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A manifesto for cycling**

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## A vision for cycling in every community

Towns, cities, and rural communities designed for people, where more everyday journeys are cycled, our air is cleaner, our health and wellbeing are prioritised: recovering from Covid and building back stronger, greener, together, and more actively.

### Safe space for cycling first

**Cycling should be for everyone – from a child learning to ride using a balance bike, to an older person visiting friends on an e-bike; from a disabled person handcycling to work, to a family having a day out at the weekend. It should be, but too many local authorities aren't getting there with cycling, and it's time to make it happen.**

Getting more people walking and cycling some of those short everyday journeys has massive individual, environmental, economic and community benefits, but councils urgently need to step up to make this happen. When Covid struck we saw a huge increase in cycling as people were encouraged

to take physical activity and found their local roads were less busy and felt safer, proving that more people will choose cycling when they feel safe.

The post-Covid recovery presents huge challenges for every council, but cycling and walking provision is part of the solution to a green recovery and more active communities. It's time for every local authority to deliver connected networks of active travel routes, investing in the infrastructure and safety improvements needed to get more people moving more actively.

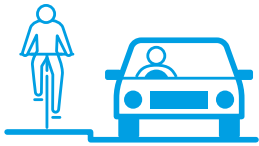
Together we can create healthier, happier, more attractive and low-carbon places to live, work, thrive and play. It's time to get there with cycling. It's time for every councillor to help make this happen.



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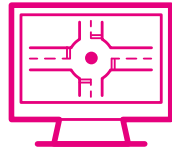
### Our asks for all local authorities in England:



#### Create safe space for cycling



1. Plan and prioritise the delivery of a connected network of safe and direct cycling and walking routes, ensuring that these network plans are at the heart of future Local Transport and Development Plans.
2. Commit sufficient funding for active travel to deliver these networks and achieve the government's 2025 target to double levels of cycling.
3. Set out the policies and targets to reduce carbon emissions from transport locally, and the contribution that more people cycling and walking can make.



#### Improve delivery



4. Design and deliver schemes which meet the government's cycle infrastructure design standards, so that they are safe and accessible for people of all ages and abilities; ensuring these standards are applied in all highway and traffic schemes, new developments, and planned road maintenance works.
5. Boost the council's capacity and skills to deliver walking and cycling infrastructure, building a team that can deliver the active travel networks at the pace needed to tackle climate change, improve health and wellbeing, and make cycling and walking the natural choice for short journeys.



#### Make neighbourhoods more attractive for cycling & people



6. Make 20mph the 'default limit' for local residential and shopping streets, rolling out School Streets and creating safe cycle routes to connect to them, to enable children to cycle every day and create safer neighbourhoods for everyone.
7. Increase secure cycle parking and storage in all our town centres and on residential streets to help people incorporate cycling into their everyday journeys.



#### Enable rural & urban communities to cycle

8. Integrate cycling and walking with public and shared transport initiatives, through cycle hire schemes, e-bike charging, access to and cycle parking at stations and public transport interchanges, so that journeys by bike can be part of an integrated sustainable transport system.
9. Make cycle training available for both children and adults, with support programmes to boost cycle use among groups who are under-represented in cycling including women, older people, health patients, people with disabilities and those from black and minority ethnic groups.
10. Improve access to local greenspace, making sure that the funding and delivery of local cycling and walking infrastructure plans are co-ordinated with rights of way improvement plans, realising the wellbeing, rural economy and tourism benefits of cycling by increasing outdoor access.



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## Who we are

Cycling UK is a charity that has championed the cause of cycling for 143 years and has 70,000 members. We campaign for policies and investment which will enable more people to benefit from riding a bike. We also run projects providing support to enable people to cycle – especially people facing particular barriers to cycling. We believe that everyone should have the opportunity to ride a bike in order to live a healthy, active and low-carbon lifestyle.

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