

# Healthy Streets Design Check Training



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## BACKGROUND

This training programme has been developed for transport planners, urban designers and traffic engineers. The course takes participants step by step through how to use the Healthy Streets Design Check to accurately assess street designs against the 10 Healthy Streets Indicators and develop designs that maximise the Healthy Streets score.

The sessions can be delivered in-person or via an online platform. The preparation tasks for each session are done off-line. The course content can be tailored to the needs and local context of the participants to be most effective in enabling them to develop their knowledge, skills and plans.

This training is aimed at practitioners with Foundation level training in Healthy Streets to build their specialist skills in design.

## The Healthy Streets Design Check

The Healthy Streets Design Check is one in a suite of tools for implementing and evaluating the Healthy Streets Approach.

This tool has been developed with and for designers and engineers to score existing and proposed street lay-outs against the Healthy Streets Indicators.

This tool can be applied to any street or design. It can be used throughout the design process including: to develop project specification; to audit or raise **designers'** performance; to evaluate project impact; and to communicate design quality.

The Healthy Streets Design Check for England has been developed specifically for the UK context with practitioners from across England.



This training course has been developed for practitioners in the UK to become skilled at using this tool with accuracy and confidence throughout the design process.

On completion of this training Foundation Level Practitioners will be considered competent at quality assuring Design Checks completed by other designers.

## COURSE SUMMARY

The course is delivered as a series of interactive sessions that can be delivered online or in person. There are preparation activities for participants to complete between sessions. This structure has proven effective at building the skills and confidence of practitioners in the UK, Europe and Australia.

There is a maximum capacity for 15 participants on the course to ensure everyone is actively involved throughout.

Participation throughout every session and completion of every preparation task is mandatory. The course is delivered over several weeks to give participants time to complete their preparation tasks between sessions.

To enquire about booking a place email [training@healthystreets.com](mailto:training@healthystreets.com)

## Workshop sessions

Sessions are delivered by Lucy Saunders, who leads the development of all the Healthy Streets tools. She has trained practitioners in the UK, Europe and Australia on how to apply the Healthy Streets Design Check. Each session builds on the content of the previous sessions and the preparation tasks.

Participants need to be actively involved throughout. For online session good internet connectivity and a functioning camera and microphone are therefore essential.

## Preparation tasks

Prior to each workshop, participants are set a preparation activity to develop their skills in using the Design Check.

## COURSE PROGRAMME

### Preparation 1

Participants watch the video introduction to familiarise themselves with Healthy Streets and the tool.

### Session 1

The course starts with an overview of the Healthy Streets principles and how this tool fits into the wider suite of Healthy Streets measurement tools.

The session then introduces the tool: how it works, who should use it, when to use it, the strengths and limitations and how to get started

### Preparation 2

Participants familiarise themselves with the functionality of the tool and reading the 'about' and 'help' tab contents.

### Session 2

This session takes participants step by step through how to measure each metric. This includes discussion about common measurement mistakes and tips on how to assess each metric.

### Preparation 3

All participants assess the same street using the Design Check, google street view and basic data provided to them.

Completed Checks are submitted and reviewed for accuracy. Feedback is generated for each participant.

### Session 3

In this session the preparation task is examined in detail. Each metric is reviewed in detail to demonstrate how it should have been measured and discuss errors in measurement that were made.

#### Preparation 4

All participants complete the Design Check on a street of their choice. For this they will need to visit their chosen street for visual inspection and have basic traffic volume and speed estimates.

Participants exchange their completed Checks with another participant for peer review. They then develop a 3 minute presentation of their Check.

#### Session 4

This session is led by the participants who each present the Check they completed for Preparation 4 and respond to queries and challenge from their peers. This session helps participants to practice presenting and defending their work in a friendly setting.

#### Preparation 5

Each participant identifies an example of street design best practice that is applicable in their local context. They prepare a 2 minute presentation of their rationale for choosing this example for its role in delivering improvements across multiple Healthy Streets Indicators.

#### Session 5

In this session each participant pitches their choice of Healthy Streets design best practice and the group discusses the challenges and opportunities of widespread implementation of these design elements.

#### Preparation 6

Participants are set challenging questions they may face which they develop a model answer to.

#### Session 6

Participants present their responses to challenging questions and refine their answers. The group plan how they will implement using the tool in their work.

### BOOKING DETAILS

Booking enquiries can be sent to [training@healthystreets.com](mailto:training@healthystreets.com)

Individuals can book to join an online course that is delivered over a 6-week period by emailing [training@healthystreets.com](mailto:training@healthystreets.com)

Each place on the course is £550+VAT

Group bookings of up to 15 participants can be made for a course that is delivered in person, online or as a combination of online and in-person sessions. A group course is £5500 - £6000 +VAT (not including venue hire and catering for in person sessions).

Shorter introductory courses on the Healthy Streets Design Check can be arranged for groups of any size. Contact [training@healthystreets.com](mailto:training@healthystreets.com) with your training requirements and a course can be shaped to meet your needs.

### HEALTHY STREETS ACCREDITATION

Individuals who have completed Foundation Level Healthy Streets training will become accredited Healthy Streets designers on completion of this course. They will be added to the register of Healthy Streets designers on the Healthy Streets website and will receive a certificate and electronic badge.



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