

Active Travel England Introduction

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Our Vision

For everyone to have
an attractive and safe
choice to walk, wheel
or cycle

Strategic Priorities

Investing in and improving standards for active travel across England

Integrating active travel in the planning system

Giving more people, from all walks of life, the opportunity to try active travel

Transforming how data is used in active travel planning

Being an excellent agency



Investment objectives

Create a programme of work that optimises delivery of the **2030 vision** and wider Government objectives

Ensure majority of investment is focused in areas with **higher levels of capability** and with high potential to convert journeys to walking, wheeling and cycling

Fund revenue activities to **engage and enable people to walk, wheel and cycle**, including cycle training

Provide **sustained funding linked to national design standards**

Provide all committed **local authorities with support** needed to improve capability and deliver high quality capital schemes and local networks at pace

Target investment to **increase participation in under-represented groups** and monitor to ensure effectiveness



Inspectorate – our emerging approach

ATE Tools

- We have a suite of tools to ensure the highest **quality** and **safety** is embedded into schemes.
- These tools were provided to bidding authorities for ATF4 and are available on the ATE **.gov** webpages, along with explanatory notes and videos showing how they should be used.
- New ATE tools were launched in May 2024 and the agency is running a series of workshops for council officers and their consultants throughout 2024 to demonstrate and explain their use.



Crossing
Selector
Tool

Area
Check

Route
Check

Final
Inspection

Path
Check

Inspectorate – our emerging approach

Design Reviews

- These tools will be applied to scheme drawings and combined with **local knowledge** (from councils, combined authorities and from ATE) and **guidance**.



Inspectorate – Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

- ATE values and is an advocate for equality, diversity and inclusion for all things active travel, and you will notice other speakers touch on those issues throughout
- We all need to look beyond the default, able-bodied male user, and begin to create multi-generational, multi-gender, accessible spaces that work for everyone, and **we are committed to helping you do that**



Digital, Data & Analysis: ATE's remit on digital and data

15. ATE has been established as an executive agency of the DfT with the overall objective to achieve a step-change in walking¹ and cycling, transforming the role that walking and cycling play in England's transport system, and making England a great walking and cycling nation. This will be achieved through (but not limited to):
- Increasing skills and capacity in local authorities, promoting best practice and enabling authorities to learn from each other and raising performance generally;
 - Influencing key stakeholders, and the public debate, to see the value to society, individuals and business of active travel.



Source: Active Travel England. Framework Document - Active Travel England. (2022).

Planning & Development – Statutory Consultee role

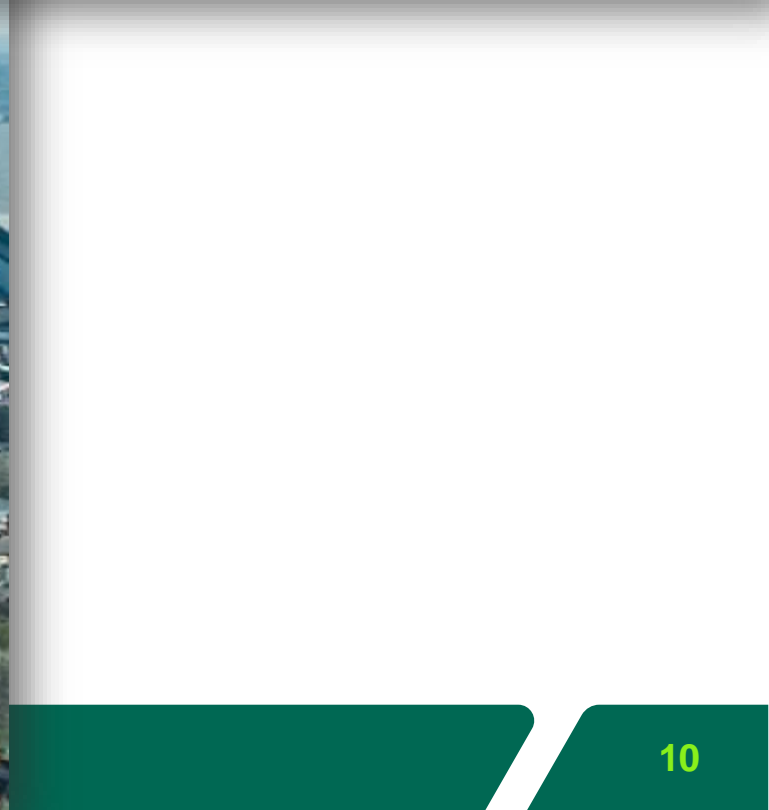
From **01 June 2023** Local Planning Authorities have been required to consult ATE on planning applications where developments meet the following minimum thresholds:



We believe this will see ATE reviewing around 3,100 applications a year, equating to 60% of new homes.

