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Two of Aylesbury's 'big plans' are linked to transport issues, to improve the road links to the motorways and to improve rail and bus services in the town.

Aims:

This means that the town wants to

- Keep traffic moving
- Manage why, how, and when people travel
- Promote sustainable transport alternatives
- Minimise traffic growth.

The increased use of cycling has been a major priority of the town in recent years. Transport for Buckinghamshire, who manage the Cycle Aylesbury cycle town project, launched the Bourg Walk – what is called 'one of the UK's most exciting sustainable transport schemes'.

The Bourg Walk

It consists of a 260m long, 4.6m wide pedestrian and cycle bridge over the railway. This replaces a narrow footbridge over the railway which used to have signs asking cyclists to dismount and posts to slow down movement. The bridge forms a direct link from the residential area of Southcourt, over the dual carriageway to the town centre, railway station and the Aylesbury Transport Hub. It also provides the final link to a larger network of cycle ways. The Bourg Walk is the latest stage in the roll out of a sustainable transport strategy for Aylesbury. This aims to encourage a change in the number of people walking, cycling and catching the bus to accommodate a 50% growth in the town's population in the next 20 years.

These aims can be achieved in a number of ways. They may include the use of park and ride schemes, bus only lanes, restrictions when cars can travel into the town centre or perhaps even the use of bio-fuel vehicles. There are many other possible solutions and you have to imagine that you are making the decisions! It is worth knowing that much of the congestion happens on the Wendover Road.

What do you think would work for Aylesbury and would help to achieve some or all of the four aims shown above? What plans would be most sustainable? What would be popular with people who work in the town?

Annotate the map on the second worksheet with your plans, showing what you propose and where you would locate it. Give reasons for your choices.

