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## Sustainable Transport for 2020 and Beyond: From Town and City Centres to the Suburbs

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Conference session

**Date de début** : 30 Janvier 2020 09:00**Date de fin** : 30 Janvier 2020 17:00**Lieu** : Birmingham | Royaume-Uni**Organisé par** : Act TravelWise Annual Conference**Source de l'information** :

<http://www.acttravelwise.org/events/act-travelwise-annual-conference-agm-30-january-2020/>

Town and city centres have long been a focus of sustainable transport initiatives, as interventions there benefit everyone, including visitors. They're where amenities are most concentrated, where alternatives to car use are most viable, and where the highest levels of air pollution and congestion are found. The trend of repopulating city centres continues apace, led by the under-30s.

However, only 4% of the UK population lives in city centres. In our efforts to reduce car dependence and achieve our 'net zero' climate target, we must also focus on the places where most of us live - the suburbs. With up to 51% of the UK population living there (depending on how suburbs are geographically defined\*), suburbanites deserve a larger share of attention in the sustainable transport arena. Here it is useful to distinguish between inner suburbs (which evolved around public transport corridors and stations) and post-war, car dependent outer suburbs.

In the context of ambitious government targets for new home building, we must avoid 'building in' car dependence in new development. This means creating higher density, mixed-use development rather than isolated housing estates with few amenities within walking distance. It also means targeting brownfield sites for new development, as this reduces the pressure for outward expansion.

The conference will bring together experts from across the sustainable transport and planning worlds to explore:

- How should sustainable transport be integrated into town and city centres as well as inner and outer suburbs?
- How can new development avoid the pitfalls of car dependency?
- What can we learn from successful strategies already in place?
- There is no ONS definition of a suburb. However the Centre for Cities has defined the town/city centre as the area within a 0.5 mile radius of the centre point in towns/cities of 135,000-550,000 residents, a 0.8 mile radius for cities of 550,000 to 4 million and a radius of 2.0 miles for London. Those living within these 59 towns and cities but outside that radius can be considered as suburban residents according to Paul Swinney, the Centre for Cities Director of Policy and Research -

although we may more typically refer to the 'inner suburbs' as urban districts and neighbourhoods.

Call for Papers:

We are seeking presentations on innovative, successful strategies implemented in any of these four areas:

- town and city centres
- inner suburbs / urban mixed-use or residential districts
- outer suburbs / post-war car-based suburbs
- new residential or mixed-use development on brownfield or greenfield sites

#### **Informations pratiques :**

Proposals for participatory activities are also sought, to make for an interactive programme.

If you would like to propose content for the conference, please send a Word document containing the following by 31 October 2019:

- title of presentation or group activity
- description of presentation or group activity (up to 250 words)
- your name, job title, organisation, email and phone number
- your short biography (up to 40 words) written in the third person

Conference papers and any conference queries should be directed to Randall Ghent, 07960 180851, [randall@acttravelwise.org](mailto:randall@acttravelwise.org).

<sup>1</sup> <https://fr.forumviesmobiles.org/agenda/2019/10/20/sustainable-transport-2020-and-beyond-town-and-city-centres-suburbs-13058>

<sup>2</sup> <https://fr.forumviesmobiles.org/la-communaute/agenda/list%3Ftype%3Dall>

<sup>3</sup> <https://fr.forumviesmobiles.org/la-communaute/agenda/list%3Ftype%3Dselection>

<sup>4</sup> <https://fr.forumviesmobiles.org/la-communaute/agenda/list%3Ftype%3Dfvm>

<sup>5</sup> <https://fr.forumviesmobiles.org/data%3AApplication/octet-stream%2CBEGIN%253AVCALENDAR%250D%250AVERSION%253A2.0%250D%250APRODID%253A-%252F%252Fproject%252Fauthor%252F%252FNONSGML%2Bv1.0%252F%252FEN%250D%250ACALSCALE%253AGREGORIAN%2530s.%250D%250A%250D%250AHowever%252C%2Bonly%2B4%2525%2Bof%2Bthe%2Bpopulation%2Blives%2Bin%2Bcity%2Bthe%2Bsuburbs.%2BWith%2Bup%2Bto%2B51%2525%2Bof%2Bthe%2Bpopulation%2Bliving%2Bthere%2B%2528dependent%2Bcar%2Bdependent%2Bouter%2Bsuburbs.%250D%250A%250D%250AIn%2Bthe%2Bcontext%2Bof%2Bambitious%2Buse%2Bdevelopment%2Brather%2Bthan%2Bisolated%2Bhousing%2Bestates%2Bwith%2Bfew%2Bamenities%2Bwithin%2Bwalking%252C000%2Bresidents%252C%2Ba%2B0.8%2Bmile%2Bradius%2Bfor%2Bcities%2Bof%2B550%252C000%2Bto%2B4%2Bmillion%2Balthough%2Bwe%2Bmay%2Bmore%2Btypically%2Bprefer%2Bto%2Bthe%2B%2527inner%2Bsuburbs%2527%2Bas%2Burban%2Buse%2Bor%2Bresidential%2Bdistricts%250D%250A%252A%2Bouter%2Bsuburbs%2B%252F%2Bpost-war%2Bcar-based%2Bsuburbs%250D%250A%252A%2Bnew%2Bresidential%2Bor%2Bmixed-use%2Bdevelopment%2Bon%2Bbrownfield%2Bor%2Bgreenfield%2Bsites%250D%250A%250D%250A%250D%250A%250D%250Atransport-2020-and-beyond-town-and-city-centres-suburbs-13058%250D%250ASUMMARY%253ASustainable%2BTransport%2Bfor%2B2020%2Band%2BBeyond%253A%2BFrom%2BTown%2B>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.acttravelwise.org/events/act-travelwise-annual-conference-agm-30-january-2020/>