## Improving air quality and promoting sustainability

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# Our Strategies: Sustainability and Net Zero



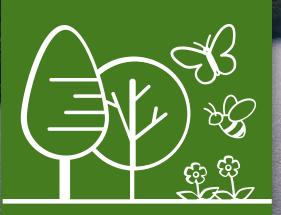
#### **Our Commitment to Research, Development, And Innovation**

The Strategic Road Network and its' users have wide ranging impacts on the environment, including climate change, noise, water quality, biodiversity and air quality

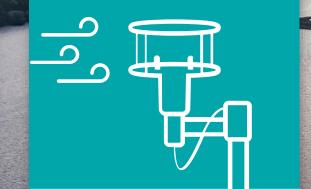
Our Environment and Sustainability, and Net Zero strategies set the framework for action

**Priority areas for 2023/24:** 

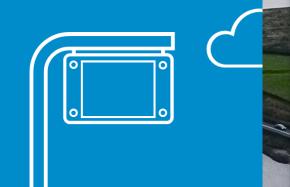
Nature-based solutions



Mitigating pollution



Leaner construction



Optimising resource and energy use



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#### Going Forward – encouraging low/zero emission vehicles



Leading by example by driving NH's fleet decarbonisation



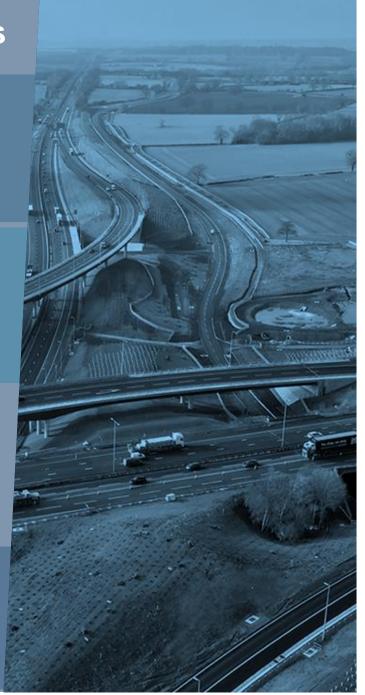
**Enabling EV journeys across the SRN** 



Supporting the development of net-zero freight solutions



**Encouraging EV adoption through continuous** improvements to user experience



#### **Project Rapid**

- Enabling market to deliver and grow through £950m to subsidise costs of new/upgraded electrical connections at motorway service areas (MSAs) and major A road service areas.
- A comprehensive charging network is key to tackling customer range anxiety.
- Reduce EV drivers need for extended (200m+) ranges, lowering up-front cost of vehicles and increase market access.



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High-powered, open access charge points at MSAs in England

~2500

High-powered charge points across England's motorways and major A roads

~6000

High-powered charge points across England's motorways and major A-roads.



### **Supporting sustainable Customer Journeys**

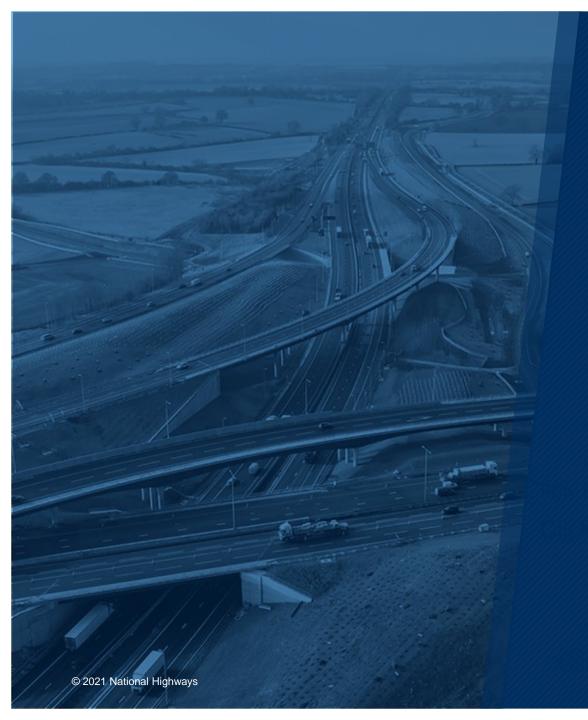
£54m approved for active travel schemes 2020-22, with a further £54m for 2023-25



Bus and Coach Plan to be published end of 2023 to support end-to-end journeys







## New Role: Air Quality Partner



#### Our current programme





NO<sub>2</sub> Hotspot focussed



Interventions on the SRN



Aligned with the National NO<sub>2</sub> plan

#### Monitoring



60+ NO<sub>2</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> automatic monitors



300+ diffusion tubes in key areas



Working to improve data sharing

#### Research



Solutions focussed research



Real world trial sites for barriers and speed limits



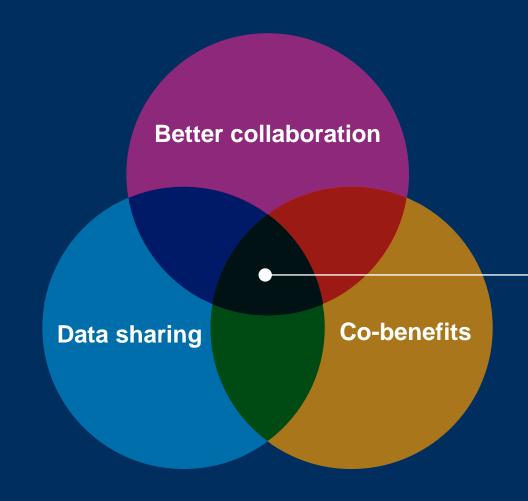
Results informing our work



### "Relevant Public Authority"

New statutory role for National Highways is an opportunity to work better with our Local Authority hosts and neighbours.





Delivering better outcomes for local and national air quality



## Practical steps we have taken so far....



#### Next steps....





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