

*How can we make 'sustainable transport' the default method of travel?*

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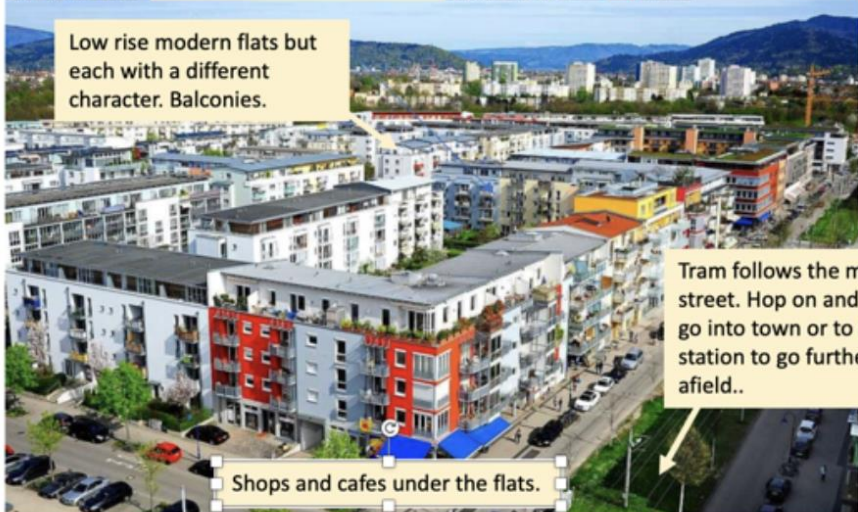


Firstly, stop building hundreds of thousands of new homes and other development on fields around bypasses, link roads, distributor roads and bigger junctions. The car ends up dominating life-styles and the public realm. Sustainable transport in such places is hard to arrange. There are many environmental impacts.





Instead build new places around streets connected to the existing urban area. Larger developments need new stations, a series of tram/ bus stops, and an extensive cycling and walking network. By building at higher densities, the aim should be new urban extensions where so much is close by or within easy reach of public transport, that you really don't have to have a car.



Tram follows the main street. Hop on and off and go into town or to the station to go further afield..





Our conclusions are not rocket science!

But at the moment, in England, our housing numbers algorithms direct hundreds of thousands of new homes to greenfield sites opened up for development by roads for car-based life styles, where sustainable transport is out of context.

By making sustainable transport the default way to travel we can build healthier and green places.

However we first need a fundamental change at national policy level as to how we plan, and what transport we as a country invest in.



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