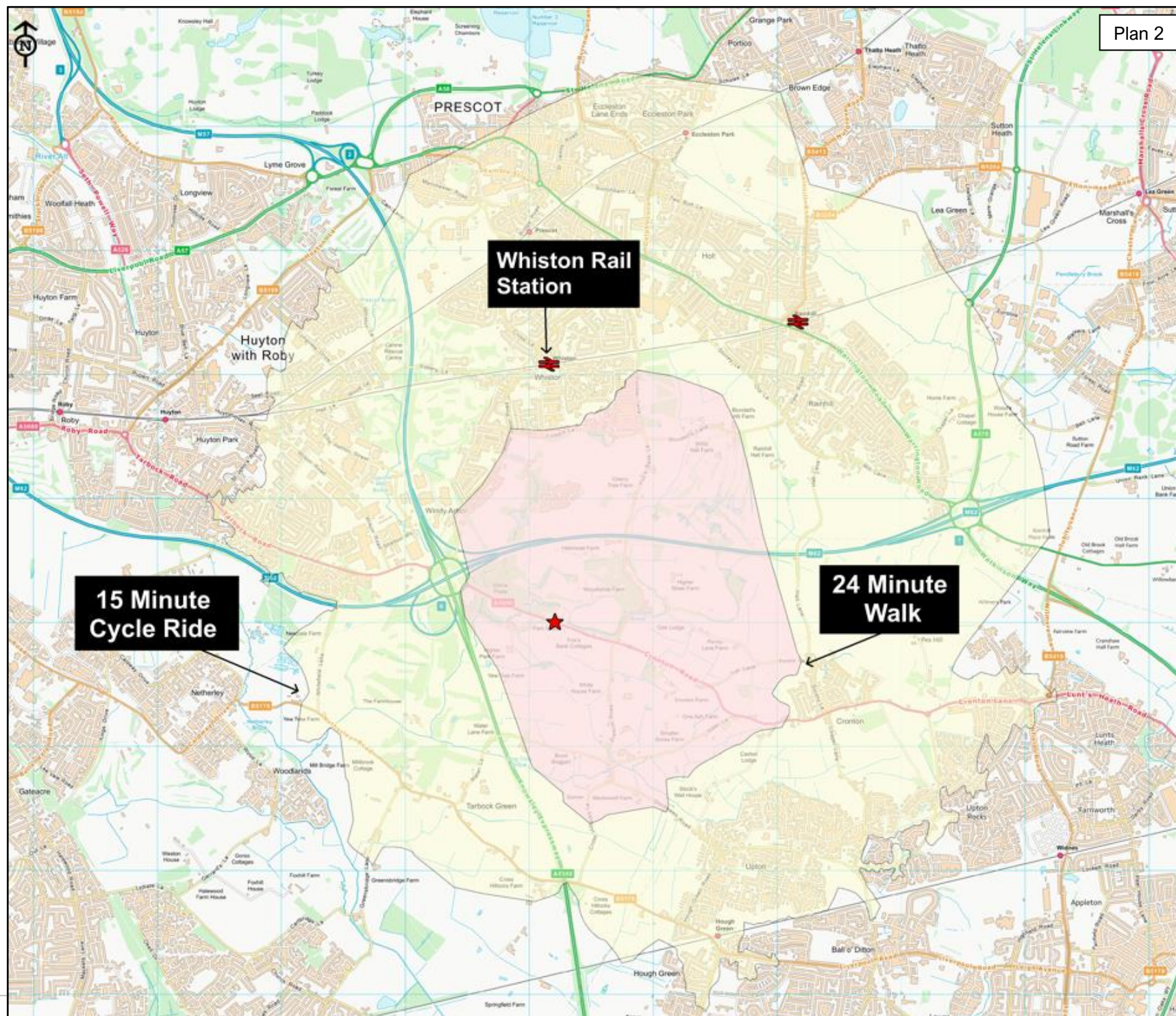


For more information on walking visit;

www.knowsley.gov.uk/residents/welcome-to-knowsley/getting-around-in-knowsley

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/active-travel/walking/

www.livingstreets.org.uk/





CYCLING

Cycling can be a healthy and safe way to travel, quicker than walking and cheaper than driving a car. Plan 2 illustrates the areas which can be reached within around a 20-minute cycle from your workplace. This area covers Rainhill, Whiston and Prescot to the north of your workplace, the majority of Huyton to the west, and parts of Hough Green to the south.

