

**STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO BRISTOL CYCLING CAMPAIGN
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I support cycling. Not only does it have obvious health benefits in keeping people fit and improving the air quality, but it has social benefits too, getting people out and about, talking to each other, experiencing life.

I want to make cycling an ordinary part of everyday life. That means safety and space on roads. It also means developing the image of cycling and changing the nature of the conversation from competitive to co-operative.

For example, I ride my bike everywhere but do not describe myself as a cyclist. And I do not want pedestrians pitted against cyclists who are pitted against car drivers. We all inhabit the same city and should work together to make Bristol better for everyone.