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Number of comments collected : 288 or 1 in 3 participants (36%)

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| 1 | NE6 | "The cycle routes are fragmented and advisory routes poorly maintained. I encounter broken glass on routes in a number of places. cycle routes to be blocked off without alternative provision (Sheildfield flats, Tyne Bridge). the best bit of my route to work is accross City Stadium (Shieldfield/Sandyford; the worst is through newcastle City Centre to the bridges." |
| 2 | NE3 | "The pavement on the Great North Road between the speed camera and the Blue House Roundabout is regularly used by cyclists as the road is far too fast and completely unsafe to cycle on. This situation is neither good for cyclists nor pedestrians!" |
| 3 | NE8 | "There are many examples of poor cycle facility design and many sections of road that are simply dangerous too cycle. These need improvement and I would be happy to help if I can. Please feel free to get in touch via my email if I can help. I cycle in newcastle every day regardless of the weather. Cheers!" |
| 4 | NE15 | "I hate it when people park in cycle lanes so we have to ride in busy streams of traffic and motorists get angry. The same goes for motorists who draw up to lights and sit in the cycle slot and/or swing left swiping your wheel in their eagerness and ignorance of cyclists on the road." |
| 5 | NE7 | "The state of the roads since the bad wheather is positively dangerous. There are massive pot holes and the repairs when completed are not much better" |
| 6 | NE3 | "*Sharing bike lanes with buses, white vans, taxis, and lorries. I'd rather be in the car lane." |
| 7 | NE4 | "My cycle lane outside the bbc was removed to make room for more cars at the traffic lights. I don't really like having to merge lanes with cars traveling at 40mph. It doesn't feel overly safe so I told the council that what they'd done was dangerous and they just told me that overall they'd increased the number of cycle lanes." |
| 8 | NE15 | "All the year round I bus my Brompton compact folding bike from Throckley into the City Centre at an average rate of four days a week." |
| 9 | NE5 | "The city centre gets extremely busy with traffic. If we cycle on the roads we are faced with being beeped at and cut up from cars, if we try to go on the paths we suffer insult and comments from pedestrians. We really need safer cycle routes that allow us safe access both into the city centre and back out again." |

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| 10 | NE6 | "I adore cycling, but I despise cycling to work. I feel that I'm inches away from vehicular death every single morning. The current lack of safe cycling routes into the city is an appalling state of affairs." |
| 11 | NE2 | "I strongly support this campaign as I commute to work in the city centre on a daily basis. I read recently that 36% of Copenhageners cycle to work every day, I doubt for Newcastle we would get near 1%!" |
| 12 | NE3 | "We have some greatcycle routes but many are often littered with glass and other dangerous and damaging materials. I have had to spend a fortune replacing tyres!!" |
| 13 | NE7 | "rather have a more scaninavian (I work for maersk) or Dutch (part of our group is in Rotterdam) approach to cycling as a way of life, rather than live the way." |
| 14 | NE3 | "I AM A PROFOUNDLY DEAF CYCLIST WHO COMMUTES TO WORK EVERYDAY AND OFTEN FEEL THAT I AM PUTTING MY LIFE AT RISK. THERE IS SIMPLY NO RESPECT SHOWN FOR CYCLISTS WE ARE PUNISHED FOR USING THE ROADS AND PENALISED IF WE MOUNT THE PATHS. FIND CYCLING VERY INTIMIDATING IN CITY CENTRE ESPECIALLY DOWN PERCY STREET. BUSES ARE NOT VERY CYCLIST FRIENDLY, TAXIS TOTAL MORONS OVERTAKING ME ON LEFT FORCING ME TO BRAKE AND CARS ALWAYS IN SUCH A HURRY ALL SELF SELF SELF.. HAVE CYCLED IN HOLLAND BEFORE AND IT IS SO RELAXING. EVEN LAST YEAR MY HUSBAND AND I DID THE COAST N CASTLES CYCLE ROUTE AND FOUND FROM BLYTH ONWARDS PEOPLE WERE MORE GENUINELY RESPECTFUL TO CYCLISTS AND MORE TOLERANT MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE BYPASSING THEM DAILY. THERE ARE NO ENJOYABLE CYCLE ROUTES IN CITY CENTRE AS ALL USE THE ROADS WITH NO CYCLE LANES AND CRAZY NO CAR LANES IN CENTRE OF THE ROAD SORRY BUT I AINT LEAVING THE PROTECTION OF THE KERB N PATH NO WAY AM I BEING SANDWICHED BETWEEN A BLACK CAB AND A DOUBLE DECKER BUS JUST TO BE IN A NO CAR LANE THAT TO ME IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER. LOVE CYCLING CUTING DOWN ON THE POLLUTION IN THE ENVIRONMENT AND BEING HEALTHY WHICH ALL COUNCILS SUPPOSEDLY PROMOTING!! DRIVERS SHOULD THINK WHILST SITTING BUMPER TO BUMPER IF MORE PEOPLE FELT SAFER CYCLING THERE WOULD BE LESS ROAD RAGE EVERY MORNING. HALF THE TRAFFIC EARLY AM IS MOTHERS TAKING KIDS TO SCHOOL NOT EXACTLY GIVING THEM THE HEALTHIEST START TO LIFE SITTING WITH STRESSED PARENTS IN A CAR EVERY DAY. SURELY SAFER AND MORE EASIER ACCESSIBLE CYCLE ROUTES WOULD ENCOURAGE MOTHERS TO CYCLE TO SCHOOL AGAIN CUTS DOWN ON EXCESS TRAFFIC. IN HOLLAND CYCLISTS HAVE RIGHT OF WAY, TREAT WITH RESPECT AND CAN COMMUTE SAFELY!! COULD GO ON FOREVER AND EVER, SO REALLY KEEN TO PUSH THIS ISSUE AS I FEEL THAT I AM PLAYING WITH DEATH EVERYDAY I VENTURE OUT ON MY BIKE AND THAT IS NOT RIGHT." |
| 15 | NE7 | "Cycle path links to Tyne Bridge are very poor." |

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| 16 | NE30 | "the main problems in the city centre seem to centre around poor driving, lack of driver education, and the lack of any attempt to enforce the 20mph limits where they exist." |
| 17 | NE4 | "Parking in cycle lanes is becoming a bigger problem by the year. The changes to the cycle lane on Silver Lonnen looks like a death sentence for cyclists." |
| 18 | NE2 | "Parked cars at sides of roads blocking cycle lanes are hazardous" |
| 19 | NE28 | "there are a lot of other areas, which urgently require some bike lanes and in addition better roads for safe cycling. The traffic as well as the quality of the roads are a real health and safety issue!!" |
| 20 | NE3 | "Please model new cycle network plans on those in Holland and Denmark which are so successful." |
| 21 | NE6 | "The council need to rethink the design of their cycle routes, preferably with input from actual cyclists. There are huge problems with the design of cycle routes in Newcastle: they are intermittent, breaking off in counter-intuitive and unhelpful places; they too often mix cyclists and pedestrians, which is a recipe for frustration on both sides (esp now that so many pedestrians are plugged in to earphones and don't take responsibility for their own safety. As both a pedestrian and a cyclist, it's generally clear to me that the council prioritises vehicular traffic above all else." |
| 22 | NE32 | "I work for Nexus, and sometimes cycle to work at Nexus Rail Headquarters at Gosforth Industrial Estate. I work shifts, but normally only cycle when I am on dayshift. My route is normally towards Heworth and onto to Gateshead, over the Tyne Bridge, and then through the City Centre, Barras Bridge and onto the North Road. Coming home after work can be a little `scary` at times when in the city centre." |
| 23 | DH3 | "Having lived in London all of my life until now i would recommend that you introduce a congestion charge in central Newcastle between 16.00 and 20.00 monday to friday. It works in London and it would definately work in Newecastle." |
| 24 | NE25 | "Route signposting is lacking in places" |
| 25 | NE2 | "presence of glass on cycle paths, especially town moor by exit onto motorway,north terrace. Also cycle path past n/c univ library just stops at bottom of hill. no safe way to continue as not allowed to cycle down northumberland street 9 I think we should be allowed) as alternartive is very dangerous using John Dobson Street. Also Osborne road is a nightmare with all the illegally parked cars." |
| 26 | NE2 | "My commute to work is excellent from Gosforth along the great north road to the quayside with almost all of the way on cycle lanes so there are some good routes out there. If you are cycling from Gosforth to the EA offices your route should also be pretty good if you go via the new Northumbria Uni building over the new bridge over the motorway and down to the picther and piano pub and then along the riverside path!" |

