

## **Next Steps – following on from the Tackling the School Run initiative.**

Creating links, enhanced infrastructure and providing schools and local communities with information about walking and cycling have proven to be cost-effective ways to increase walking and bicycling levels among school children and also reduce car use for the school run. Where feasible data has been collected on various projects of the 06/07 Tackling the School Run Programme and as this report shows, results have been quite significant. When measured, on-site infrastructure projects have shown to increase walking levels by about 6%, cycling levels by 5.2%, and decrease car use by 7%. Links projects have shown to increase walking levels by 5.6%, and cycling levels by 11%. The implementation of soft measures have resulted in an average increase of walking levels of over 8%, an increase in cycling levels of 2.5%, and an average decrease in car use of about 6%.

Evaluation and monitoring is key in showing the effectiveness and value of any type of intervention. The 06/07 Tackling the School Run Programme had to be implemented in a very short timeframe, in many cases not allowing local authorities and partner's sufficient time to complete their data collection efforts. Thus, as part of the final report requirement, Sustrans received only few detailed and comprehensive reports, yet with significant and exciting results in mode share changes. Many reports were not provided in such depth, and as a next step, Sustrans will follow-up on those.

Upon completion of this final review, Sustrans will produce a best practices booklet, including case studies and highlighting the many things that happened thanks to the funding from the Scottish Government and commitment of the local communities. Sustrans expects to have this review completed by November 2007, and the final booklet to be published in the spring of 2008.



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