The Knowsley Cycle Map, shown as Plan 3, illustrates the existing suggested cycle routes near your workplace. Plan 3 shows that Fox's Bank Lane to the east of your unit and Windy Arbor Road to the north form part of the suggested cycle network within the local area.

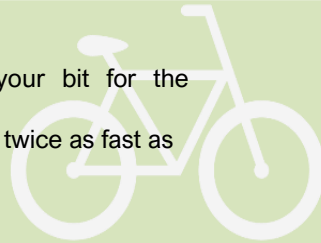
Improvements are proposed to the cycling infrastructure around your workplace with a new shared pedestrian and cycle path providing connections to the residential areas located to the west of the M62 and to the east of your workplace.

To assist you with cycling to work, your workplace will provide covered and secure cycle parking with lockers and showers provided for you to get changed prior to starting your shift.

If you are looking to purchase a cycle MerseyCycle (www.merseycycle.co.uk) is run by volunteers and sell refurbished bikes throughout the year with sale days held at Court Hey Park in Knowsley.

Benefits of Cycling:

- Cycling is **'green'** – you can feel good about doing your bit for the environment.
- Cycling is **quick** – for short journeys under 5 miles cycling is twice as fast as a car in traffic.
- Cycling is **cheap** – no bus, train or season ticket is required.



More information on cycling can be found at;
www.knowsley.gov.uk/things-to-do/knowsley-cycling
www.merseytravel.gov.uk/active-travel/cycling/

Or to find other on-road and traffic-free routes near you that are part of the National Cycle Network you can use:
www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map



PUBLIC TRANSPORT - BUS

The site is directly accessible by bus, with the number 7 service operating along Cronton Road. The location of the bus stops on Cronton Road is shown in Plan 1.

Route 7 provides a connection between Liverpool City Centre and Warrington via Huyton, with buses operating half-hourly in each direction throughout the day from around 06:00 to around 23:00. Services are also provided on Saturdays and Sundays. The service is operated by Arriva Merseytravel. Plan 4 shows the Route 7 bus route with Table 1 providing a summary of the journey times and first and last services.

The bus stops on Cronton Road serving the site will be upgraded to provide bus shelters with improved waiting areas. The site access includes signal crossing facilities with footways provided along Cronton Road which will provide connections to these stops.

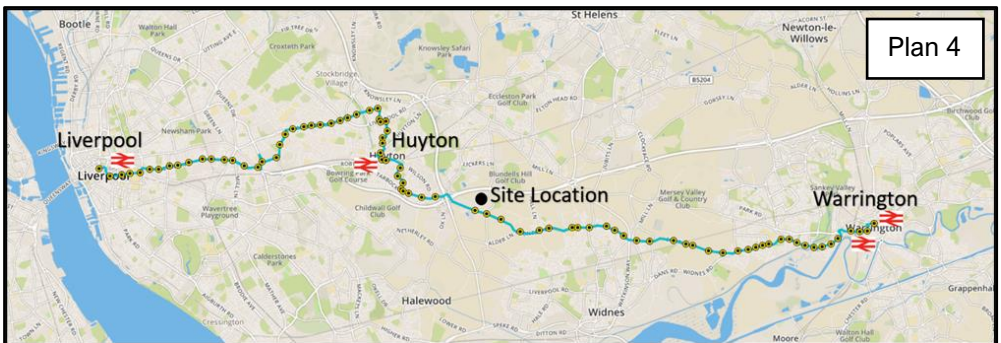


Table 1: Bus Route 7 Service Summary

Journey time to Liverpool	60 minutes
Journey time to Warrington	30 minutes
First / last bus to Liverpool from site	06:51 / 22:51
First / last bus to Warrington from site	05:40 / 22:53

For more information on local **bus services** visit:

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/timetables/#bus

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/bus/accessibility/

For **assistance with journey planning** visit:

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/



PUBLIC TRANSPORT - RAIL

Whiston Rail Station is located around 2.5km to the north of the site. This station is accessible through the northern part of Halsnead Garden Village. At present, this station can be accessed using the footways along Cronton Road, Windy Arbor Road, Dragon Lane, Lickers Lane, and Pennywood Drive.