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| 27 | n/a | "there needs to be a pedestrianisation of the city centre also as not only cyclists run the gauntlet daily but also pedestrians. There is far to many taxis allowed into the heart of the city and we all know how taxi drivers drive about with a lack of thought!!!" |
| 28 | NE6 | "Inconsiderate cyclists using Northumberland St (where cycling is prohibited) and around Haymarket / Newcastle University give all cyclists a bad name and damages efforts to improve facilities" |
| 29 | NE12 | "My biggest bugbear (apart from a couple of driver actively trying to run me over) is painted lines on the side of a road masquarading as a cycle lane. These are worse than no lane at all." |
| 30 | NE2 | "There seem to be a few cycle lanes from Jesmond to the General but cars now park on them making it even more dangerous for bike riders" |
| 31 | NE3 | "More cycle lanes may only mean more spaces for car parking I am appalled at the number of cycle lanes which provide free parking for cars especially on Gosforth High St." |
| 32 | NE1 | "yes cycle lanes appear rarely to be swept and cleaned they are full of debris" |
| 33 | NE3 | "Bikes on the Metro, all the time or by ticket during rush hour for commuters and free between rushhours to encourage Metro usage. A decision about cycling on pavements, in places these are getting wider and also the Council is introducing unusual road features such as paving over road entrances and curving stop lines out into the carriageway (e.g. Salters Road in Gosforth), ASK the cyclists first!! Just more joining up of the existing routes. The city centre in particular, OK for a curmudgeonly old guy like me but not conducive to taking children." |
| 34 | NE6 | "My overall impression is that routes for cycling are provided in a halfhearted and tokenistic way." |
| 35 | NE6 | "I would like to see clean and safe cycle paths in Newcastle as a whole - dedicated lanes not a thin line that is in the gutter with all the rubbish. Also, I would like to see safe and secure places to store your bike, it is all very well using your bike, go shopping or whatever and come back to see it damaged, soaked by the elements, parts stolen from it..... Thank you" |
| 36 | NE3 | "It is a scandal that so little provision is made to encourage people to cycle. I already have a pleasant route over the town moor but everyone should have access to pleasant cycle lane. Pedestrians have pavements, why not cyclist. Most pavements are empty, why not divide the pavements and create dedicated cycle lanes. They have managed this in Holland and Belgium and consequently a huge percentage of journeys are made by cycle to everyones benefit" |

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| 37 | NE6 | "maintenance of cycle paths, the C2C route through Walker Riverside Park could do with a sweep now and then, for broken glass, can the council put this route on the pavement sweepers duties, it is accessible to them and wouldn't take long to do, also policing of the route especially during the summer for anti-social behaviour, mainly using it for motorbikes." |
| 38 | NE3 | "I like to take my children to school in Jesmond and into town from our home in Gosforth. The school run is great - most of the route is off the road and very safe. The only problem here is broken glass on the paths which causes regular punctures. The problem going into the centre of town is the last bit - from Haymarket onwards. Once the cycle lane ends at the Civic Centre, you're dumped onto the pavement with nowhere safe to go. We would like to cycle down to the quayside and take the bike path there but I can't work out a safe route to reach it, especially with 3 children in tow. The cycle parking in the car park opposite the Haymarket is great with free lockers, too, but I've never seen anyone else using it. Good luck with the campaign. Christine" |
| 39 | NE2 | "Important to have enforcement of traffic regulations (speeding, parking, stopping at red-lights & pedestrian crossings, giving right of way, ...) where cars share space with pedestrians and cyclists" |
| 40 | NE4 | "More cycle lanes so people like myself who have a minor disability (blind in one eye) can cycle separately from motor traffic. You shouldn't have to be super brave and fit to be able to cycle in Newcastle" |
| 41 | NE25 | "Obviously there's a need to focus on the city here, but there is also issues with getting into the city (in my case from the Coast). Focus on waggonways means there's good routes down to the river, but not so good for modern travel into the city." |
| 42 | NE12 | "more cycle lanes please" |
| 43 | NE3 | "parking in cycle lanes makes a lot of the city routes inherently unsafe - why is this allowed?" |
| 44 | NE3 | "Too many cars park in cycle lanes." |
| 45 | NE47 | "I live in the country 34 miles away so it's too far for me to commute but I have commuted by bike before (London) and welcome all efforts to improve city cycling facilities." |
| 46 | NE13 | "Newcastle Highways are a joke. they will not recognise cyclists as the most vulnerable road users. The proof when then stip out a cycle lane and replace with death trap!" |
| 47 | NE2 | "er if we / the City could introduce some sort of network of cycle hire/loan, whereby they can be picked up/dropped off at certain points. I have seen this in some cities (not sure whether here or abroad). If elected to the council (or as M.P.) I would certainly work to this end . Good luck John P" |

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| 48 | NE6 | "I used to commute by cycle (plus ferry) when living in Cornwall, but have preferred foot + train since living in Newcastle. But I am aware that many of our cycle routes are still inadequate, regularly blocked, or just too intermittent, so am pleased that this petition has been launched. While on the campaign trail (I am the Green Party candidate for Newcastle East and South Heaton), I have heard some talk from the City Council about improving the city's cycle network, so the campaign comes at the right time." |
| 49 | NE3 | "I commute every day throughout the year and have a few issues. Vehicles, especially buses blocking the safe zone at traffic lights. Cars parked on cycle lanes. Lanes that are there for part of the journey, then disappear when the traffic blackspots approach. Potholes and rough roads. The town moor is badly maintained in terms of drainage, leading to ice in the winter which is impossible to avoid, it is never gritted; there is no sensible alternative route into Newcastle. Drivers need to be reminded that cyclists are vulnerable. We should not be forced to brake hard to avoid hitting them when they turn left after overtaking immediately before a junction. That about sums it up for me. Thanks and good luck! The new road between Debenhams and The Gate is a death trap when busy, as buses and taxis refuse to give way." |
| 50 | NE3 | "Yes you might like to mention that it is illegal to cycle on the pavement. As a life long cyclist and a member of the CTC it gives cycling a bad name. It is also dangerous to pedestrians. Many vulnerable people such as the elderly and those hard of hearing are at risk. I see many people cycling on pavements and they are not hooligans they are all with children and they have helmets and cycling gear they seem oblivious that they are breaking the law. I have also seen cyclists riding past policemen on the pavement and the police did nothing. So perhaps we should have more cycle paths in the city." |

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| 51 | NE3 | <p>"Newcastle could become the cycling centre of the UK. It already has a lot of natural attributes - river side, coastal promenades etc plus the old waggon ways , town moor etc etc . What it doesnt have is sensible integration & safe and rapid joined up routes. I cycle regularly in Netherlands and there I happily cycle from town to town with my children safe in the knowledge that there wont be an abrupt end to a cycle lane spewing my family directly into the path of cars & lorries. I let my children cycle on ahead knowing if they come across a major highway there will be a bike route across, along, through, under or over it. In Newcastle there isnt even a safe direct route from gosforth to central railway station - except in early hours of the morning when we cycle illegally down northumberland street. The no car lane on Percy street is a death trap in the middle of the road - i dont even use it & my children certainly shouldnt. There needs to be a real will to get people doing ordinary journeys on their bikes - to work, to the shops, to the post office, to school using properly paved direct routes (and with cycle parking bays or loops at destination) which will get people from A to B faster than using the car and finding a distant parking space. Its about the real will to construct specially designed street junctions/ intersections etc. Its been done in holland - dont reinvent the wheel follow their examples. They have hugely increased cycling & now everyone, of all ages shapes sizes & health can cycle. It feels to me that in UK lip service is done to cycling - a few bits of paint & a few miles of stupidly situated cycle track going nowhere - rather than a real commitment. There is a lot of legislation that could be used to force some improvements - no planning permission unless appropriate cycle access and cycle parking (note the new RVI hospital which does not have anything like adequate cycle parking or access and at least one version of plans has cycles sharing access with ambulances & buses!!) NO rail licence to operate unless adequate cycle carriage as per french or german or dutch railways - a whole carriage with folded up seats for bikes, wheelchairs or pedestrians. The current 2 bike max & have to book ahead on northern , scotrail etc is hopeless esp for me & my 2 kids what am I supposed to do leave one of them on the platform? lots more comment but no time."</p> |
| 52 | NE3 | <p>"There is an excellent cycle route (72) which runs along the Tyne, however it is not easy to access from Gosforth."</p> |
| 53 | NE2 | <p>"This is a very good initiative. Thank you"</p> |
| 54 | NE2 | <p>"glass on roads and lack of road sweeping on main roads."</p> |
| 55 | NE12 | <p>"I know of MANY other people who would love to cycle but they don't feel safe enough on the roads."</p> |

