

NEWS

[Home](#)[UK](#)[World](#)[Business](#)[Politics](#)[Tech](#)[Science](#)[Health](#)[More ▼](#)[Wales](#)[Wales Politics](#)[Wales Business](#)[North West](#)[North East](#)[Mid](#)[More ▼](#)

'Over-reliance' on cars in Wales threatens carbon target

🕒 26 June 2018 | 🗨️



🔗 Share



GETTY IMAGES

The sale of new petrol and diesel cars in the UK will be banned from 2040

People rely too much on cars and Wales faces failing to hit carbon emission targets as a result, a report has said.

Emissions must be slashed by at least 80% by 2050 under targets set in the Environment (Wales) Act 2016.

But a report by the Institute of Welsh Affairs (IWA) said buses were in "serious long-term decline" and rail only covered a small area.

The Welsh government said it was "committed to tackling decarbonisation" and would consider the recommendations.

Data from the 2011 census said 84% of the distance covered by people on personal journeys was by car.

The report said travelling in Wales could be challenging as the "topography, history and economic development have not been conducive to the development of a cohesive network that links people and communities".

It also acknowledged data had been hard to come by as there had been no Wales-specific national travel survey since 2013 when responsibility was transferred from Westminster and Wales dispensed with it.

However, report author Chris Roberts said: "Transport in Wales is dominated by the car, more than in any other region or nation in the UK.

"Given that the sale of new petrol and diesel cars is to be banned from 2040, there is a clear need for managed change in Wales' transport system."

- Living on Wales' most polluted street
- Commuters on the Tube asked to give up seats
- Will the electric plane take off?



He said despite efforts to encourage more people to cycle, numbers were static or declining.

Department for Transport figures showed journeys on buses in Wales fell from 123 million in 2004-05 to 100 million in 2016-17, along with about 21 million rail journeys in 2016-17.

The report was being written **as the new South Wales Metro announcement** was made and "warmly welcomes" the plans.

However, it said details other than those centred around heavy rail "remain quite vague" and the scheme "will only function effectively if it employs buses as well as rail".

A spokeswoman said the Welsh Government had been proactive in supporting hydrogen technology and has announced **an extra £60m for its active travel plan**.

She added: "The recommendations put forward in this report will be taken into consideration alongside the excellent work we are already undertaking in this area as we plan for a decarbonised future."




GETTY IMAGES

Recommendations include:

... ..

- A default 20mph zone in built-up areas, with exemptions allowed
- Transport for Wales to prioritise integrating buses into the South Wales Metro
- Taking steps towards a green bus fleet "with the utmost urgency"
- Making sure new Metro trains have adequate space for bikes

 [View comments](#)

Related Topics

[Greenhouse gas emissions](#)

[Hydrogen vehicles](#)

Share this story About sharing



More on this story

Wales 'lagging behind' rest of UK on 20mph streets

16 June 2018

KeolisAmey reveal new-look Wales trains and services

4 June 2018

No increase in cycling in Wales despite active travel law

24 May 2018

Related Internet links

Institute of Welsh Affairs

The BBC is not responsible for the content of external Internet sites

Wales >





'Community grieving' after crash deaths

🕒 29 October 2018 | [Wales](#)



Welsh Government awaits extra cash news

🕒 29 October 2018 | [Wales](#) | 📰



Boy among Pride of Britain winners

🕒 29 October 2018 | [Wales](#)

Top Stories

Wife and son visit Leicester City crash site

Leicester City's first team and youth squad are also at the King Power Stadium to pay their respects.

🕒 15 minutes ago

Angela Merkel to step down in 2021

🕒 12 minutes ago

Brexit 'won't affect Budget spending plans'

🕒 1 hour ago

Features



Helicopter crash tragic end to fairytale



'The SOS in my Halloween decorations'



Brazil swing to right brings hope and fear



Dad creates VR world to help daughter



How could a brand new plane crash?



A stark choice facing President Trump



Who's in the driving seat for the pre-Brexit Budget?



How to navigate the crazy world of Halloween costumes



Reality Check: How many rough sleepers are there?

Elsewhere on the BBC



Little Drummer Girl

The stylish adaptation of John Le Carré's novel




Daily news briefing direct to your inbox


Sign up for our newsletter


Most Read


- | | |
|---|-----------|
| Leicester City helicopter crash: Owner's wife and son visit stadium | 1 |
| 'Woman blows herself up' in Tunis | 2 |
| Budget 2018 preview | 3 |
| Lion Air: How could a brand new plane crash? | 4 |
| Lion Air crash: Boeing 737 plane crashes in sea off Jakarta | 5 |
| Brexit won't affect Budget plans to 'end' austerity, says No 10 | 6 |
| 'Controlling bully' gets 23 years for Haringey wife murder | 7 |
| The Simpsons producer responds to claims Apu is leaving | 8 |
| Angela Merkel to step down as German chancellor in 2021 | 9 |
| Newtownards: Group dressed as KKK members is 'hate incident' | 10 |

BBC News Services

 **On your mobile**

 **On your connected
tv**

 **Get news alerts**

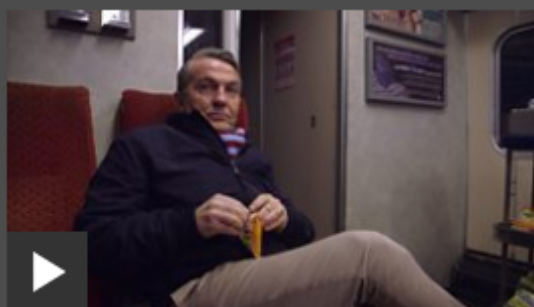
 **Contact BBC News**

Doctor Who



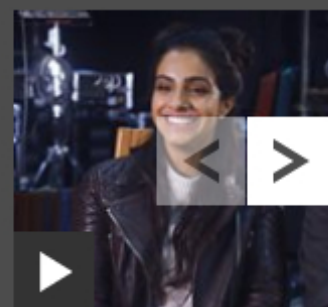
What happened in Doctor Who last night?

BBC ONE



Bradley Walsh can't stop eating props

BBC ONE



What you need to Props

BBC ONE

Home

iPlayer

Food

Make It Digital

TV

News

Sounds

Bitesize

Taster

Radio

Sport

CBBC

Earth

Local

Weather

CBeebies

Arts

Tomorrow's World

[Terms of Use](#)

[Accessibility Help](#)

[Get Personalised Newsletters](#)

[About the BBC](#)

[Parental Guidance](#)

[Privacy Policy](#)

[Contact the BBC](#)

[Cookies](#)