

Dear Agent

Cycling UK (www.cyclinguk.org) is the UK's cycling charity, enabling and inspiring more people to cycle more often since 1878. Representatives of the local group, Cycling UK Stevenage, meet regularly with officers from Stevenage Borough Council to discuss issues of relevance to people who cycle or who would like to cycle around the town.

As we approach the Stevenage Borough Council elections on 2nd May, we would like to pose the following questions to each of the candidates from your party who are standing in the various wards to consider. I would be grateful if you could forward them to the relevant candidates.

We will share the answers that we receive by Wednesday 24th April on our website on Thursday 25th April.

www.cyclinguk.org/group/page/stevenage-cycle-campaign-cycling-uk-0

Question 1

The regeneration of Stevenage Town Centre is currently taking place with limited car parking for many new residential properties. Currently links to the cycle network are very limited. What will you do to ensure that active travel is a convenient choice for people travelling to and from businesses and residential properties within the Town Centre?

Question 2

Cycling UK Stevenage supported a recent campaign for the installation of low-level lighting through Fairlands Valley Park. Do you support the provision of lighting for this key walking, wheeling, and cycling route from Fairlands Way to Broadhall Way?

Question 3

Stevenage Borough Council introduced cycle hangers in 2021 but so far only 3 have been installed. Will you commit to ensuring that at least one hanger is installed in each ward across the town over the next 12 months?

Question 4

In the 1950s, Stevenage was the New Town built for active travel but punctures are a big deterrent to beginner cyclists. What steps will you take to ensure that broken glass is removed more promptly from our 45km of cycleways?

Question 5

Over the past year, Cycling UK Stevenage have had to raise concerns about the suitability of cycle parking as part of various planning applications. What will you do to ensure that permission is only granted when cycle parking that is accessible to all users and types of cycle is provided?

Question 6

If elected, would you agree to meet with Cycling UK Stevenage to discuss ward-specific priorities for active travel?

A copy of this letter will be sent by email to the local contact point for your party where it is available online. If you would like to receive a copy direct, please contact me at the email address below. Please get in touch if you have any questions or would like further information.

We look forward to hearing from the candidates.

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