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| 56 | NE3 | "I find it particularly annoying (and dangerous) that there is parking in the cycle lanes on the south end of Gosforth High St. No action has ever been taken to prevent this. I have spoken to both councillors and traffic wardens. No one is at all interested in enforcement. There are also some odd bits of cycle lane throughout the city, many of which are about 3 metres in length and serve no useful purpose for cyclists. Presumably, they just add up to make the total of cycle lanes sound more impressive than it is." |
| 57 | NE2 | "Response from the Council to a request I made through South Jesmond Ward Committee meeting to make a key 50-60m of Osborne Road safer for cyclists was pathetic - they only considered one option (not the best one anyway) and dismissed that out of hand. I've been in contact with some Dutch cyclists and had some good ideas from them about how to tackle that stretch of Osborne Road between Holly Ave & Haldane Terrace, where all the cyclists coming from Jesmond/Vale/Heaton area have to make a right turn across 2 lanes of traffic to get to and from the city centre/universities. The route from Jesmond to City Centre is short enough to be attractive to new cyclists IF we could make that one dangerous point in the route safe and cycle friendly. A short stretch of road that became PRIORITY TO CYCLISTS TURNING RIGHT would make a huge difference to cyclists, minimal difference to car drivers, and send a massive message that Newcastle is prepared to do things that really count rather than just creating miles of cycle paths that are badly designed for cyclists, or don't use the routes that cyclists actually want to take." |
| 58 | NE28 | "Something else that would make me use my bike more is truly secure bike parking. Security from bike theft is my overriding concern when using my bike. How about a city centre supervised cycle park or two?" |
| 59 | NE30 | "how else will u get people out of their cars and save the planet without very safe and unpolluted air" |
| 60 | NE3 | "I would like to stop cyclists riding on the pavements, it is illegal and also dangerous, there are many vulnerable pedestrians, old and young who could be put at risk. Maybe an integrated cycle network within the city would put an end to this so that both cyclists and pedestrians could be safe. I have been a cyclist for over 50 years and have always cycled on the road, I have also experienced the pleasure of riding on designated cycle routes in various parts of Europe where the law is observed by both cyclists and motorists." |
| 61 | NE3 | "Great north rd from haymarket to gosforth also a problem route" |
| 62 | NE23 | "congratulations I fully support your work" |
| 63 | NE3 | "Currently I don't even contemplate cycling in the city centre as there is no safe route to or around the city. There are some designated cycle lanes in from Gosforth but they are only intermittent thus leaving large, very busy areas without any protection. It would be great if this situation could be improved." |

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| 64 | NE3 | "Although safer cycling routes would not make me cycle more often it would make the whole experience a lot more pleasureable" |
| 65 | NE15 | "it is crazy that I cannot cycle (slowly/carefully) down Northumberland street, alternatives are very roundabout. Also - newly finished shops on Clayton Street - Tesco/extension to Eldon Sq do not have any cycle park provision. It should be added." |
| 66 | NE6 | "I frequently use the Heaton - town bike route, very nice, but then getting accross town is a pain." |
| 67 | NE3 | "Cycle lanes seem to be mainly used as additional parking space! Some of the main routes into Newcastle lack proper cycle lines (separate from bus and taxi lanes)!" |
| 68 | NE43 | "Need improved cycling routes and facilities e.g. drinking water fountains and clean safe public toilets all around the area and less glass and dog muck on the cycle routes please" |
| 69 | NE26 | "I am a daily commuter and I am glad of the cycle intiatives that have been deployed so far. However I am frustrated by cycle lanes that disappear for no reason on roadways, and as a road-bike rider I find the lack of street sweeping in cycle lanes a real issue with many stones and larger objects in my path." |
| 70 | NE7 | "Widening this beyond the city centre ould help as well. Very few people live in the centre and have to commute from farther out - take for instance the Hadricks Mill, Gosforth area" |
| 71 | NE26 | "Pot holes, puncture hazards on roads and cycle paths (broken glass, sharp metal etc.), aggressive behaviour and abuse from too many motorists" |
| 72 | NE7 | "The City Council is already working to deal with these problems & Lib Dem Councillors are well aware of the situation. We have a cycling forum to help decide priorities for investment, a bicycle user group (Council officers), a dedicated cycling officer & a cyling champion (Cllr Steve Psallidas). We have set up a working group with both Universities to look at the best ways to improve City Centre cycling. Both Councillors & officers have been on a cycle tour in the last few months to look at the problems, so I hope we will start to see improvements soon." |
| 73 | NE4 | "What a wonderful idea" |
| 74 | NE3 | "If we meet critical mass - it might mean that newcastle could be a great cycling city... once awareness is raised etc..." |
| 75 | NE3 | "Current Newcastle cycline objectives are very tame and not ambitious enough. There is a huge potential to improve cycle lanes, road loayouts, off road cycling if the demand is there." |
| 76 | NE5 | "Parliamentary Candidate for Newcastle North Constituency" |

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| 77 | NE2 | "I believe strongly in the benefits of cycling and, if elected, would use my position to make cycling easier and safer in the UK. I am well aware of the health and environmental benefits of cycling and would want to ensure that cycling provision in Newcastle is extended and safer to use. Newcastle City Council's current Cycle Plan has been deemed as "not fit for purpose", by City Council officers. I believe this to be unacceptable. Newcastle is a compact city and cycling should be an easy mode of transport but cycle lanes are confused and cars often park in them, eg Fenham Hall Drive. The extension of such measures as mandatory 20 mph speed limits, properly designated cycle routes, secure parking, working with schools and cyclist groups and better integration of cycling with public transport would go some way towards increasing bike usage and making it safer for everyone to cycle Chi Onwurah Labour's Choice for Newcastle Central www.chi4central.com Facebook Chi 4 Central Twitter ChiOnwurah" |
| 78 | NE26 | "Cycle lanes are often very narrow, and too stop/start and short. Some tiny cycle lanes sections make no sense and are dangerous as cyclists leave and rejoin roads. Views around corners are often obscured by vegetation, requiring slowing or stopping. Too much dog mess on the tracks - more notices about fines for owners who don't pick up, and enforcement of this rule. Lots of litter along cycle routes, and broken glass." |
| 79 | NE30 | "Safe is not just safe from other road users but is the most important thing. Three main issues once there is a "safe cycle" route: 1 Many (not all) dog walkers keep control of their dogs which makes cycling very unsafe. I have personal experience of a dog jumping in front of me and went over the handlebars; 2 glass and other debris is not cleaned up on cycle routes again causing problems; 3 routes need to be policed, at commuting times especially, because there are numerous stories of cyclists being attacked." |
| 80 | NE32 | "I am the Green parliamentary candidate for Newcastle North." |
| 81 | n/a | "Hi Katja, Just to say that I think this is an excellent project. As you know the Council has a dedicated cycling officer and its policy is to encourage cycling in the city. I am sure that your survey will help improve the council's policy and if I am elected as MP for Newcastle North I will be happy to help. Yours, Ron Beadle" |
| 82 | NE2 | "Being able to put my bike on the metro would make the biggest difference of all." |
| 83 | NE4 | "Setting off from traffic lights is always problematic. People seem to think I'm playing a testosterone fuelled game when I try to get away quickly and first. They don't seem to realise that it's for safety's sake, and also we don't have as much time to get through greens because we're slower. Any help would be great. thanks." |

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| 84 | NE8 | "Although I live in Gateshead I cycle to work in Newcastle. I would be much more likely to use my bike during the working day to travel to meetings within Newcastle if I felt the cycle routes were clearer and safer. At the moment potholes are a real problem - it's not just car drivers who are suffering! But more generally I feel cycle routes are not that well planned or laid out. Sometimes they stop abruptly, sometimes they take strange routes for unknown reasons, sometimes they lead onto footpaths, sometimes they are poorly signposted. I realise the council has made the effort to bring in more cycle paths in recent years; now I believe it needs to think more about planning a cycle network that works." |
| 85 | DH1 | "Although I don't live in Newcastle I do cycle thru the city from time to time and the traffic and motorists attitude to cyclists is quite scary. Guess it's like most built up areas." |
| 86 | NE2 | "Cycling through the city centre is a nightmare on a bike, i usually end up having to get off and walk which puts me off using my bike completely. In oxford where I'm from they have cycle lanes everywhere all over the city and they're all coloured green which makes them a lot more visible and therefore safer. There are also few bike parking facilities in the city centre, I would like to see more. Additionally I know its not part of the city but there I noticed recently when driving from the city out towards ponteland that there is a marked cycle route along the side of a dual carriageway!!! (surely not?!) I most definately would never use it for fear of my life! My Dad (also a cyclist) commeted it was ridiculous to sign it as a cycle route. I feel when signing cycle routes safety should be considered." |

