

Bristol Cycling Campaign Policy Statement

Manifesto for Council Candidates



- Cycling is good for Bristol - and more cycling is better¹
- 8 in 10 people want Bristol to be better for cycling
- Cycling in Bristol means sharing space with intimidating motor traffic, or with pedestrians. No-one is happy
- Two thirds of people consider cycling too risky for them
- Bristol has a target to achieve 20% cycling by 2020 with profound benefits to wellbeing, congestion, environment and prosperity²
- The only proven way to deliver this is to provide a continuous and dedicated cycling network, to Triple A standards - for **All Ages** and **Abilities**.

Our councillors must work to help create an environment whereby it is easier for us to make choices that are good for us, good for our neighbourhood, and good for our city. We are calling on candidates and councillors to support Space for Cycling, for the benefit of everyone.

Questions for Candidates on specific priorities

1. Will you work to make your ward and neighbourhood a better place to cycle and walk, so that people can travel safely to work, to school, to shop, to play, and to green spaces?
2. Will you do all you can to deliver the specific improvement in your ward identified at bristolcyclingcampaign.org.uk/wards?

General Questions for Candidates

1. Will you support and help produce a good transport plan for your ward and neighbourhood which puts people first, and particularly the young, the old and the disadvantaged? **Streets for All** in residential areas means low speeds, continuous pavements across side streets, no rat running or through traffic, and all streets open for cycling, including one-way contraflows.
2. Will you press for **Space for Cycling** in your ward generally? This means protected space on high volume and 30mph roads and at busy junctions. It means accepting no less than 'Triple A' standards of design, construction & maintenance, for All Ages and Abilities. It means having safe routes to school, to work, to shops, and to green spaces.
3. Will you work towards a **Living Heart** for your neighbourhood? This means public spaces that are not dominated by through motor traffic, that have plenty of cycle parking and where people are the priority, not traffic.
4. Do you recognise that some changes will be controversial and will you stand up for those with most to gain but whose voices are often not heard - the young, the old and the disadvantaged?

¹ <http://bristolcyclingcampaign.org.uk/news/578-bike-life-taking-the-pulse-of-bike-life-in-bristol>

² <http://bristolcyclingcampaign.org.uk/news/466-bristol-cycle-strategy-published>