6 reasons why we need cycle lanes

1. **Business booms**
   - Business benefits because those of who cycle or walk make more trips to the high street and spend more money.
   - 30% increase in retail sales.
   - 5x Shop vacancy rates are 5 times higher on streets with high levels of traffic.

2. **They reduce congestion**
   - Cycle lanes are the solution to congestion, not the cause.
   - £6.9bn Congestion cost the UK economy £6.9bn in 2019 with UK road users losing an average 115 hours and £894 a year.
   - 6,500 Cycle lanes can move up to 6,500 people per hour in a 3m wide lane, compared to between 700-1,100 people in cars.

3. **Cycle lanes are fantastic value for money**
   - In May, £225m was announced for emergency measures to create new cycle lanes, low traffic neighbourhoods and widen pavements.
   - £6.9bn It’s a cheap investment compared to:
     - £225m Emergency active travel fund
     - £27.4bn Road investment
     - £110bn HS2
   - For every £1 spent on...
     - walking and cycling infrastructure, the economy benefits by £13.
     - motorway upgrades and bypasses, the economy benefits by £3.10-£3.70.

4. **Build them and more people will use them**
   - The pattern across the world is that where separated cycle lanes have been built, many more people start to use them.
   - 11x Seville saw an 11-fold increase following the decision to build 50 miles of cycle lanes.
   - 53% In London, where cycle lanes were installed, some places recorded a 53% increase in use.

5. **The public wants them**
   - Of those surveyed, 77% were in support of measures in their area to encourage more walking and cycling.
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6. **Everyone benefits**
   - It’s not only about tackling coronavirus, more cycle lanes improve the health and wellbeing of everyone. It means more people will cycle, reducing air pollution, improve our general health, improve the economy and play a key part in tackling the global climate crisis.
   - 80% Of those who expressed a preference, 80% wanted the UK’s streets redesigned to protect pedestrians and cyclists from motorists.

For more details on why cycle lanes are so important for our future, check out our full briefing for further statistics and detailed arguments [cyclinguk.org/article/six-reasons-build-bike-lanes](cyclinguk.org/article/six-reasons-build-bike-lanes)