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| 87 | NE3 | <p>"Fed up of 'cycle lanes' that are cut up by bus stops or just stop randomly for no discernable reason. Fed up of drivers that assume they have priority over you and cut you up, try to overtake on roundabouts, etc. Fed up of having nice safe bits of a route suddenly change into a fight for road space with vehicles. You get the gist... Also, I'm a reasonably confident cyclist and ensure I 'own' my place on the road by being prominent, not allowing drivers to pass when it is unsafe (i.e. by using more of the road where there are traffic islands, potholes, etc.) and ensuring that where I have priority, I use it and signal it to drivers. However;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have recently had to bang on the back of a car that veered into the intermittent 'cycle lane' on Kenton Lane. Had I not been able to slow down so quickly I would have been rammed onto the pavement. The driver's gesticulations appeared to suggest that she thought I shouldn't have been there in the first place. • Had a shouting match with a Five Star taxi driver that tried to overtake me on the inside of a single-lane roundabout, then had the cheek to suggest that he had priority over me and that I should have waited for him to pass before going on to the roundabout. • The DFT's priority suggestions when planning town routes is 1) Pedestrians, 2) Cyclists, 3) Public Transport, 4) Other road users. The new section around The Gate / Eldon Square extension is very obviously 1) Pedestrians, 2) Public Transport, 3) All other road users. Buses do not give way to cyclists when they are coming from the priority direction (bottom of Newgate Street). This seems to be the problem all over Newcastle, in that pedestrian areas are crossed by bus lanes, with no allowance for cyclists. - this morning, the gate at the southern end of the Town Moor was chained up, so cyclists had to help each other get their bikes over the gates. I don't know if the Council has anything to do with those gates, but I thought it may be useful to include this incident when you present the petition and survey results to them. Whoever was responsible, it exasperates the problem of good cycle access even further, and I'm sure it's an embarrassment that the Council will be only too happy to try to avoid." |
| 88 | NE6 | <p>"Great survey! Short and to the point. Please keep me updated on progress! Thanks, Seraphim"</p> |
| 89 | NE6 | <p>"Buses in teh city centre do not look out for cyclists. The route through from the east, past the police station, theatre royal and grainger street is really dangerous with busses giving no room. It seems that Stagecoach are by far teh worst with the number 12, 22, 1 and 38 behaving in a noticably worse way than other companies and buses."</p> |
| 90 | NE6 | <p>"i'm just starting out using my bike to commute - lack of consistent safe cycle routes is affecting my confidence and means i need to stick to the paths for most of the journey."</p> |
| 91 | NE8 | <p>"although I rarely go to Newcastle city centre on the bike, I have just recently been, and I definitely agree, that it is extremely unsafe. I would welcome a safer way to cycle there."</p> |
| 92 | NE6 | <p>"More provision for cyclists to safely lock bikes near shops, workplaces etc. More cyclepaths please. More street cleaning, to eliminate broken glass on cycle routes."</p> |

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| 93 | NE3 | "I cycle from north Gosforth to Gateshead. Half the route has a cycle path which is great, the other half can be quite dangerous, and I have a near miss with car or bus every week. Cycling is getting much more popular - the Tyne Bridge can be quite crowded with cyclists, and I worry that there will be a collision between cyclist and pedestrian, and that someone will be knocked onto the very fast road (part of the central motorway).If more cycle routes were available, I think many more people would begin to cycle to work, or to shops etc. Thank you." |
| 94 | NE2 | "Improved awareness of pedestrians walking on cycle routes or stepping out into the road without looking is needed. Bus drivers need more training to look out for cyclists. Connections between cycle lanes need improving eg passing the civic centre in Newcastle the cycle lane stops with no where to go, and there is a dangerous pedestrian/cycle conflict." |
| 95 | NE8 | "I don't currently own a bike as I don't feel that the cycle environment is safe enough. As I grew up in Germany, Hamburg, I am used to much better cycle provision and while living in Germany I used to cycle on a daily basis." |
| 96 | NE12 | "Is there a map of secure lockers in Newcastle City Centre that you know of?" |
| 97 | NE46 | "Secure bike sheds should be available in car parks near shopping centres to park bikes, rather than the street." |
| 98 | NE30 | "Getting in to Newcastle by bike is fine from North Shields but once you're in Newcastle city centre you either have to be a very confident cyclist (which many are not and won't be if things aren't improved) or you decide to leave the bike at home." |
| 99 | NE3 | "I soon start a job in Newcastle City Centre and will need to cycle to work. I can get in most of the way on off-road or defined cycle lanes, but the last section is going to be mega-scary, especially in rush-hour. Looking forward to large number of clearly marked cycle lanes that cannot be parked on by cars! Not sure how Newcastle is currently being called a sustainable city given the poor quality cycling provision in the city centre." |
| 100 | NE6 | "Links between Heaton and City centre are very poor with cycle routes often not including proper crossings. The city centre is particularly bad for cycling with very few cycle lanes and often requires shared bridge crossings and being squashed by buses" |
| 101 | NE3 | "I often cycle from Gosforth to Central Station and have tried out many different routes through the town centre - none of which I feel safe on (busy roads and scary buses) or are legal (Northumberland Street, pavements). It would be great to have a cycle path that joined up with the station! Also, we need safe secure bike lock ups at the station and in the town centre - I've had my brakes messed with and lights broken in town before." |
| 102 | NE61 | "* Have more bike parking / bike stands all around the city centre * Introduce more 'advance stop' areas for cyclists at traffic lights" |

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| 103 | NE61 | "Cycling through Newcastle City Centre is an absolute nightmare! All the slowness of a car but having to deal the traffic. The cycle lanes past the bus station are an absolute joke and present no advantage to using a bike and it's pretty much the only way to cross town without a huge detour. Northumberland street should be made more cycle friendly - a cycle lane down the middle? But no, not a chance that that idea would be entertained! This type of infrastruture would be default in the countries that we harp on about being so cycle friendly - Holland / Germany / Scandanavia etc. but the political will just isn't present in this country." |
| 104 | NE29 | "I live on the coast and cycling to Newcastle is a nightmare. Holland has the right idea, more cycle lanes with priority given to the bike not the car." |
| 105 | NE6 | "Cycling in central Newcastle is terrifying. Priority needs to be given the non-motorised transport, and seperated from the buses. Northumberland street should have a cycle lane. Can we see a longer survey? one which addresses more of the problems that cyclists face?" |
| 106 | NE6 | "Training for cyclists. Cyclists taking some responsibility for their actions. Cyclists observing the rules of the road and being heavily proscecuted for breakages." |
| 107 | NE16 | "The river routes are great however the track os often covered in glas asyou pass through Walker" |
| 108 | NE16 | "There are a lot of pot-holes" |
| 109 | NE3 | "Although conditions could be improved, more bike/pedestrian stretches etc penalties must be imposed on the minority of car drivers who misbehave daily. Their is no excuse for speeding, blocking cycling areas at lights etc. Thank you for setting this survey up I would be happy do complete a much longer questionnaire in future. Cheers, Graeme." |
| 110 | NE3 | "also please improve the route from the noth into the city. Its used by many people who take on the challenge of doging taxis and busses in the bus lanes" |
| 111 | NE3 | "The biggest problem for safe cycling in Newcastle is the fact no one enforces the no car lanes and these and other cycle areas are blocked by things such waiting taxis." |
| 112 | NE7 | "I personnally know 6 to 8 people that would cycle to work, if they had suitable cycle ways." |
| 113 | NE3 | "More places to park cycles in Newcastle City Centre" |

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| 114 | YO24 | "Although we now live in York, I did cycle through Newcastle to get to the station and thence Durham, for several months. I've lived in Oxford and Cambridge so by comparison: very few cycle stands (none in the new Eldon Centre extension development that I can see) ; poor connections, e.g. cycle track past the University Library isn't directly accessible from the south without breaking traffic laws ; poor access to/from station, again I used to break a few laws to make it easier ; traffic lights for cars make cycling often frustrating as it was very stop/start (to home near S Gosforth Metro from the station, about 1/2-2/3 time was spent getting to Haymarket)" |
| 115 | NE2 | "Permitted Riding down Northumberland street as delivery vans cars and lorries are allowed" |
| 116 | NE6 | "a good through cycle path from Newcastle to Durham" |
| 117 | NE22 | "You might want to ask Newcastle city council why they have dug up the cycle lane on the roads close to the Riverside development (at Newburn) and re-tarmacked them at whatever cost. They have said that it is because the tracks are not required" |
| 118 | NE8 | "I've been stopped by the police several times on northumberland Street and told to push my bike. I only use Northumberland Street outside of busy times and common sense suggests this should be allowed. The reversing lorries surely pose more risk than a sensibly ridden push bike. John Dobson Street which is the alternative is very dangerous due to the start stop nature of the cycle paths as well as the toxic fumes which pour out of the poorly maintained buses." |
| 119 | NE21 | "I think the City council needs to concentrate on the bike as a mode of transport and not just a leisure option. The city is getting left way behind as other equivalent cities invest heavily in cycling" |
| 120 | NE6 | "visit yehuda moon & the kickstand cyclery for great cycle related humour." |
| 121 | NE12 | "Please can we have the pot holes filled in!" |

