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Town Centre Bus Station

Towns Fund Business Case

Town Deal Board – 6th April 2022

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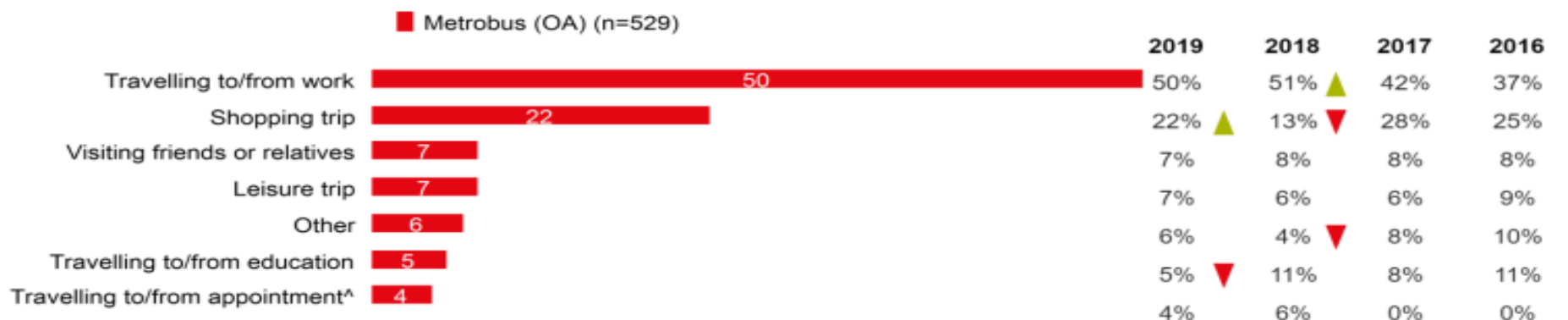
Background - Station Gateway

- Resolution passed in April 2021 to grant planning permission for a transformational scheme that will deliver:
 - a brand new railway station and 21st century gateway to Crawley
 - 304 high quality residential apartments
 - new ground level retail and business units
- Network Rail has commenced work on the new station complex under permitted development rights
- Original plan for Arora scheme to be delivered first, followed by highways and public realm improvements.
- Plan to deliver the highways and public realm scheme first, i.e. Towns Fund project.



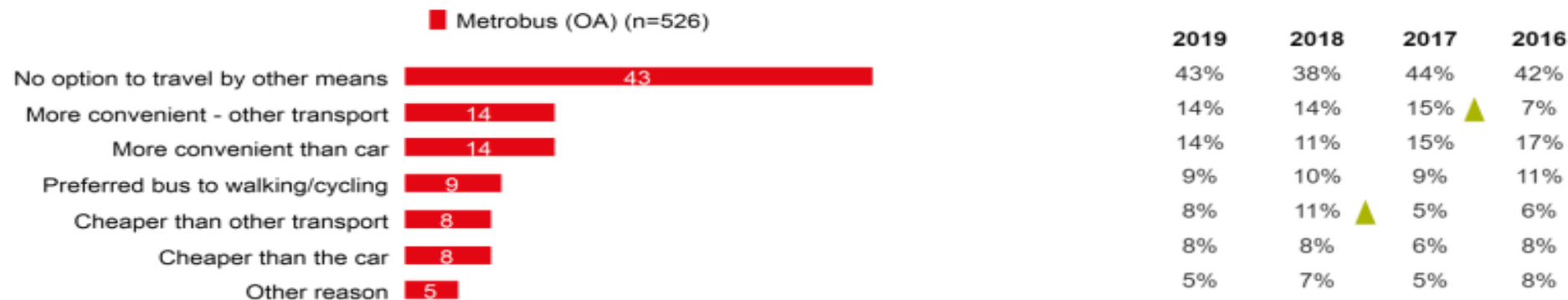
Strategic Case

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Reason for choosing to take the bus



Bus Back Better (Department for Transport 2021) has identified the need to better integrate modes of public and active transport. Crawley will start operating a number of hydrogen buses later this year.

Objective

The design, development and delivery of an enhanced, 21st century bus station and intermodal hub in the heart of the town centre as a centrepiece of Crawley's shift to green transport

Crawley Borough Council led scheme to deliver:

- Public realm and highway improvements along Station Way & Friary Way
- New and improved bus station
- Improved pedestrian and cyclist connectivity to the railway station
- Concept design and masterplan development underway, reflecting new guidance and policy e.g. Bus Back Better, WSCC Transport Strategy.



Beneficiaries

- Residents within Crawley town centre in existing and proposed new developments
- Employees within the town centre for both existing and new developments
- Shoppers within the town centre and Crawley residents generally
- Learners attending Crawley College
- Commuters to work beyond the town centre by bus
- Commuters by train who will use the bus service for their onward journey.
- Pedestrians (including bus service users) and cyclists within this area of the town centre
- Retailers and other employers seeking to retain and recruit staff and maintain or increase their turnover.

Outcomes

- Improve and increase the use of **sustainable transport** in Crawley.
- Increase **bus patronage** level.
- Increase **footfall** into the town centre from other parts of the borough and surrounding catchment areas.
- Reduce **carbon emissions** as part of the drive towards net zero by 2040.
- Support the **sustainable growth** of the new town centre neighbourhood of 3,000 homes.
- Support transport **access to new educational facilities**, including those supported by the Invest in Skills Towns Fund project at Crawley College.
- Improve sustainable public and active transport access to the town centre and improve its attractiveness as an **employment destination**.
- Increase levels of **civic pride** among local residents in their town.

Outputs

- 1 New enhanced bus station
- 1 Real Time Passenger Information System (RTPI)
- 10 Digital bus shelters
- 1 Pedestrian/cyclist interchange with easy access to and from Crawley railway station
- 1 Segregated cycle route



Current Stakeholders and Governance

- Crawley Borough Council
- Highway Authority – West Sussex County Council
- Metrobus – Local bus operator
- Town centre BID (representing the town centre business community)
- Arora Group, who are leading on the Station Gateway site regeneration scheme
- Govia Thameslink Railway and Network Rail
- County Mall shopping centre, situated next to the Bus Station
- These parties will, together with community representatives, form a Project Board to oversee delivery of the scheme
- Project Board and Steering Group being re-established for the next stages of the project. The Project Board will report to the Town Deal Board on a quarterly basis on progress with delivery

Finance

	Amount	% of Total Cost
Towns Fund Capital	£2,000,000	27%
Towns Fund Revenue	£0	0
Other Public Sector Funds	£5,400,000	73%
Private Sector Funds	£0	0
Total	£7,400,000	100%

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Towns Fund	--	£100,000	£100,000	£900,000	£900,000
Crawley Growth Programme	--	--	£2.4m	£3.0m	--

Milestones

- Concept Design development **January – March 2022**
- Consultation with stakeholders and the community **June – July 2022**
- Detailed designs, planning pre-application conversations **June 2022**
- Prepare and submit planning application **July 2022**
- Secure planning permission **November 2022**
- Tender for works contractor to deliver new bus station, pedestrian and cyclist connectivity and surrounding public realm works **Nov 2022 – March 2023**
- Appoint contractor, prepare and mobilise programme of works – **April/May 2023**
- Construction period – **June 2023 – June 2025**
- Scheme completion – **Summer 2025**