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Context



Birmingham Green Commission is targeting 60% CO₂ reduction from 1990 levels by 2027

- Plans to make Birmingham a leading green city
- Air quality improvement is also a priority for the city

Road transport is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution.



- Lack of **infrastructure** is a key barrier to deployment of alternative vehicles which can achieve emissions savings and air quality improvements.
- Blueprint strategy could support savings of over 260,000 tonnes of CO₂ by 2035



Agenda



- Blueprint aims and approach
- Fuels and vehicle types
- Strategies and recommendations
- Potential uptake and emissions savings
- Current actions and next steps





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Birmingham Blueprint sets out a refuelling infrastructure strategy







Contributing stakeholders



Light vehicle fleets	Heavy vehicle fleets	Other stakeholders
A2Z	Arriva	BCC – Planning and Regeneration
AMEY	Asda	BRC (GB) Limited
Birmingham and Solihull Taxi Alliance	BCC – Fleet & Waste	Cenex
BCC – Adults and Communities	BRIT European	Dearman Engine Company
British Gas / Centrica	Centro	EBRI – Aston University Business School
Carillion	Coca Cola	Gas Bus Alliance
Commercial Group	Freight Transport Association	Gasrec
Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust	Howard Tenens	Severn Trent
Network Rail	John Lewis Partnership	Transport for London
nPower	Marks and Spencer	Western Power Distribution
Royal Mail	National Express	
Star Cabs	Sainsbury's	
University of Birmingham	UPS	
West Midlands Police	Veolia	

BCC – Birmingham City Council



Fuels and vehicle types in the scope of the Blueprint



Market availability for plug-in electric and hydrogen vehicles



HGV – Heavy goods vehicle; RCV – Refuse collection vehicle



Fuels and vehicle types in the scope of the Blueprint



Market availability for natural gas vehicles



Recommendations for gas refuelling focus mainly on infrastructure for trucks and buses

Market availability for other technologies

Liquid air is another fuel considered in the report, with the first applications involving refrigeration for heavy goods vehicles



For LPG, recommendations focus on the needs of light vehicles

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Refuelling for depot-based vehicles



- Heavy vehicles such as buses and trucks (and some light vehicle fleets) typically refuel in dedicated, in-depot refuelling facilities
- In the absence of in-depot infrastructure, strategically placed public or shared facilities in Birmingham could support fleet uptake

For depot based **electric vehicles** (buses and light vehicles) in-depot charging facilities are a definitive requirement

For depot-based **hydrogen** vehicles, in-depot refuelling is preferred in the long term; **shared refuelling in strategic locations** could be feasible in the short term

Depot based **gas** vehicles (buses and trucks) could also use shared facilities in the short term

All vehicles using **liquid air** for refrigeration are likely to be depot based – trials will involve in-depot refuelling



Strategy for gas infrastructure

Opportunities for public gas stations on trunk routes near Birmingham

Preferred areas for gas stations to enable gas vehicle use on routes in and via Birmingham

Zones with gas network connection opportunities for CNG stations

Relevant vehicle

types (public

stations):







Strategy for public infrastructure – plug-in vehicles







Strategy for public infrastructure – hydrogen vehicles



Fleet feedback indicates that at least **3 public stations** will be needed for significant vehicle uptake in Birmingham

Siting criteria:

- Strategic corridors
- Away from heavy congestion
- Link to private early adopter locations



taxis, fleets, private vehicle users Fleet operators think at least 1 public hydrogen station in each of these zones will be required for adoption of hydrogen light duty vehicles (taxis, fleet cars & vans)



Early adopter zone based on Campbell et al., Identifying the early adopters of alternative fuel vehicles: A case study of Birmingham, United Kingdom, 2012



Potential vehicle uptake and emissions savings by 2035



 Realisation of these emissions savings will depend on the availability of low carbon electricity, hydrogen and gas

	Potential fleet uptake (average across fleets)	WTW GHG savings (tonnes CO ₂ e/year)	Percentage WTW savings for Birmingham road transport emissions ¹
Plug-in vehicles	20% (Taxis, vans, private cars, buses and small trucks)	190,000 tonnes (based on 100% renewable electricity)	12%
Hydrogen vehicles	3% (Taxis, vans, private cars and busers)	48,000 (based on carbon neutral electrolysis)	3%
Gas vehicles	7% (Buses, heavy goods vehicles, Rrefuse collection vehicles)	26,000 tonnes (based on injected biomethane)	2%
Liquid air refrigerated vehicles	45% (Refrigerated heavy goods vehicles)	Dependent on applications / duty cycles	Dependent on applications / duty cycles

1 - Compared to a baseline case without low carbon vehicles



Wider recommendations for Birmingham City Council



- Encourage and contribute to uptake of low carbon vehicles
 - Use planning guidance to deliver strategy recommendations for infrastructure
- Assist infrastructure providers in finding/assessing land for installation
 - Streamline planning processes for renewable fuel
 production and infrastructure
 - Include low carbon fuels for transport into the development of energy system strategies
 - Work closely with private fleets on demonstration and deployment activities for low carbon vehicles



Strategic Actions required



- Launch Green fleet strategy for Council fleet & engage private sector fleets e.g. National Express
- Public/private sector and University collaboration to align energy system strategies – from waste strategies to bio-methane injected into the grid, hydrogen production and electricity for heat & power.
- Low/zero carbon re-fuelling infrastructure alignment with 'Birmingham Connected' – key focus on Green Travel Districts, enabling uptake of new modes & models of integrated green transport.
- Strategic focus on funding sources & getting right mix of capital & revenue LEP, H2020, OLEV, Climate KIC.



Next step developments



- Specific projects in the pipeline:
 - Plug-in vehicles OLEV Go Ultra Low City & Local Authority scheme
 - Hydrogen 100 bus project
 - Gas infrastructure development (LEP funding approved for 4 feasibility studies)
 - LPG taxi conversions
 - Liquid Air Sainsbury's trial
- Working with the private sector will be key
- Blueprint will be used to inform projects



Closing remarks



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