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| 122 | NE3 | "The Blue House roundabout is APPALLING. If you are heading north from the town, there is a cycle path on the east side of the Great North Road, then it ends and you have to try to cross over (horrific) and then go on the pavement (illegal). Also trying to get from Ponteland Road onto 2Ball Lonnen via the roundabout near Morrisons at Cowgate -- you can use the underpass, but then you come up on a really narrow pavement outside the store where there are always pedestrians, and if you try to get into the road there is a bumpy kerb and loads of traffic a few millimetres from the edge of the pavement. - I left my bike in Newcastle Central Station one morning when I had to go somewhere by train. There were no proper bike racks, so I locked my bike to some structure which was convenient for a bike and not obstructing anyone from anything else. When I got back that evening, someone in the station had printed out a notice and stapled it to the handlebars of my bike. What did it say? Not "sorry we don't have proper facilities for the most sustainable form of urban transport, we're working on it", or "In future please use the bike racks at" (there must be some somewhere nearby..... mustn't there??.....) No, it said "This is an official warning. This area is not for locking bikes too <sic>, if your bike is locked here again it will be removed. Station Management." I was happy to have annoyed them, but enraged at their attitude. Incidentally I am not some young hothead, I am a middle-aged bloke in a suit." |
| 123 | NE16 | "Good access outside city centre, absolute disgrace inside. very few lanes no/poor signage" |
| 124 | NE3 | "Taxi drivers and white van drivers are often extremely dangerous, especially as I encounter them on my way to school (so it is the rush hour). There should be some sort of name and shame website where you can record the cars numberplates and photos of the cars or something. Or change the law so they can be done for dangerous driving..." |
| 125 | DH1 | "I cycle from Central Station to Gosforth every day. The bits where improvements are needed are between the station and Haymarket area - Grainger St - Percy St - John Dobson etc. North of that it's generally OK; Gosforth High St is a bit dodgy too but I don't go that way." |
| 126 | NE7 | "Secure bike stands in the town centre, this would allow me to shop knowing that my bike will not be stolen." |
| 127 | NE12 | "Stop cars parking in cycle lanes. More separate & safe cycle tracks. Fill the pot holes." |
| 128 | NE6 | "Maintenance of underpasses needs to be improved - too much glass and debris e.g. Scotswood Bridge interchange" |
| 129 | NE12 | "Why can't people cycle down Northumberland Street during "off-peak" times?? I appreciate it is not appropriate to cycle there at midday, but at quieter times, surely it's not a problem?" |
| 130 | n/a | "Cycle storage/parking, cycle mechanics/cleaning, changing and washing facilities for cyclists and priority lanes for cyclists without buses/other traffic." |

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| 131 | NE3 | "Crossing the bluehouse roundabout on cycle and foot is an absolute nightmare. pelican lights required" |
| 132 | NE2 | "1. The recent removal of double yellow lines and allowance of on-street parking on Forsythe Road Jesmond (from end of houses to Great N Road) has created serious hazards for cyclists. This is a step backwards for a City Council which claims to have an interest in sustainable transport. 2. The solid white line cycle lanes marked along Hunters Road / Brighton Grove are not enforceable as the Council has not put through the necessary traffic regulation. Serious danger to cyclists is caused by the parking in cycle lanes along Brighton Grove near the BBC traffic lights." |
| 133 | NE3 | "I commute from Brunton Park to Newcastle Business Park (William Armstrong Drive). I cycle past the University Library and down to the Haymarket. From Brandling Park to the Quayside there isn't a safe cycle route; I have to cycle in heavy traffic and/or share the route with pedestrians. Anything that would improve this would be great, and would encourage me to commute more. NB I'm a woman so this would help to increase the number of regular woman cyclists!" |
| 134 | NE2 | "The two most irritating things are: The police taking no notice of cars parked in cycle lanes (eg BBC to Nun's moor), and the "joke" cycle lanes which either last for ten yards, leave you stranded in the middle of fast-moving traffic, or both (eg central station to Clayton St West)." |
| 135 | NE3 | "Parking in cycle lanes! Gosforth High Street!" |
| 136 | NE8 | "Sort it out!" |
| 137 | NE2 | "I did regularly cycle to work from Jesmond to Skinnerburn Road, but having been almost killed by a bus driver who cut me up on a corner of the coast road and would have crushed me into railings had I not braked very hard, I now either drive or pay to use the metro." |
| 138 | NE4 | "Cycling in and around the Metro Centre is poor, especially when trying to go beyond it. Poor links." |
| 139 | NE3 | "We need to separate bikes from cars where possible - bikes generally mix better with pedestrians although cyclists must be sensible about speed/behaviour/jumping lights etc :)" |
| 140 | NE3 | "Safer cycling to encourage children to enjoy the experience and help their futures." |
| 141 | NE8 | "the cycle route across the redhaugh bridge is very dangerous" |
| 142 | NE10 | "Cycle lane along quayside, currently, this is dual use but clear designation would be a lot safer" |
| 143 | NE61 | "I used to live in Australia and cycled regularly because cycling routes were excellent. I also lived York and cycling routes were pretty good there. Newcastle has a long way to go to encourage safe cycling and this is a good start." |

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| 144 | NE12 | "Would like all areas of Newvastle improved for cycling as often also commute from the West sote of the town." |
| 145 | DL2 | "Cyclists need to be safe if initiatives are going to succeed" |
| 146 | NE3 | "Blue House Roundabout/Grandstand Road acts as a barrier to cyclists travelling North/South - Gosforth to City Centre. Would love it if the cows could be stopped from walking onto the path on the Town Moor during the Summer - it is grim and unhygienic being sprayed with cowpats." |
| 147 | NE44 | "Cars should not be allowed to park on cycle lanes. In particular, I am thinking of Brighton Grove, near the lights at Barrack Road. The cycle lane is full of parked cars every day, which is more dangerous for cyclists than if there was no cycle lane at all, since one has to keep pulling out into the line of traffic." |
| 148 | NE21 | "The route along scotswood road is scary!!! The below points are all about getting cvars off the road: Why no river ferries running from a dock in the blaydon area right into the quay side? Why is the train service from blaydon ryton into town so poor? Park and ride in blaydon??? Encourage all firms in the city to adopt flexible working and working from home!!" |
| 149 | NE6 | "We not only need better routes, but we also need better driver education, together with more enforcement of the rules of the road on cyclists. Neither party is blameless, but it is more dangerous for a car to hit a bike than vice versa." |
| 150 | NE1 | "if we are to achieve a healthy, sustainable, low-carbon reliant future then walking and cycling must be at the heart of our transport policies." |
| 151 | SR6 | "Potholes! Please sort these out" |
| 152 | NE5 | "There is clearly a lack of understanding by car drivers of the need to keep clear of the advance stop boxes for cyclists at traffic lights. Many of the 'cycle' lanes in the city are full of parked cars, with no enforcement of traffic/parking regulations. More education required!" |
| 153 | DH2 | "More signs to amke car drivers aware that cyclists can use the highways." |
| 154 | NE25 | "Improvements to the coast road cycle routes would be desireable." |
| 155 | NE3 | "I want to be able to safely cycle with my child. I am frequently scared- I have just come back from holland and the bike comes first and it provides a safe social intrastructure plese invest in this for our city the benefits will be great" |

