



Lancaster and District Cycle
Campaign

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Dear

On behalf of members of Dynamo (Lancaster & District Cycle Campaign), I am writing to ask you if you will support cycling if you are re-elected to Parliament for **Lancaster and Fleetwood/Morecambe and Lunesdale**.

I apologise if I am stating the obvious to you, but cycling and walking are important for the following reasons:

- For better air quality: Lancaster, Carnforth and Galgate are all Air Quality Management Areas.
- Make our towns and cities pleasanter and safer for everyone.
- Improve public health by promoting active travel.
- Reduce traffic congestion by using less road space.
- Tackle climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions.
- Promote equality of opportunity by providing independent travel for all socio-economic groups.
- As an alternative to big road building in our small island.
- And finally, the economic argument for cycling in terms of benefit cost ratios and tourism (e.g. the Morecambe Bay cycleway).

So, Dynamo and its members would be interested to hear your views. Firstly, we would ask you if you would be willing to support Cycling UK's "Space for Cycling" campaign (<http://www.cyclinguk.org/campaign/space-for-cycling>), which aims for a full network of high quality, cycle-friendly routes plus funding of a minimum of 5-10% of the local transport budget. Obviously, we already have a start - the Morecambe-Lancaster path is a great asset - but if we are serious about all the above points, we need to do much more, both about infrastructure and maintenance.

Secondly, we would welcome any thoughts on the recently published report on "Cycling and Justice System" by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cycling (<https://allpartycycling.org/inquiries/justice/>), which makes several recommendations to improve the current judicial system.

Finally, Dynamo would be interested to hear if you are supportive of strict liability for cyclists and pedestrians - where, in a collision, the onus is the motorist to prove that the cyclist or pedestrians was at fault. The aim is not to demonise drivers but to encourage more careful driving, and it is common on the continent.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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