The establishment of ATE's statutory consultee status follows a pilot project, which saw ATE work with 30 local authorities to assess more than 60 developments over the 9 months up until November 2022.

Feedback from a survey at the start of the pilot saw 80% of respondents agree ATE should have a role in the planning system.



Planning & Development – Statutory Consultee role

**150
residential
units
(dwellings)**

**7,500m²
commercial
area**

**The site
having an
area of 5
hectares or
more**

Our Standing Advice pack was published in July 2023.

Planning applications should be sent to: planning-consultations@activetravelengland.gov.uk

[Active Travel England: planning application assessment toolkit - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/active-travel-england-planning-application-assessment-toolkit)

Regional Engagement

Who we are

- Head of Regional Engagement
- 8 Regional Engagement Managers

Where we are

- 'Area based' – Each Regional Engagement Manager is based in the region that they serve

What we are here to do

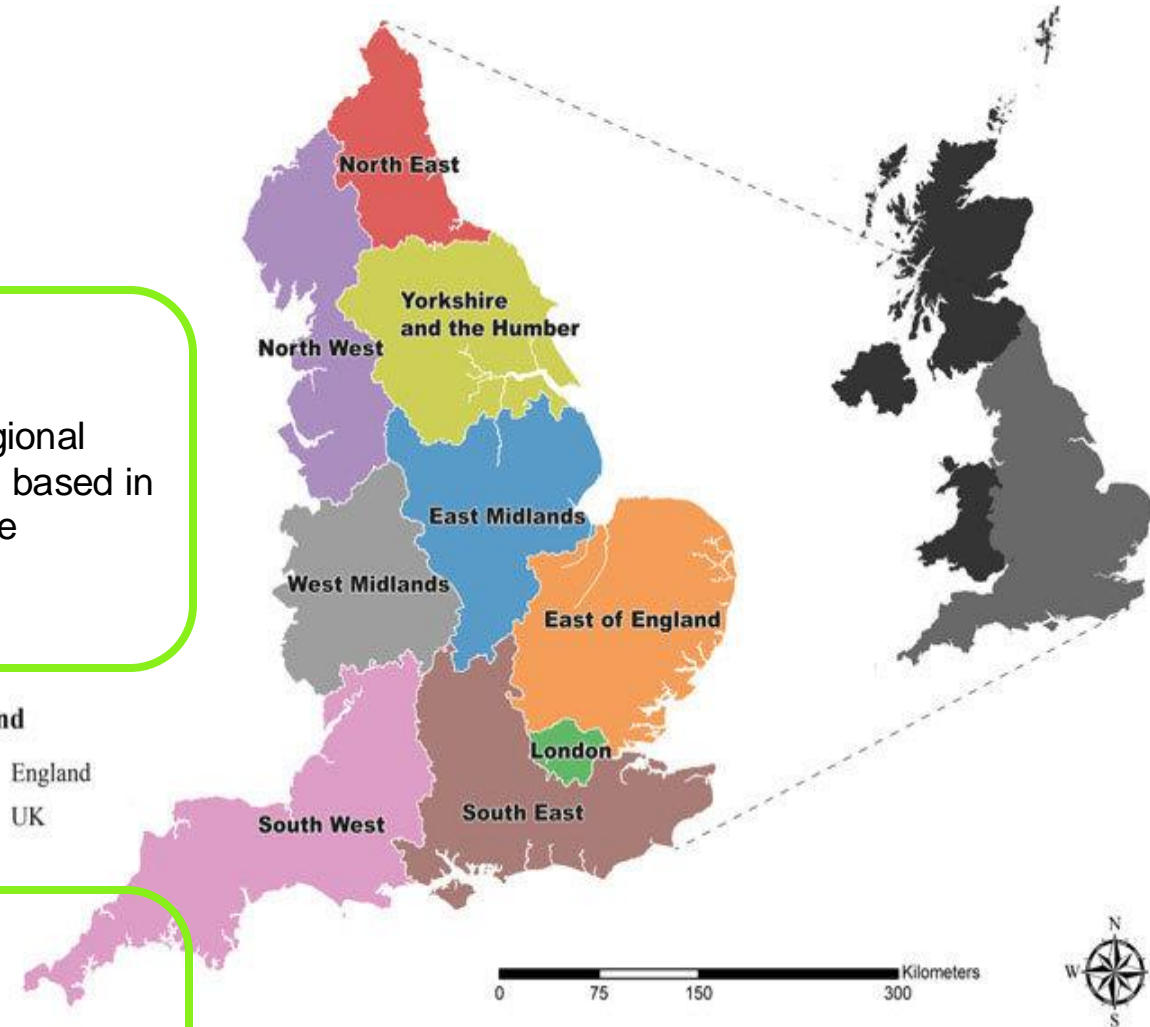
- Establish, develop & maintain a network of local stakeholders needed to support the delivery objectives of ATE
- Support the development of place based solutions and add value