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| 156 | NE4 | "Cycle lanes need to be segregated from cars at all times. If cycle lanes are on road that means there needs to be some sort of physical separation between the cars and the bikes that the cars cannot cross. This can be as simple as an elevated curb. If there is no physical segregation of cars and cyclists we will NEVER succeed in encouraging more people other than the die hard cycle extremists to start cycling regularly and certainly not for commuting. It is not always possible to have cycle routes on old railway lines or by the side of lovely rivers! We must take some of the width of some roads and make them safe for cyclists. Without segregation there is the constant threat of being knocked off your bike by a car and parents would be irresponsible to encourage their children to cycle in such an environment." |
| 157 | NE7 | "The cycling provision into the city is very inconsistent in the way it is set up. e.g. priorities for all users change as you travel in and I think everyone is confused car drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. If it had a more consistent approach was well signed, consistent street furniture/markings and publicised it would be a lot easier for all (just go to Holland!)" |
| 158 | NE1 | "Better paths along commuter routes in the city centre would be great, good luck with that though!" |
| 159 | NE1 | "We urgently need "continuous" cycle lanes; i.e. that don't desert the cyclist at roundabouts, junctions, or where a road becomes inconveniently narrow." |
| 160 | NE16 | "I live in Swalwell, I feel that there should be additional space added to the Redheugh Bridge or another crossing of the Tyne for cycles. The footpath does not allow cycling and the road is too congested and narrow. Alternative routes mean either cycling an extra 3 miles to the Scotswood bridge (not very cycle friendly either) or dropping down to the river cycling along to the Swing or Millennium bridges or to the Tyne bridge. The Redheugh bridge is the most direct route but discourages cycling and encourages driving." |
| 161 | NE2 | "For my commute (from Jesmond to Team Valley), I would welcome a cycle-friendly route through the city and onto the High-Level Bridge. This would enable cyclists to cross the river without having to drop down to the quayside and regain the height on the other side." |
| 162 | NE36 | "Cycle routes should be designed by people who ride bikes and can appreciate how silly some of the current ones are, traffic lights should also take into account cyclists allowing them to get through a junction without having to confront cars that regularly jump the lights!" |
| 163 | NE5 | "Also signposted secure cycle parking would help encourage me to cycle to the city centre (possibly lockers to store helmets etc may be worth considering?)." |
| 164 | NE41 | "St James Boulevard is notoriously hazardous in both directions, and has no sensible access to the Scotswood Road. Outer areas also need safe cycling routes!" |
| 165 | DH1 | "I'd love to ride from station to Newcastle University campus. But it's too scary!" |

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| 166 | NE6 | "I have noticed there are a lot of potholes in Newcastle and surrounding which are not being fixed quickly enough. Many of these pose a serious risk to cyclists." |
| 167 | NE15 | "Lack of secure places to park your bike. The amount of bikes you see with smashed wheels in the town centre is shocking. You used to be able to park in the central station now you cant because of the barriers on the station." |
| 168 | NE8 | "Preventing the buses from stopping in the cycling space at traffic lights - destroys visibility and v dangerous!" |
| 169 | NE30 | "I would love to use my bike to commute but feel the cycle route just isn't safe enough." |
| 170 | NE32 | "Keep the pedestrian tunnel open with both lift and escalator access" |
| 171 | NE29 | "Will pass it on to all at saddle Skedaddle" |
| 172 | NE10 | "cleanliness of cycle paths and routes.the amount of broken glass is terrible resulting in high cost,s of tyres,inner tubes etc." |
| 173 | NE24 | "I find the poor quality cycle routes see some cyclists using the pedestrian routs and have on numerous occassions been hit by cyclists using the racing line on the Great North Road between the Blue House and Haymarket." |
| 174 | NE43 | "I regularly cycle in to Newcastle from the West side and the route to and from the end of Scotswood Road to the Hospital / University area is very difficult to negotiate especially when leaving the city." |
| 175 | NE3 | "Exhibition Park: state of pathways, bad drainage:leading to ice when ice no where else or excess water otherwise. Use of cars in exhibition park." |
| 176 | NE40 | "It would be good if planners could take cyclists into consideration - e.g. the new Scotswood road has 2 cycle lanes, one on the pavement, and one on the road - what about dedicated, separate cycle lanes like the ones you find in Germany, for instance?" |
| 177 | NE6 | "CAN WE KEEP UP MAINTENANCE ON CYCLE WAYS - I QUITE OFTEN PICK UP PUNCTURES ON THE QUAYSIDE DUE TO BROKEN GLASS AND BOTTLES ESPECIALLY AROUND COPTHORNE, QUAYSIDE BAR AND SEA NIGHTCLUB" |
| 178 | NE9 | "pot holes! litter on the roads/paths!" |
| 179 | NE5 | "Potholes need filling. Drain covers should be laid flush with the road. Roads need regular cleaning to remove glass & other debris." |
| 180 | NE39 | "Good work Katja" |
| 181 | NE2 | "Katja can I forward this not sure who you've sent it to? Is there anyway the cycle shops could add names to this? Well done that girl!" |

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| 182 | NE3 | "Some junctions are so busy with traffic I feel uncomfortable cycling these routes and have been forced to use the pavement - I don't want to do this as it is against the highway code but sometimes I feel I need to for my own safety." |
| 183 | n/a | "more secure bike parking at rvi site" |
| 184 | NE3 | "trough things on foot bridges cars parking on 'cycle lanes' complete failure of anyone to clear ice from town moor / waggonways / other cyclepaths" |
| 185 | NE6 | "Over the past couple of years I am sure the number of cyclists in Newcastle has gone up. Due attention needs to be given to this. While there are a decent amount of cycle racks in the city centre there could be more in maybe some less obvious locations. And cycle lanes , more please!" |
| 186 | NE1 | "People use cycle lanes as car parks. The cycle routes into town are nearly always covered in broken glass." |
| 187 | NE4 | "Why isn't it a ticketable offence for car drivers to use the cycle lane as a parking space?" |
| 188 | NE8 | "Promote www.cyclescheme.co.uk at "rush" hour locations ie. Tyne Bridge. Captive audience!" |
| 189 | NE20 | "I would greatly appreciate a lock up locker for my bike at the Dental Hospital" |
| 190 | NE15 | "Some of the existing cycle routes e.g in Lemington are so full of glass that I avoid them. Flooding on Newburn Haugh prevents cyclists using that route at regular intervals. It's not just building the routes but maintaining them that is vital. Also - please don't patch the green asphalt in the lanes e.g. from B&Q roundabout to Newburn Haugh - it's like riding over cobbles" |
| 191 | NE4 | "Given that much traffic is now barred from the city centre, I believe buses are the biggest danger to cyclists. The City Council could use its influence with Nexus to start a campaign to have Stagecoach adopt the practice of signs with telephone numbers "bad driving - call this number ..."" |
| 192 | NE7 | "Please put some safe cycle lanes in and around Sandyford Road, from Northumbria University out towards Heaton. The traffic there is extremely aggressive. I'd also urge the council to make the cycle lanes around here separate from the bus lanes. The Stagecoach drivers are very assertive and don't tend to give much room!" |
| 193 | NE32 | "If the council/highways put cycling tracks in, make them part of a cohesive plan!! 5m here or 50m there is not good to anyone!!" |
| 194 | NE28 | "Any improvement for cycling is great, it also gives more ownership to using the roads/cycle paths. Both pedestrians and car drivers get very frustrated with cyclists and currently cyclists are requested to use on the road by pedestrians and use the paths by car drivers!" |

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| 195 | DH1 | "I cycle regularly in Newcastle city centre and find the behaviour of buses and taxis to regularly be dangerous, aggressive and illegal. e.g. dangerous overtaking, going through red lights, pulling into 'cycling boxes' at junctions. The persistent attitude is that cyclists have no right to be on the road. What can be done about this?" |
| 196 | NE16 | "Although I am not a commuter in the city, as Cycling Champion for Gateshead I feel obliged to complete this petition if it will help deliver better facilities and safer routes for cyclists in Newcastle." |
| 197 | NE12 | "Potholes and bad road/cycle track surfaces - improvement would be much appreciated" |
| 198 | NE3 | "Apalling and dangerous attitude of road users. Ignorance by general public Filter lanes particularly hazardous. Two spring to mind - 1) left hand turn lane next to John Dobson street into Northumbria university. 2) The loop round from the long bar back onto the main central startion road. Both these examples traffic have to change lanes as cars filter off. Traffic see this as fair game to attempt to knock cyclists over. 3) Ridiculous situation for having to book bikes onto trains - and appalling attitude of train staff towards cyclists." |
| 199 | NE3 | "Safer is important, but faster, easier and more direct are also important. Winding, long, poorly paved routes are not a solution." |
| 200 | NE20 | "Can you please make more effort to keep the existing cycle tracks free of glass?" |
| 201 | NE2 | "Bus drivers also make cycling through town an unsafe experience. They seem to believe they own the road." |
| 202 | NE6 | "lots more cycle lanes or the ability to use the paths when traffic is heavy or a dangerous route" |
| 203 | NE3 | "There is too much mud on the roads deposited from building sites, this is bangerious for cycalists and it is illegal to drop mud but the police and city councilors are not interested in enforcing the law." |
| 204 | NE30 | "The quality of the cycle path adjacent to the coast road is very poor in many areas. Surely the path could be surfaced with a more cycle friendly treatment. If Newcastle and North Tyneside Council's took a coordinated approach to the improvement of this path it could form a major cycle route from the coast to the city centre. Currently the path is part degraded tarmac, part uneven paving slabs, and part recently surfaced tarmac (adjacent to the modern dvelopment that have probably paid for the surface). It is a bit of a wasted resource at current due to lack of maintenance Travelling east west accross the city is horrific. Blakett Street is dominated by buses who are often unsympathetic to cyclists while other routes are dominated by traffic lights. There are nowhere near enough dedicated cycle lanes/routes throughout the city." |

