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Chesterfield cycle Campaign supports the creation of a joined up network of cycle routes in and around Chesterfield with segregation from vehicles and pedestrians.

Do you support that statement?

Yes

We are interested to here your reasons.

Cycling is a key to health & wellbeing aim and is key for low paid workers to access affordable/clean mode of travel. As a former cabinet member for Derbyshire I supported schemes for cycling all around the county and in Chesterfield and I do a little bit of cycling myself when my disability allows.

Derbyshire County Council has almost completed a cycle route from the south of Dronfield to Tupton & the 5 Pits Trail and have recently consulted about creating an east west route from the Royal Hospital to Brookside.

Please let us know your thoughts about these two routes.

The east - west route is in general an excellent opportunity to create a top class cycle route however it isn't meeting the objectives of the active travel plan and has been rushed through to access the funding. The last part of the route to the hospital could have been better planned and changed to make it better for not only cyclists but walkers too. The route isn't an ideal route in the winter months as there are no lighting lamps from the entrance to the golf course right up to the main housing in Brimington. It isn't ideal for less abled persons either and has no segregation of cyclists from walkers and looking at the consultation it doesn't mention any either. Active travel plans should have considered public transport on this link for persons getting to the hospital and it sadly isn't mentioned anywhere at all in the consultation. As cabinet member I was happy to approve the station link and have used it myself to walk & cycle to/from the station.

Both of those routes use the 'station link' walking and cycling path south of the railway station. Do you have an idea how many cycle journeys are recorded on that link daily?

Between 25 and 75

Do you agree in principle with reallocation of roadspace to create safe cycling infrastructure?

Yes

Let us know why

I agree with segregation as I have nearly been knocked off my cycle a few times when I cycle to/from the hospital which is my place of work. We have a great opportunity to encourage more cycling with safer routes for everyone including cyclists, walkers and motor vehicles where the conflict of all these can be segregated with dedicated routes/lanes/paths and remove the high risk that is in place without dedicated segregation.

Do you already, or would you consider using a bicycle for local journeys around Chesterfield? Please let us know reasons why or why not.

I do use occasionally however my disability limits where I can cycle to because of the hills we have in and around Chesterfield.

Given a climate emergency can cycling play a local transport role?

Cycling along with walking/electric vehicle use/ cleaner modes of transport will all play a key role in making Britain a cleaner country for all.

Please let us know if you think any of these would be useful in Chesterfield from the list below:

Bicycle hire at the railway station

Build Staveley regeneration road

Secure bike parking in town centre

Free bike checks and basic repairs

Free cycle maps

All new developments connected to cycle network

Anythink else you want tell us?

The cycle campaign group do a fantastic job in promoting cycling in and around Chesterfield and hope that you are successful in changing the views of many people who see cycling as an off the road activity when actually a lot of the highway can be adapted for multi use and segregated to give people the opportunity to feel safe whilst they are cycling. There needs to be a government prepared to put the necessary funds in place to make places fully active travel

compliant that isn't just cycling but all clean modes of transport accessible for all people and not just able bodied persons.