

The 2017 Election and Transportation

During the run up to the 2017 General Election, we have heard a plethora of information on the parties' manifesto policies on Brexit, Health, Education and Security. But, how do the parties compare on their **Transport and Air Quality Pledges**?

**Crossrail 2:**

- No Commitment

Railways:

- “Investing to reduce travel time and cost”
- Capacity improvements, improve existing lines and create new lines and stations
- Work with train companies and employees to agree to minimum service levels during industrial disputes
- Remove the "complexity and perverse pricing" of rail tickets

Buses:

- “Invest in low emission buses as well as supporting audio-visual displays”
- “Community minibuses”

Low-Emission / Electric Vehicles:

- Support low-emission vehicles
- Propose “zero-emission by 2050”

Highway Infrastructure:

- Investment to fix pinch-points

Road Safety:

- No commitment

Cycling:

- Expand NCN and upgrade cycling facilities at railway stations

Taxi and Private Hire:

- No commitment

Air Quality:

- “Will take action against poor air quality in urban areas”

Airports:

- Expansion of Heathrow and further strategic investment

**Crossrail 2:**

- “We will build Crossrail2”

Railways

- “Prioritise public service over profit” and “bring back into public ownership”
- Brighton Main Line “BML2”
- Cap fares, wi-fi across network, end driver-only operation
- “Re-open branch-lines”
- Commits to HS2

Buses:

- “Extend the powers to re-regulate local bus services”
- “Publicly run for passengers not profit”

Low-Emission / Electric Vehicles:

- Supports low-emission vehicles

Highway Infrastructure:

- Investment to fix pinch-points

Road Safety:

- New road safety targets and standards

Cycling:

- “Develop and upgrade” the NCN

Taxi and Private Hire:

- “National standards to guarantee safety and accessibility” and regulations to keep up with technological change

Air Quality:

- New clean air act to legislate against diesel fumes

Airports:

- “Recognises the need for additional airport capacity in the Southeast”

**Crossrail 2:**

- Continued commitment to Crossrail 2

Railways:

- Continued commitment to HS2, HS3, Crossrail 2 and rail electrification
- Modern Railway system run for benefit of its customers. Investment in new stations, lines and modern trains
- Establish government-run companies to take over the running of Southern Rail and Govia Thameslink

Buses:

- Will introduce a new Young Person’s Bus Discount Card
- Halt decline in bus services.
- Buses to be run by local authorities

Low-Emission / Electric Vehicles:

- Encourage swift take up of electric and driverless vehicles.
- Set legally binding target of zero net greenhouse gas emissions by 2050

Highway Infrastructure:

- Significant investment in road infrastructure
- Shift more freight from road to rail

Road Safety:

- No commitment

Cycling:

- Implement the recommendations of the Get Britain Cycling report

Taxi and Private Hire:

- No commitment

Air Quality:

- Pledge to prevent 40,000 deaths a year with our Air Quality Plan to reduce air pollution
- Introduce diesel scrappage scheme
- Extend ultra-low emission zones to 10 more towns and cities

Airports:

- Remain opposed to expansion of London airports
- Focus on improving regional airports

**Crossrail 2:**

- No commitment

Railways:

- Renationalise the railways
- Cancel HS2
- Invest in regional rail links and electrification of existing rail lines, especially in the South West and North of England

Buses:

- Re-regulate buses, investing in increased bus services especially in rural and other poorly served areas.

Low-Emission / Electric Vehicles:

- No commitment

Highway Infrastructure:

- No commitment

Road Safety:

- Invest in low traffic neighbourhoods and, so people of all ages and those with disabilities can choose to make local trips on foot, by bike or mobility scooter.

Cycling:

- Safe, convenient networks of routes for walking and cycling, including safe places for learning to cycle

Taxi and Private Hire:

- No commitment

Air Quality:

- Help end the public health crisis caused by air pollution by increasing incentives to take diesel vehicles off the roads
- Introduce a new Clean Air Act, expanding and funding mandatory clean air zone network

Airports:

- Cancel all airport expansions

**Crossrail 2:**

- No commitment

Railways:

- Scrap HS2
- Invest in upgrading existing mainline services to create additional capacity
- Expand electrification

Buses:

- Grants to support community bus operators

Low-Emission / Electric Vehicles:

- Supports transition to zero emission vehicles
- Will defend diesel drivers

Highway Infrastructure:

- Remove road tolls on public roads

Road Safety:

- No commitment

Cycling:

- No commitment

Taxi and Private Hire:

- No commitment

Air Quality:

- No commitment

Airports:

- Oppose Heathrow Airport expansion in favour of expansion of regional airports



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