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| 205 | NE2 | "cycling must be part of the future - everything possible should be done to encourage safe cycling in and around the city. I am particularly concerned about the way in many places buses (which often drive far too fast) are allocated the same space on the road as bicycles. this is very dangerous (I know from personal experience). I look forward to improved cycling possibilities in the city!!" |
| 206 | NE7 | "1) Why do most cities have Bus Lanes (i.e. buses, taxis and bikes only), whereas Newcastle has No Car Lanes (i.e. buses, taxis, bikes, motorbikes, vans, 10 tonne trucks, etc.)? 2) Is it time to revive / set up Newcastle Cycling Campaign? I'd love to see something like this, and would be keen to help." |
| 207 | NE3 | "I commute to work every via bike and train to Durham and feel like I am stuck between a rock and a hard place with pedestrians who take up the cycle paths and vehicles who show no consideration for cyclists. Newcatle city centre has potential for greater improved cycle facilities, which I believe the city council can no longer ignore. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information." |
| 208 | NE30 | "Coast Road cycle path given the length has very mixed surface and always covered in glass" |
| 209 | NE7 | "cycle lanes, that are not pavements (i will not ride on pavements, pavements are for pedestrains). i commute to work on my bike every day and every day it feels like i'm putting my life in danger to some degree or other." |
| 210 | NE46 | "1. Even where cycle routes are present, these sometimes end in a dangerous way when you rejoin the road. Road users can be negative about this. 2. The Hadrian cycle route is very good but can become littered with broken glass. It needs more frequent cleaning/sweeping." |
| 211 | NE28 | "Hiya Katya, I think this would be an excellent way to get more people out and about and on their bikes. Having a safe route into you place of work will definitely make people think of using an alternative method of transport, especially knowing that cycling is very cost effective, healthy on the body and harmless to our environment. George Laybourne" |
| 212 | NE3 | "I would strongly support a cycle lane down the Kenton Lane/Road to aid all those cyclists who communte across Exhibition Park." |
| 213 | NE3 | "Cycling into work (north-south axis along Great North Road, Gosforth High Street) is particularly scary and unsafe, and the width of the road/pavement layout and/or a strip of land dividing the traffic in the middle of the road would make it feasible to accomodate a seperate cycle lane. It would be also very important to make sure that no cars are allowed to park on existing and maybe future cycle lanes, as they then become persistently misused." |

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| 214 | NE42 | "the poor cycle path provision between haymarket and the cycle path on scotswood road - gallowgate being a particular nightmare - and the provision of a cycle route from west central route - to the scotswood road cycle path - cyclists are forced onto the path around the grosvenor casino and confined to a narrow path around the waste (where the advertising hoardings are situated) ground between the casino and newcastle college" |
| 215 | NE26 | "Some of the designated routes are in poor condition i.e. along the Coast Road. There are other traffic free routes that could be upgraded to cycle paths that would make for easier commuting. It would be very easy to upgrade a couple of paths for a virtually traffic free route from the coast (Whitley Bay area) to newcastle running north of the Coast Road" |
| 216 | NE3 | "Bogus cycleway signs in the suburbs, indicating a cycleway that does not exist" |
| 217 | NE6 | "keep up the good work!" |
| 218 | NE6 | "Although East West along the Quayside is a very good route for commuting, there is virtually no other route through the city that doesn't involve going head to head with traffic and cycling onto pedestrian areas for safety." |
| 219 | NE26 | "stop cars parking in the cycling lanes - very bad in gosforth park way" |
| 220 | NE3 | "I really dont feel safe riding on some roads, the busier roads with cycle lanes on them even make me nervous, a central cycle route with cycle specific lanes throughout the city would not only allow me to cycle to work everyday but hopefully convince my spouse." |
| 221 | NE23 | "The cycle route from Cramlington to RVI is pretty good APART from the chaotic danger zone that is Haddricks Mill double roundabout ! (No idea how you could improve that other than a cycle flyover!)If you survive that the Ilford Road town moor section is a breeze!" |
| 222 | NE2 | "More dedicated cyclepaths away/off main roads would increase safety and encourage more people to cycle to work and for leisure with family." |
| 223 | NE3 | "1. Road potholes around the city generally are currently a risk to life and limb for cyclists. 2. The combination of parking arrangements and road width make it dangerous for cyclists using the uphill section of Freeman Road (NE7 7DN). Cars cut in on cyclists very finely when overtaking to avoid collisions with oncoming cars themselves. The alternative is that cyclists are 'chased up' the hill by cars almost colliding from behind in their frustration at not being able to overtake. Allowing cyclists to share the pavement with pedestrians would increase safety for all significantly, in my view." |
| 224 | NE3 | "How about doing something about people parking in cycle lanes, which also have double yellow lines." |

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| 225 | NE2 | "safe, marked cycle routes linking the big employers in and around Newcastle would encourage more commuter cycling. I've already observed the increase in cycling along Ilford Rd/Highbury as a result of this" |
| 226 | NE4 | "People learning to drive a car should get specific education in paying respect to cyclists as just another regular - and not minor - on-road participant. This should be essential for passing the test (and may already be - in theory)." |
| 227 | NE3 | "safe cycle routes are essential to promote cycling amongst children and young people also" |
| 228 | NE30 | "I will be launching my student self-service bike hire company (WhipBikes) in September which will be a real asset to the university. Expanding this service to the general public in the city is currently not even an option because the city is not cycle friendly." |
| 229 | NE41 | "The new road layout on Silver Lonnen including removal of cycle lanes, installation of islands - forcing cyclists out into the traffic - and a central reservation - narrowing the road - are a death trap for cyclists. It is unbelievable that active measures have been taken that cause cycling on that road to become fundamentally unsafe. Even the situation before the cycle lanes were put in several years ago (before islands) would be safer. Whoever designed it should be forced to ride on it!" |
| 230 | NE3 | "The state of the cities roads is appalling (yes I know, bad winter etc etc) but its still a hazard especially on the quieter roads eg Moor road south/Alwinton terrace to name but two. Also the Town Moor need to be swept regularly of glass (for the animals safety too) I have Been avoiding the same bits of glass for 2 weeks now and lastly please loosen off the 'ornamental' gates at the Great North road end of the Town Moor (opp the traffic lights) - they are really heavy to push through when you have a bike (or a pram - how do disabled people manage to get through unhindered?)" |
| 231 | NE41 | "In ensuring safe routes the City should not just prioritise adult cyclists but children and youths. There should be more secure parking facilities for cyclists too" |
| 232 | NE1 | "Cycle lanes on all routes in & out of the city as some motorists see how close they can get to cyclist" |
| 233 | NE62 | "A safer route to work, from Stakeford, would also be much appreciated." |
| 234 | NE3 | "I also use (or try to) a bike trailer to transport my two small children & shopping. Unfortunately this is often impossible as gates etc on cycle paths are not wide enough to admit a trailer. I appreciate the difficulties in allowing bike trailers without also opening up the paths to motorbikes etc, but would really appreciate it if thought could be given to making cycle routes accessible to trailers. I think this would really help people use bikes seriously in their daily lives." |
| 235 | NE28 | "Raise the quality of proficiency in cyclists. Most of whom seem to have little or no road awareness or consideration for other pedestrians or road users. Sloppy, self absorbed riders do nothing to endear cycling to the public." |

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| 236 | DH1 | "Would like it to be easier to carry bikes on trains and metro if possible" |
| 237 | NE29 | "WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CYCLE TUNNEL" |
| 238 | NE3 | "Installation proper dedicated cycle lanes should also be an integral aspect of the new Gosforth Transportation Scheme" |
| 239 | NE3 | "I am an experienced cycle commuter and travel daily into the city centre amid dense traffic, with buses regularly using the cycle lane and regularly mounting the pavement between the south side of Gosforth High Street and the start of the Town Moor. I would not be happy to allow my children to cycle by my route into town, and until provision reaches that level of safety, we cannot anticipate more inexperienced adults opting for the sensible and green option. Any support is most welcome." |
| 240 | NE1 | "Bikes are perfect for shopping - provided there are safe cycle-racks available in the city centre." |
| 241 | NE3 | "Look to examples in Melbourne - Bicycle Victoria - for ways to change cycling in a city" |
| 242 | NE3 | "Road conditions are poor following harsh winter of course, particularly for cyclists Non-friendly cycling route through city centre - really need more marked bicycle lanes and a coherent approach to ensuring cycle safety bays at front of every traffic light Lack of cleaning on cycle lanes - had several punctures on cycle lanes this year - rather cycle on roads in some areas because cleaning of glass just does not seem to happen regularly enough" |
| 243 | NE1 | "cyclists should be allowed to ride their bike on northumberland street -" |
| 244 | NE3 | "What about safe routes out of city too eg going north towards Wideopen/Cramlington - crossing Sandy Lane at "cyclist crossing point" just west of Dudley roundabout very dangerous." |
| 245 | NE4 | "Just back from a holiday in Holland - they've got it all worked out for cycling, and make it look so easy!" |
| 246 | NE2 | "I have a number of specific comments about routes" |
| 247 | NE25 | "all routes need consistent signing whether brown or blue signage - please let bikes on Metro" |
| 248 | NE43 | "We think you're fabulous for making an effort to improve this. Well done!" |
| 249 | NE6 | "Being able to take a bike on the metro would make me cycle more and drive less." |
| 250 | NE28 | "I think the council has made great improvements to providing safe places to lock bikes in the city centre It would be good if public places outside of the town centre could provide places to lock bikes safely too." |
| 251 | NE24 | "Cyclists need to obey the rules of the road ie. not jump through red lights etc. Actions like these just give other road users ammunition against us" |

