



HACKNEY CYCLING CAMPAIGN: CLIMATE SAFE STREETS

We're calling on the next leader of Hackney 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 Hackney Council to play a full and fair part in cutting road transport emissions and ensuring London becomes a zero-carbon city by 2030.

HACKNEY AND THE CLIMATE

Hackney has committed to net zero emissions across council functions by 2040. While they lack a detailed climate action plan, they have made progress on introducing more School Streets and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods in the borough. They have also brought forward cycle infrastructure schemes aimed at putting 89% of residents within 400m of a cycle route. The lack of a climate action plan detailing specific objectives is concerning but there does seem to be progress being made towards their 2040 ambition.

In light of Hackney 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.

HACKNEY CYCLING CAMPAIGN'S ASKS

1. All children should be able to safely walk and cycle to every primary and secondary school in Hackney

The council should create school streets, filters, protected cycle lanes on main roads, or safe junctions for every primary and secondary school in Hackney by 2026.

2. Continue to roll out low-traffic neighbourhoods, and maximise their potential for safe cycling

LTN coverage of the entire borough by 2025; safe main-road crossings forming strategic 'gateways' to allow safe cycling between LTNs; a network of routes linking

the gateways, with high-quality wayfinding, and additional calming measures where needed to lower traffic speed/ volume to safe levels along the routes

3. Secure and affordable cycle parking in Hackney for all

There should be an end to unacceptably long waiting lists for on-street cycle parking, and a rapid expansion in parking for cycles on estates. We would also want to see a pilot scheme for on-street secure parking for cargo bikes or adapted cycles.

4. Make cycling accessible in Hackney housing estates

All estates should be made accessible to cyclists and every entrance to every estate accessible to wheelchairs - this benefits cargo bike users and hand cycle users. Widen entrances, remove impermeable barriers such as gates that close off the entire entrance. Remove anti-motorcycle barriers. Survey every estate to identify barriers and embark on a plan to remove them all by the next election.

5. Make Hackney's major junctions and main roads safe

We want to see schemes to make Hackney's big junctions and main roads safe that have stalled given priority, including the Hackney Central scheme. This would include Pembury Junction, Morning Lane, and Stamford Hill. More protected cycle tracks should be created on dangerous roads in the borough, such as Boleyn Road, Downham Road, Amhurst Road and Lauriston Road.

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