As outlined within in the walking section of this brochure, a new pedestrian/cycle route will be provided past the site which will provide connections over the M62 to Windy Arbor Road and act as an alternative route to Whiston Station. This will be a traffic free route and will avoid the Tarbock Roundabout.

Whiston Station is operated by Northern with services operating between Liverpool Lime Street and Crewe. Hourly services are provided in both directions Monday to Saturday between 05:30 – 23:30 and 08:30 – 23:30 on Sundays.

The services travelling toward Liverpool Lime Street also call at Huyton, Roby, Broad Green, Wavertree Technology Park and Edge Hill. The services travelling towards Crewe also call at Rainhill, Lea Green, St Helens Junction and Earlstown. The services towards Crewe also call at Manchester Oxford Road and Manchester Piccadilly providing regional connections. An extract of the Northern Rail Network map is provided as Plan 5 with Whiston shown in the yellow box.

As shown in Plan 4, Route 7 provides connections to Liverpool Lime Street, Huyton, and Warrington (Bank Quay and Central). Rail connections from Liverpool Lime Street extend throughout the UK to regional and national destinations with services from Warrington also providing extensive links including to London, Preston, and Glasgow.

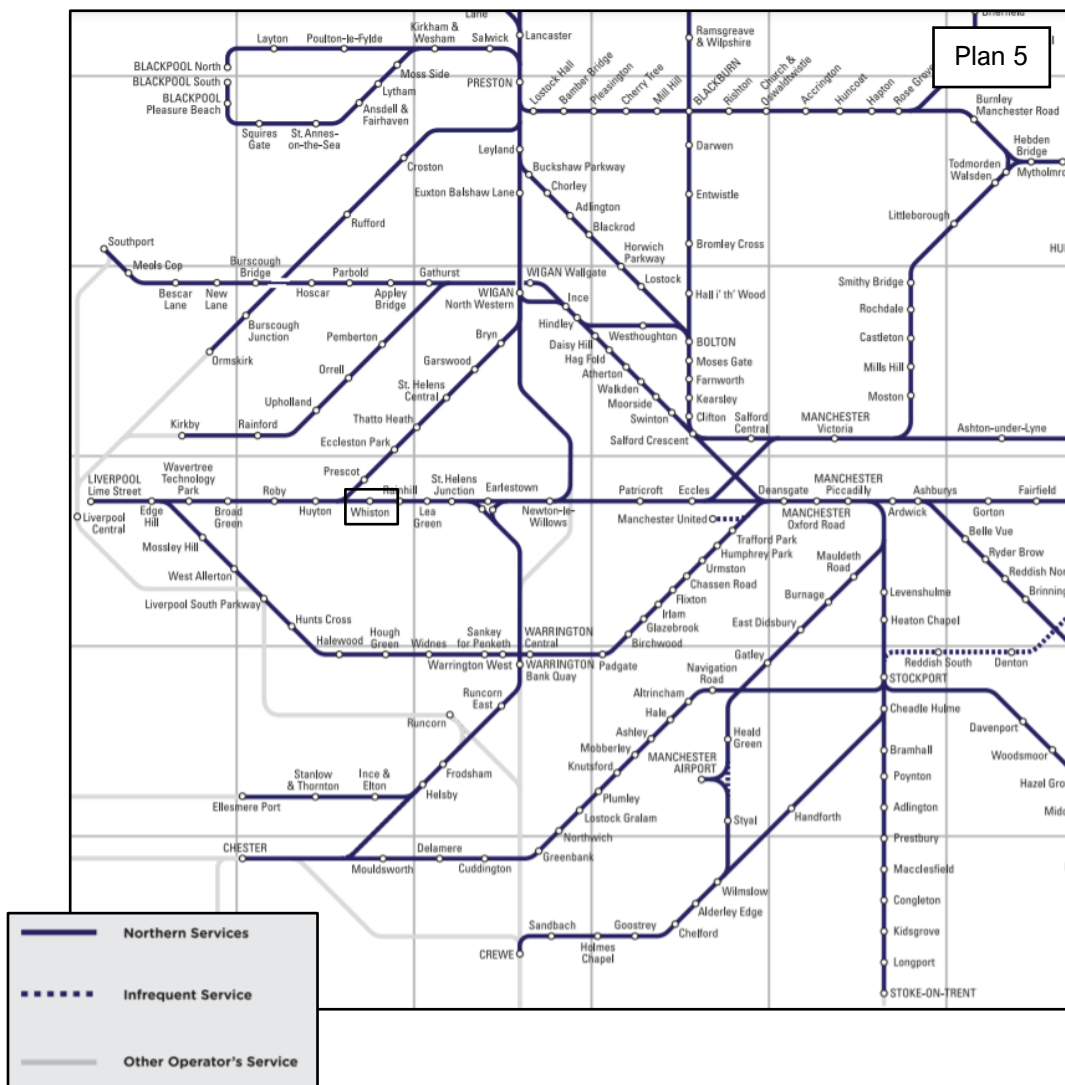
For more information and **rail enquires** the following websites may be of help:

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/train/

www.nationalrail.co.uk/

To **help plan your journey** visit:

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/





CAR SHARE

Car Share, also known as Liftshare or carpooling, is a scheme where two or more people arrange to share a car journey. Car sharing has many financial, social, and environmental benefits.

Travelling with other people by car is an easy way to cut your CO₂ emissions and save money. By splitting costs with your fellow passengers, you will save on fuel and parking fees. You can use your time as a passenger to read or catch up on work, and of course you will not have to find a parking space.

Why not give car sharing a go? You can find colleagues in the local area looking to share journeys for different journey purposes through the Travel Plan Co-ordinator and using the car share database platforms that are available and connect with lift sharers. If you have got empty seats, then why not offer someone a lift, and split the cost of the travel.

Benefits of car sharing:

- Reduces travel costs as you will spend less on fuel and car insurance.
- Reduces wear and tear on your own vehicle.
- Helps reduce congestion. Do you know that there are an estimated 10 million empty seats on the UK roads every day during peak hours? Car sharing helps to fill those empty seats and as such reduce congestion and pollution.
- Reduces stress levels related to driving. Driving during peak hours can be nerve wracking, however as a passenger in a car you no longer have to stress about driving.

There are also internet-based car sharing schemes available. Why not try one of the following websites:

www.liftshare.com/uk/journeys/from/merseyside

www.blablacar.co.uk



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

As part of the UK Governments plan to reduce carbon emissions, the sale of new petrol and diesel cars will be phased out after 2030. Electric cars are 100 percent eco-friendly as they run on electrically powered engines and do not emit toxic gases or smoke in the environment. Why not get ahead of the curve and consider swapping your existing petrol or diesel car for an electric vehicle?

There will be several electric car parking spaces provided within the site therefore you would be able to charge your car while at work and be able to park near your workplace.

The benefits of owning an electric vehicle are;

- No fuel, no emissions – which will assist you in reducing your personal impact on the environment through transport.
- Running costs – by not having to pay for petrol or diesel you can reduce your running costs as it is cheaper to charge your car then fill up at a petrol station.
- Low Maintenance - Petrol and diesel engines can require expensive engine maintenance over their lifetimes whereas electric vehicles do not as there are fewer parts required to run an electric vehicle.
- More convenient - electric vehicles are easy to recharge, and you will no longer need to run to the fuel station to recharge your car before hitting the road. Even a normal household socket could be used for charging an electric car.

For more information on switching to an electric vehicle visit the following Government websites;

www.gov.uk/government/publications/customer-guidance-electric-vehicle-homecharge-scheme

www.gov.uk/government/publications/electric-vehicle-homecharge-scheme-eligible-vehicles

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Your Travel Plan Co-ordinator is available to provide you with guidance in relation to the way you travel and provide further information about sustainable transport methods available to you.

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www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map

For **all mode public transport planning and tickets** visit:

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/
www.merseytravel.gov.uk/tickets-and-pricing/
www.traveline.info/

For **bus timetables** visit:

www.merseytravel.gov.uk/timetables/#bus
www.merseytravel.gov.uk/bus/accessibility/

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www.merseytravel.gov.uk/train/
www.nationalrail.co.uk/

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www.blablacar.co.uk

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www.gov.uk/government/publications/electric-vehicle-homecharge-scheme-eligible-vehicles

For information about **on public health and air quality** visit:

www.healthyknowsley.co.uk/Home/_activity
www.cleanairday.org.uk/pages/category/clean-air-hub