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| 252 | NE7 | "The lack of significant designated cycle space through Newcastle always makes me question my cycling. The bottom line is a lot of car drivers do not like to give cyclists space voluntarily" |
| 253 | NE40 | "Along st Jame Boulevard there are predestrian crossing where the cyclist can nip around the back of the crossing without having to stop. Places where there are T-junction could benefit from this style of crossing to allow the cyclist to keep moving. areas of benefit Scotwood Road, percy street at the traffic lights." |
| 254 | NE3 | "Things have got a lot better over the last decade but once you hit city centre you take your life in your hands! A189 from St James' Park to Redheugh Bridge is an example where vast amount of money has been spent on trees and paving but cyclists still get forced off the road at busy times despite the potential space available between the road and huge pavement." |
| 255 | NE3 | "ASL's should be enforced - these are just abused espescially by buses and taxis." |
| 256 | NE1 | "A bit more thought around cycle routes - they just seem to be an afterthought with no overall vision." |
| 257 | NE26 | "POTHOLES!!! - Avoiding potholes and badly maintained gutters etc on a bike exposes us to enormous risks. And even the motorist may be inconvenienced, if they knock us over!" |
| 258 | NE4 | "I regularly visit Netherlands and am ashamed of our planning culture in favour of the motor car. A cycling friendly Newcastle City Centre would pay enourmous dividend in the long term economic and environmental future of the city as a progressive and safe cultural capital." |
| 259 | NE2 | "Improving application of car parking restrictions would improve safety significantly." |
| 260 | NE6 | "It is particularly important to have safe cycle routes for children as the city centre roads are currently no better than a death trap. Painting green strips of tarmac on the roads simply doesn't get the job done, in fact it's probably more dangerous as it engenders a flase sense of security in children." |
| 261 | NE3 | "Why do Councils insist on creating so called cycle routes by separating a section of the road by means of a white line. This does NOT create a safe cycle lane and is frequently seen by motorists as a parking designation. In other European countries, notably Germany, the pavement is extended to provide a designated cycle lane. This method is not only safer but has the added advantage of narrowing the road and reducing car speed." |
| 262 | NE6 | "Any improvements would be great, such a scycle lanes etc but improvements shoudl not be limited to cycle routes, e.g. provision of secure facilities in town for safe cycle storage etc." |
| 263 | NE30 | "Cutting of bushes and cleaning up of paths more regulary as glass a problem especially in the summer months and after a weekend on the river paths." |

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| 264 | NE12 | "Since we had the bad winter, there appear to be lots of pot holes in the side of the roads, as a cyclist I use my bike for work every day even in the winter, and I feel I have to swerve onto the road to avoid these potholes." |
| 265 | NE6 | "Any or the recent infrastructure improvements in Newcastle makes cycling conditions in Newcastle City Centre Worse. For example, whilst pedestrian routes through the university area may have been improved including the new ped bridge over the central Motorway, they have been made at the expense of cyclists. There are no longer any clear direct routes anywhere. As such it is no surprise that cycling is only undertaken by the minority." |
| 266 | NE6 | "Currently there is no really safe route between St Thomas's Church (and environs) and the city centre. John Dobson Street and the road down past Haymarket Bus Station are busy and very difficult to safely navigate by night. I do sometimes ride my bike (slowly!) down Northumberland Street, simply because it's the safest way for me to get from the Civic Centre to Eldon Leisure Centre." |
| 267 | NE28 | "Just to say that I currently avoid the city centre with my bike at all costs - the challenges it presents are surely unacceptable for a city that promotes itself as green and sustainable." |
| 268 | NE3 | "Freeman road from Freeman Hospital to Haddricksmill Roundabouts Inappropriate parking designation and a lack of parking enforcement makes cycling dangerous due to cyclists being squashed into parked cars by other motorists who do not have sufficient road space (due to directly opposing parking areas). I, my fiance, and her work colleagues feel very vulnerable on this stretch of road." |
| 269 | NE15 | "Potholes ! An inconvenience to a driver Potentially lethal to a cyclist" |
| 270 | NE3 | "Particular concerns are lack of easy routes: - from Pilgrim Street to Hatmarket - from end of High Level Bridge to Percy Street - from end of Tyne Bridge to John Dobson Street Also cycling along Percy Street - in either direction is hazardous. -" |
| 271 | NE6 | "Having just returned from touring Italy it is embarrassing how poor our cycling facilities are and how scary our traffic arrangements are in the city centre." |
| 272 | NE6 | "A selection of safer places to leave bikes in the City Centre. You often see vandalised bikes just left locked to the racks." |
| 273 | SR2 | "More regular sweeping of cycleways would be beneficial to reduce the number of punctures. Glass on cycleways encourages cyclists to use the roads." |
| 274 | NE3 | I currently feel obliged to bypass the city centre on the Shieldfield side of town because the route feels marginally safer (especially at rush hour). I feel, it should not have to do be like this and cyclists should be encouraged to cycle through the centre. In the city centre particularly, bus and taxi drivers can be rather inconsiderate in their driving style. Here's a bit of lateral thinking - get congestion charging for Newcastle city centre within the old town walls. |

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| 275 | NE30 | "The cycle routes around the entire city, not just the two routes mentioned in this survey need to be addressed." |
| 276 | NE12 | "Northumberland Street is not for cycling on. It is a bit dangerous with all those pedestrians cutting across the street. It does put cyclists in a bad light when they ignore the signs, like riding through red lights at traffic signals." |
| 277 | NE11 | "More frequent and more thorough removal of glass from existing cycling paths; particular the coast to coast paths, Keelmans way and Eastbound from Newcastle towards North Shields. As soon as you leave the path close to the Tyne, there are (towards the Tyne Tunnel) several roads without a bike path at all. More road signs indicating to mind cyclists." |
| 278 | NE40 | "the condition of the roads - potholes everywhere!" |
| 279 | NE6 | "Potholes. I can imagine that these will put a lot of people off cycling. It is extremely treacherous in some areas." |
| 280 | NE66 | "I travel in from Alnwick and like to cycle from the outskirts of the city from Kenton. I feel the cycle routes from this area also need developed" |
| 281 | NE3 | "The Council is proud to declare on many huge sign posts that it has 10,000 car parking spaces in the City Centre? How many safe bike racks are there?" |
| 282 | NE3 | "As a principle parking in/on cycle lanes should be prohibited" |
| 283 | NE3 | "Would it be possible to look again at being able to take bikes on Metro trains and raise this with the new "owners"? I appreciate that in peak times this may be difficult, although it would be of benefit to people commuting for work, but during the rest of the day when the Metro is not busy it would be great to have designated areas for bikes. This would greatly benefit cycling for leisure eg one could cycle from the city to the coast and metro home, take the metro from the city to the airport and have a rural ride etc. At the moment there is a series of leaflets promoting walks from metro stations, maybe something similar could be done for cycle rides?" |
| 284 | NE7 | "- Incoherent cycling policies and signage through pedestrian zones (i.e. supposedly no cycling allowed on Northumberland Street but legal around the Monument). Northumberland street should allow cycling as Percy and John Dobson Streets are too busy and dangerous for cycling. - No bikes permitted on Metro is disgracefull! - Badly positioned cycle lanes next to rows of parked cars makes them dangerous due to car doors opening when drivers not looking." |
| 285 | NE61 | "Taxi's in the city often go in cycle lanes and the green advanced stop line so, as a cyclist you cannot use it as it is full." |
| 286 | NE41 | "trying to cycle through the city centre is for the brave cyclist only - it is an unpleasant & frankly dangerous experience." |

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| 287 | SR1 | "There is a gap in cycle path network between Sunderland and Newcastle.I cycle regulary between Wallsand and Sunderland and there is no safe way to do it. There is lots of short sections of cycle paths which for regular commuting are useless. Peter" |
| 288 | NE30 | "I think we mostly need is a frank debate between all users of the highway in order to illustrate the likes and hates that we all have about each other." |