



WESTMINSTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN: CLIMATE SAFE STREETS

We're calling on the next leader of Westminster Council to make an urgent commitment to deliver #ClimateSafeStreets.

The 2022 council elections are a fundamental point on London's zero-carbon journey. Road transport emissions are the largest and most stubborn source of London's emissions and borough councils control 95% of the city's roads. We need a strong commitment from all our borough councils now – that's why we're calling on Westminster Council to play a full and fair part in cutting road transport emissions and ensuring London becomes a zero-carbon city by 2030.

WESTMINSTER AND THE CLIMATE

Westminster has some of the highest carbon emissions in the UK and has set a target of achieving net zero emissions across the borough by 2040. Their [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#) was informed by and developed in consultation with business, resident and community stakeholders throughout 2020 and 2021. One of the highest priorities is to encourage walking and cycling through improved infrastructure but as Westminster backpedals on some of the schemes they implemented, it remains to be seen how they intend to stay on course to reach their 2040 target.

In light of Westminster Council's current approach towards addressing the climate crisis, we're requesting the following asks of the council's next leader to ensure that their roads are decarbonised by 2030.

WESTMINSTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN'S ASKS

- 1. By 2026, at least 75% of residents in Westminster will live within 400m of a cycle route that meets the highest standard, to create a network that is safe and inclusive for all.**
 - All new cycle routes will be created to the highest [LTN 1/20](#) standards (see 1.1.2). These routes will be direct, be protected from traffic on busier roads, or on filtered lower traffic roads.
 - This will pave the way for 100% of residents being within easy reach of a safe cycle network by 2030.

- 2. By 2026, install a pedestrian phase at all signalised junctions where footfall is high, on every arm of the junction.**
 - In 2019, Living Streets identified 16 'high priority' junctions in Westminster which urgently need a pedestrian crossing phase due to the risk to pedestrians. This is the highest number of any London borough.

- 3. By 2026, carry out a wide-reaching, representative survey of residents in all of Westminster's neighbourhoods about motor traffic on their streets. Where a significant proportion want through traffic reduced, carry out a rolling programme to reduce or remove through traffic in those neighbourhoods.**
 - Westminster City Council say that Westminster has the worst air pollution in the UK.
 - There should be deep engagement with residents that represents the community.

- 4. By 2026, there will be sufficient secure and inclusive cycle parking for residents and visitors throughout Westminster and more street trees and parklets.**
 - The council currently provides 47,000 parking spaces in Westminster over 600 miles of kerbside.
 - This makes it the largest parking service in Europe.
 - Converting just a small percentage of these spaces into other uses could transform Westminster's streets into spaces for people, nature, and the climate.
 - This can be done whilst maintaining and even increasing the number of blue badge parking bays.

- 5. By 2026, every resident of Westminster will live within an easy distance of an electric vehicle car club and a shared cycle hub, so that most households do not need to own a car.**
 - Shared mobility would increase the affordable transport options for residents.

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