



Lancaster and District Cycle  
Campaign

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Dear Mr Iddon

I write to you on behalf of the Lancaster & District Dynamo cycle campaign to welcome you to your new role of Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport.

Cycling may not be your first thought when considering the responsibilities of your new post, but it has the potential to contribute to the objectives of the County Council in the following ways:

- to improve air quality: Lancaster, Carnforth and Galgate are all Air Quality Management Areas
- to make our towns and cities pleasanter and safer for everyone
- to improve public health by promoting active travel
- to reduce traffic congestion by using less road space
- to tackle climate change by reducing carbon dioxide emissions
- to 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).

My second reason for writing is to enquire if there are any plans to put in place forums at county and local level\* to facilitate liaison between Highways and cyclists/pedestrians. These used to be regular events until the departure of the County's only Cycling Officer a year ago. They provided a platform for the County to outline its thinking and plans to cyclists, and for cyclists to comment on new infrastructure and to raise issues. They are specifically mentioned in the new Cycling and Walking Strategy, but no one in County Hall can give us any more information.

My third question regards one of our ongoing campaigns – cyclist and pedestrian safety on the A6 in south Lancaster. Some of the works agreed with the previous administration are still ongoing, and I would be grateful if you could direct me to the best person to follow these up with.

Dynamo looks forward to meeting you when a suitable opportunity presents itself. In the meantime, we wish you all the best in your new post.

Yours sincerely

Patricia Clarke for Dynamo

\* For example, Lancaster District had its own forum in addition to the Lancashire Cycle Liaison meetings