

## Aide to discussion- Life After Lockdown (5 year timescale)

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- We have been working with transport focused organisations to explore strategic planning options following the end of lockdown.
- The table below presents contrasting extremes of what might happen divided between optimism and pessimism
- Clearly the optimism/pessimism division below depends on the extent to which identification is with the 'Greta Thunberg' or 'Jeremy Clarkson' perspective.
- Inevitable the final outcome will be between the two extremes but this format a good 'Tool' for discussion –
- Comments/additions welcomed

Subject	Optimism	Pessimism
Cars	<p>(Less car use)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience of lower rates of travel and clean air will motivate reduction in car use</li> <li>• More people have got used to home deliveries and shop locally so less car mileage</li> <li>• Need for increased taxation may lead to higher motoring costs</li> <li>• Local authorities will continue to develop sustainable policies which curtail car access to city centres including rationing, work-place parking, congestion charging</li> </ul>	<p>(More car use)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cars essential during lockdown - people less willing to reduce ownership or use</li> <li>• Peak congestion on roads gets worse or at least no better</li> <li>• Only self-driving will be affordable to the majority <i>and</i> raise significant tax revenue.</li> </ul>
Rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Big increase in travel due to release of depressed demand</li> <li>• More travel in UK for leisure</li> <li>• New approaches to franchises and management structure</li> <li>• During the lockdown Railfreight has operated at a high level, giving intermodal trunk services high priority to support the retail supply chain. Additional paths and longer trains are being explored.</li> <li>• Decline of peak travel will reduce costs – staffing, maintenance, energy demand, etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern about disease spreading leads to reduction in both demand and service frequencies</li> <li>• Retraction in new development – electrification, HS2</li> <li>• No scope to increase subsidy to bus and rail, rather pressure to cut it back further.</li> </ul>
Bus/Coach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown could lead to shake-up of traditional bus operations – more innovation, more appropriate routes, cleaner buses, universal ticketing</li> <li>• More political support for bus priority</li> <li>• More interest in guidedbus/tram/train solutions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More cars and less money for new bus infrastructure</li> <li>• Buses lose appeal as it would not be economic to maintain service frequencies to meet user expectations of convenience.</li> <li>• Some companies collapse (large and small)</li> <li>• Women as bus users disproportionately affected.</li> </ul>
Air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Huge pent up demand for holidays, visiting friends and relations, business travel</li> <li>• Greater support for environmental issues will improve airport operations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skype and other electronic communication systems now familiar to many as travel substitute</li> </ul>
Hackneys/PSVs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people using taxis during lockdown may continue</li> <li>• Key mode for MaaS initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many small and self-employed taxi cos/providers won't survive</li> </ul>
Cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More people have purchased and used bikes</li> <li>• Better provision for cycling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some who try cycling found it difficult and not enjoyable</li> </ul>

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Walking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walking becomes a habit – people get to know their locality and shop etc locally</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone fed up with confinement to local area – desire to go further afield</li> </ul>
Freight/logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Big shake-up during the lockdown leading to logistics rethinks and more co-operation (e.g. CILT data matching and distribution initiative during lockdown)</li> <li>Port centred manufacturing/partial re shoring and localism may be seen as sensible for future resilience</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable Changes to logistics during the UK Olympics did not survive – cut-throat competition deters data sharing</li> <li>Massive disruption immediately following return to normality due to stock piling and disruption to JIT systems</li> </ul>
Commuting/peak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peak ironed out and more home working</li> <li>Flexible working easier to cover child-care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everyone will rush back to work having felt isolated during the lockdown</li> </ul>
Air quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater reliance on car travel should still be compatible with need for decarbonisation, faster pace towards zero carbon in car usage – driven by public demand, national air quality legislation/policy and LA strategies</li> <li>Greater switch to electric vehicles including freight</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The new Govt document on the decarbonisation challenge asserts the need to shift to public transport, but doesn't produce the evidence to back that up</li> <li>Growth in electric vehicles could increase congestion</li> </ul>
Road safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in driving will result in far fewer casualties/deaths</li> <li>Greater acceptance of the need for 20mph</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speeding has increased in less congested roads and could become a habit – could lead to more casualties</li> </ul>
ITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Massive boost to ITS capacity – pressure and legislation to data share</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of skills</li> </ul>
Disabled/Mobility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Systems to supply vulnerable people during lockdown could survive and develop – lots of new forms of demand responsive service delivery have sprung up at the local level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Could be an unwritten view that as people coped during lockdown with voluntary support – less need for public sector support</li> </ul>
MaaS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green agenda moves much higher up political acceptance levels and more support for MaaS</li> <li>Mobility Hubs gradually coming up the agenda e.g. Derby and Nottingham have been granted more than £15 million to invest in new 'mobility hubs' that integrate and encourage more widespread uptake of public transport etc. Initiatives will also encourage data sharing and simplified payments.<sup>i</sup></li> <li>UK ITS companies lead in innovations (e.g. Tracsis recent expansion)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sharing vehicles, rental, car clubs, bike hire or even taxi use reduced due to concerns about hygiene.</li> </ul>
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government will use infrastructure spending to kick start economy</li> <li>More investment in broadband outreach and upgrades</li> <li>Non transport supply competition, e.g. faster ultrafast broadband roll-out</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dire state of public finances – infrastructure 'low hanging fruit' for cuts</li> <li>Road building plans cut back</li> </ul>

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Public space Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sense of 'togetherness' developed during the lockdown will feed into communality including more outdoor activities and shared spaces. Fewer high rise</li> <li>• Longer-term changes in settlement patterns - a preference for living (and home-working) closer to local community clusters (i.e. villages growing) rather than in suburban sprawl)</li> <li>• More conversion of office space to residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nervousness about shared spaces (virus spreading) – people revert to insulation of private cars</li> <li>• Desire for many more to have some private outside space, if lockdowns continue to happen from time to time – reverse move to urban – more to suburbs</li> <li>• Demand for larger residential units/ flexible internal space design to enable home working.</li> </ul>
Industrial relations in transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lockdown crisis may result in more co-operation between management and staff to meet challenge of getting the system working again.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff shortages especially trained and skilled due to 'drifting away' during lockdown and concern about ongoing contagion.</li> </ul>
Modelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National transport model obsolete – opportunity for new approach especially acknowledgement of time saving values.</li> <li>• Data sharing offers huge opportunities for MaaS and real time transport planning/pricing management</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerns about data and personal security, civil liberties</li> <li>• Potential to discriminate</li> </ul>

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