



KINGSTON CYCLING CAMPAIGN: CLIMATE SAFE STREETS

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

KINGSTON AND THE CLIMATE

Kingston declared a climate emergency in 2019 and has since committed to deliver carbon neutrality in council operations by 2038. Their climate action plan is still in the [draft phase](#) and is awaiting engagement from the community and further discussion before it can be formalised. In the draft document, they list a number of actions to promote active travel in the borough, including working with neighbouring boroughs to ensure that sustainable travel networks link up between boroughs.

In light of Kingston 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.

KINGSTON CYCLING CAMPAIGN'S ASKS

1. Candidates' support for Kingston's bids to TfL for funding of further 'Go Cycle' routes to provide safe, protected cycling space on key direct routes across the borough, linking residents with schools, hospitals, and local everyday amenities.

- https://moderngov.kingston.gov.uk/documents/s94043/12a_Annex%201%20LIP%20Programme%202022_23%20-%20TfL%20FUNDING%20PROGRAMMES.pdf

- 2. Support for a 5 to 10 year programme to deliver a complete cycle network, providing new facilities, updating older facilities and introducing Low Traffic Neighbourhoods to improve local conditions for walking, cycling and access to public transport.**
- 3. Commit to an excellent degree of maintenance of cycle lanes - regular cleaning and active management of issues of illegal parking, flooding, broken glass, vegetation, so that existing and new routes are fully usable by all cycle users 24/7, 4 seasons of the year.**
 - Existing schemes can offer considerably more if they are maintained
 - Small improvements such as light protection wands would prevent people from blocking cycle lanes with parked cars
 - Routes need to be inclusive for personal safety and to support people travelling to work or education outside standard travel hours
- 4. Make the Kingston cycle hub beside Kingston station secure and useful for people cycling to Kingston.**
 - It is a good facility that needs to be considered as an ongoing project in order to keep it in usable shape and reduce vandalism and theft
 - Work with local cycle groups to offer Dr Bikes and other events around the hub so that the space is less isolated
 - <https://www.burohappold.com/projects/go-cycle-kingston-station/>

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