



Action Vision Zero summary 2019 British election political manifestos

Action Vision Zero, a campaign to end road deaths and road danger, has reviewed the political party manifestos. See Table 1 for the manifestos of national parties and Table 2 for regional parties. We have summarised the actions they have proposed that will help deliver a safe, sustainable transport system.

Pledges to reduce road danger, cut motor vehicle use promote active travel

- Both the Green Party and Labour commit to Vision Zero and its aim of no road deaths and serious injuries.
- The Green Party, Labour and Liberal Democrats all promote active travel whilst the Conservatives will invest in cycling infrastructure and training.
- The Green Party and Liberal Democrats propose to reduce car use and the Green Party want 20mph to be the default speed limit
- Labour's additional commitments to Healthy Streets included much investment in promoting walking and cycling, and acknowledged the associated environmental and quality of life benefits.

Traffic law enforcement and justice system

- The Conservatives and Labour will recruit more police officers.
- Regarding Police and Crime Commissioners, the Conservatives want to increase their accountability, Labour wants to reform their funding, and Liberal Democrats would replace them with local councillors
- Short term prison sentences are to be discouraged by the Green Party, Labour and Liberal Democrats whilst the Conservatives who propose tougher sentencing

Table 1: National political parties 2019 election manifesto

	Brexit	Conservative	Green Party	Labour	Liberal Democrats
Road danger reduction, inc active travel promotion and motor vehicle use reduction		We will support commuter cycling routes, so that more people can cycle safely to work and more families can go out together. We will create a new £350 million Cycling Infrastructure Fund with mandatory design standards for new routes. We will extend Bikeability – cycling proficiency training – to every child. And we will work with the NHS to promote cycling for healthier living.	<p>Transport: including the delivery of a public and sustainable transport revolution, which will allow people to travel cheaply and safely on new trains, buses, cycleways and footpaths.</p> <p>Civilise our streets by making Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (in which rat-running is blocked) the norm for residential areas and making 20 miles per hour the default speed limit. These changes would reduce traffic, carbon emissions and danger to people walking and cycling. They would restore our streets to all people. They would also form part of a wider commitment to the core principle of the Vision Zero campaign – that there should be no fatalities or serious injuries as a result of road traffic collisions.</p> <p>Make 40 miles per hour the default speed limit in non-residential areas except on major roads.</p>	<p>We will increase the funding available for cycling and walking. We will bring together transport and land-use planning to create towns and cities in which walking and cycling are the best choice: safe, accessible, healthy, efficient, economical and pollution free. We will help children’s health and well-being by ensuring street designs provide freedom for physically active outdoor play and by introducing measures to ensure the zones around our schools are safer, with cleaner air</p> <p>We will adopt an ambitious Vision Zero approach to UK road safety, striving for zero deaths and serious injuries. Labour will invest to make our neglected local roads, pavements and cycleways safer for the everyday journeys of both drivers and vulnerable road users</p>	<p>Investing in public transport, buses, trams and railways to enable people to travel more easily while reducing their impact on the environment.</p> <p>Placing a far higher priority on encouraging walking and cycling – the healthiest forms of transport.</p> <p>Introduce nationwide strategy to promote walking and cycling, including the creation of dedicated safe cycling lanes, increasing spending per head five-fold to reach 10 per cent of the transport budget.</p> <p>Build on the successful Local Sustainable Transport Fund established by the Liberal Democrats when in government, and workplace travel plans, to reduce the number of cars – particularly single-occupancy cars – used for commuting, and encourage the development of car-sharing schemes and car clubs and autonomous vehicles for public use.</p>
<p>Note: on 30 November, days after Labour launched their manifesto, they announced plans for a new ‘Healthy Streets Programme’ to make towns and cities cleaner and greener to transform the environment, travel opportunities and quality of life across the country. This includes double cycling journeys by adults and children, build 5000km of cycleways, create safe cycling and walking routes to 10,000 primary schools, deliver universal affordable access to bicycles and grants for e-bike purchase, and provide cycle training for all primary school children and their parents, plus extend training to secondary schools and make it available for all adults</p>					

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Traffic law enforcement and justice system	Increase police numbers — more visible policing	<p>20,000 more police officers</p> <p>We will strengthen the accountability of elected Police and Crime Commissioners and expand their role</p> <p>We will introduce tougher sentencing for the worst offenders and end automatic halfway release from prison for serious crimes.</p> <p>We will toughen community sentences</p> <p>We will add 10,000 more prison places</p> <p>we will pass and implement a Victims' Law that guarantees victims' rights and the level of support they can expect</p>	<p>Integrate police forces more closely with the communities they serve by creating new community liaison and equality officers to work on positive relations and by putting more police on the beat.</p> <p>Significantly reduce the number of short-term prison sentences handed out, replacing them with restorative justice projects that have a better record of preventing reoffending.</p>	<p>We will rebuild the whole police workforce, recruiting more police officers, police community support officers and police staff. We will re-establish neighbourhood policing and recruit 2,000 more frontline officers than have been planned for by the Conservatives.... To deliver these priorities, Labour will work with police and crime commissioners to reform police funding and share new resources fairly, and to ensure that local needs are met.</p> <p>We will set new standards for community sentences and introduce a presumption against prison sentences of six months or less for non-violent and non-sexual offences.</p> <p>We will invest in proven alternatives to custody....We will further consider the evidence for effective alternatives and rehabilitation of prolific offenders.</p> <p>A Labour government will halt court closures and cuts to staff, and undertake a review of the courts reform programme. We will facilitate a more representative judiciary while upholding its independence, and review funding for the Crown Prosecution Service</p> <p>We will introduce minimum legal standards of service for all victims of crime</p>	<p>Fully fund an immediate two per cent pay-rise for police officers to support recruitment and retention, and future pay rises in line with recommendations from the independent Police Remuneration Review Body.</p> <p>Replace Police and Crime Commissioners with accountable Police Boards made up of local councillors.</p> <p>Reduce the number of people unnecessarily in prison, including by: introducing a presumption against short prison sentences; ending prison sentences for the possession of drugs for personal use; and increasing the use of tough community sentences and restorative justice where appropriate.</p>

Table 2: Regional parties 2019 election manifestos

	Democratic Unionist Party	Plaid Cymru	Scottish National Party
Road danger reduction, inc. active travel promotion and motor vehicle use reduction	Bringing forward the ban on sale of all new conventionally powered petrol and diesel cars to 2035	Help achieve our environmental goals through making public transport more affordable and attractive, introducing additional public electricity charging points across Wales, starting the transition towards a wholly electric fleet of public sector vehicles and supporting active travel.	investing over £500 million in improved bus priority infrastructure to make bus travel the faster, greener option and encourage people out of their cars reduced VAT on bicycles
Traffic law enforcement and justice system	Northern Ireland to lead on justice innovation... and strengthening and improving our police service.	We also believe that the time is appropriate for policing and criminal justice powers to be transferred to Wales, as they are in Scotland and Northern Ireland. As part of this transfer of powers we will create a Welsh legal jurisdiction, creating a justice system that rejects the needs of Wales. By devolving policing we will secure an extra £25 million for Welsh police forces, ensuring we can invest in crucial police services, rooted in our communities, focused on the priorities they need to keep us safe.	We will continue to demand the UK Government refunds the £175 million in VAT owed to Scotland's emergency services.

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