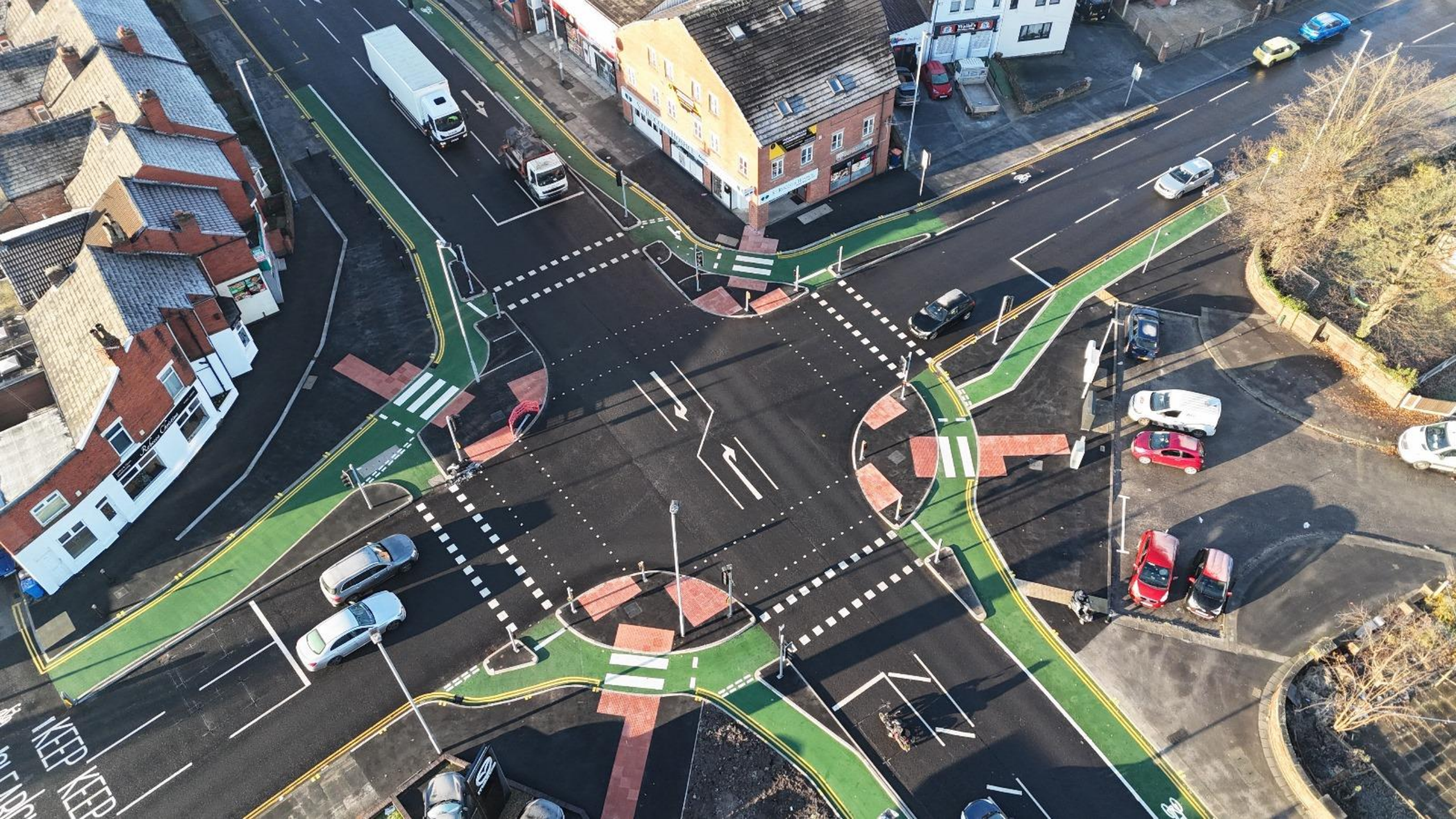
How will we do it

- With you!

Legend

- England
- UK





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