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A vision for cycling in Scotland

A Scotland where more people cycle for pleasure and everyday short journeys, in attractive and safe urban spaces and rural communities, benefiting their health and wellbeing, and reducing their carbon footprints – being part of efforts to contribute to a green economic recovery, meet our climate targets, reduce inequalities, cut road congestion, improve Scotland's air quality and boost the nation's health.



Safe space for cycling first

More cycle lanes and quieter streets in our local neighbourhoods would make Scotland a better place to live and enable people to travel sustainably.

A majority of people consistently say that busy roads deter them from cycling and if councils created more safe space for cycling it would motivate them to get on a bike.

The experience of cities which have forged ahead with making streets cycle-friendly shows that once high-quality cycle lanes and safe space

for cycling is in place, people do get on bikes and enjoy travelling sustainably. In other words – if you build it, they will come – and like Kevin Costner in *Field of Dreams*, realising this positive vision for communities in Scotland requires councils to be bold and to act quickly.

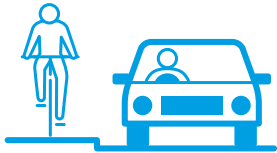
A record level of funding is now available for Scotland's Local Authorities to spend on cycling, walking and wheeling. It is time for councils to step up, be bold, carefully plan and speedily deliver the high-quality safe cycling infrastructure needed to enable everyone to cycle.



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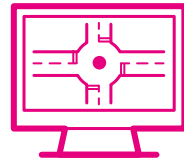
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Our asks for all local authorities in Scotland:



Create safe space for cycling

- 1. Create a safe cycling network** – based on a plan for a dense joined-up cycling infrastructure network in every town and city, and rural routes to link these, designed to national standards and accessible for all.
- 2. Invest in sustainable travel** – by providing the financial investment needed to create the cycling network and make active travel a priority in all transport and neighbourhood decision-making.



Streamline delivery

- 3. Design to the highest standards** – as set out in Cycling by Design 2021 – and ensure these standards are applied in all highway and traffic schemes, new developments, and road maintenance schemes.
- 4. Refocus on the climate emergency** – by permanently increasing the size and capability of active travel teams to deliver the cycling network and reduce car dependency.
- 5. Streamline processes** – so that cycle infrastructure can be installed as quickly as possible, including reviewing consultation processes and using compulsory purchase powers whenever required.



Make neighbourhoods more attractive for cycling & people

- 6. Roll out School Streets** – and create safe cycle routes to connect to them – to enable children to cycle to school.
- 7. Lower speed limits to 20mph** – for the majority of roads in built-up areas, to make neighbourhood streets safer.
- 8. 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

- 9. Create local travel hubs** – in communities to promote, enable and connect shared transport, cycle hire, e-bike charging, safe walking routes, and transport information.
- 10. Improve access to local greenspace** – by creating routes and facilities to boost wellbeing, the rural economy and tourism opportunities.



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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, including 5000 in Scotland. In Scotland 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 like those on low incomes, disabled people and people in rural communities. 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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