



Bristol Cycling Campaign

Response to NPPF Consultation

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Bristol Cycling Campaign (BCyC) welcome the additions made to the Draft NPPF relating to planning for cycling. The current (2012) NPPF neglects cycling and fails to recognise that enabling cycling is not just desirable but necessary if we are to meet our aspirations for air quality, CO2 emissions, reduce congestion and improvement of mental and physical wellbeing.

We recommend a change to Section 92 b) to '*legible pedestrian and cycle routes*'

We welcome Section 105 d), which states that planning policies should provide for walking and cycling networks. However it is vital that wider transport infrastructure plans and schemes are considered holistically so that cycling infrastructure is incorporated into major road and public transport infrastructure projects from the inception, and are seen as integral parts of the transport network rather than separate and unrelated. Local planning policy should ensure provision for cycling is designed in from the inception of new private and public sector developments. We would welcome an addition to section 105 to this effect.

We also welcome Section 110 of the draft framework. This should be supported by the adoption of best practice design guidance by local authorities to ensure that developments meet these criteria.

The development of plans for cycling networks is necessary precondition for the widespread delivery of high standard cycle infrastructure but planning policy alone is not sufficient and these changes to the NPPF should be backed up by adequate funding so that planned routes and networks can be delivered.

In addition to this, improved Department for Transport infrastructure guidance that draws upon national and international best practice is necessary to ensure that schemes that proposed schemes meet the standards required to enable cycling amongst all ages and abilities.

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Note: **Bristol Cycling Campaign (BCyC)** have been campaigning since 1991 to make cycling in Bristol so easy that everyone does it. We produced the [Bristol Cycling Manifesto](#) in 2013 which set out a 12 year strategy to quadruple cycling in the city which was endorsed by the Mayor of Bristol and has influenced the Bristol Cycling Strategy. Our [Space for Cycling 2016](#) manifesto won the support of 63% of the elected councillors, and the new Mayor.