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Council	Classification	Timestamp	Junction Name	Description	Longitude	Latitude
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-07 20:30:45 UTC	Brunton Lane	Commuting to Newcastle Airport this is by far the most dangerous section. If access could be granted through the farm track to Woosington Hall this would vastly improve access to the Airport and Ponteland.	-1.664517403	55.02796836
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 20:33:59 UTC	A1056 Heading West	Very difficult to access the excellent cycle provision at Great Park when heading West from Sandy Lane or Seaton Burn.	-1.623822927	55.03594349
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-19 11:01:59 UTC	Forsyth Road / bridge over the metro	Not technically marked up as a cycle lane, but the concrete division here was never quite comfortably wide enough, and cars come over that bridge *so* fast. (http://www.google.com/maps?q=Acorn+Road+Jesmond,+Acorn+Road,+Newcastle+upon+Tyne,+United+Kingdom&hl=en&ll=54.991428,-1.608429&spn=0.000337,0.001006&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=59.986788,131.835938&oq=acorn+road,+jesm&t=h&hnear=Acorn+Road+Jesmond,+Acorn+Rd,+Newcastle+upon+Tyne+NE2+2DJ,+United+Kingdom&z=21&layer=c&cbll=54.991428,-1.608429&panoid=_rw7s42gLaq7EJEr-Q18UQ&cbp=12,243.34,,0,3.18)	-1.608169556	54.99146051
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 13:45:58 UTC	A191 crossing Gosforth high street	2 lanes, right then left across high street, cars and cyclists cutting between lanes	-1.619756699	55.00733757
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-12 10:53:30 UTC	Gosforth high street	cars parked in cycle lane render it useless	-1.618597984	54.99991443
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-09 13:17:47 UTC	Kenton Road	Heading into town in the morning is a pain. 2 lanes of traffic, 1 pinch point. Yes there is an ASL at the A189 junction and a cyclepath but you've got to get up there first. 3 choices: queue in traffic, use the footpath or ride down the RH side into oncoming traffic. Either needs to have the footpath made shared use or a cyclepath on the road which is routinely enforced until motorists get the message not to go in it.	-1.629713058	54.99667971
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-11 08:31:19 UTC	Railway Bridge/ Salters Lane	Footpath is too narrow and in a bad condition. However, the road is too narrow and too busy to go stay on the road (especially with children).	-1.600208759	55.00940482
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-11 08:54:18 UTC	Great North Road, between Christon Road, Park Avenue and further north	Designated cycling road stops at junction Christon Road/B1318 going north. Cyclist are forced to either use (illegally) narrow footpaths (Bus station Regent Centre, along Gosforth Academy or other side at ASDA) or go on very busy and narrow B1318 (Great North Road)with ASDA roundabout, (exit to Regent Centre bus station, several exits to school, petrol station etc.). Extremely dangerous or inconvenient stretch.	-1.620786667	55.011595

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-04-01 22:19:16 UTC	Cycle path along the A1058	The cycle path/pavement is in very poor condition. The road is too dangerous to go on by bike (especially with children), but the alternative path next to the road has countless hazards: potholes, street lights (which narrow the path considerably), high curves etc. As this stretch is part of a cycling route (around the golf course) it is too hazardous to use (especially with children).	-1.623211384	55.03612179
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 12:39:13 UTC	A189 / B1318	Horrible roundabout crossing	-1.61707449	54.99543652
Newcastle upon Tyne	Potholes, debris or drain cover	2012-03-07 11:20:17 UTC	Westgate Road next to The Long Bar and Opposite Wetherspoons	As the road bears right towards traffic lights, if you continue on straight ahead on Westgate Road the road becomes full of potholes and uneven with loose stones for about 15 yards	-1.615164757	54.96973938
Newcastle upon Tyne	Lack of clear signage	2012-03-30 13:09:11 UTC	Jesmond Dene Road westwards at junction of Osbourne Road	Road narrows from left with no indication to traffic trapping cyclists against kerb.	-1.611409664	54.99786132
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-30 13:10:42 UTC	Forth Banks	vehicles from Hanover Street pull into path of descending cyclists forcing them into the path of oncoming vehicles.	-1.615078926	54.9656438
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-14 14:09:24 UTC	Great North Road/Grandstand Road	Dangerous at rush hour. It marks the end of a lengthy bit of good cycle path along the Town Moor but then you have to negotiate heavy traffic to cross at the islands, especially at rush hour. Pedestrian crossings are too far away. Encourages risk taking.	-1.616398573	54.99526419
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 14:48:44 UTC	Haddricks Mill Roundabout	Traffic either approaches fast or accelerates quickly into gaps. There is no provision for cyclists whatsoever despite this being a key junction.	-1.601946831	55.00688227
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 14:56:58 UTC	Traffic lights at Moorfield/Jesmond Dene Road	Narrow and fast moving, particularly at key times of the day. The junction leaves you particularly vulnerable to being rear-ended when turning right into Moorfield.	-1.609596491	54.99862443
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-07 14:38:21 UTC	great north road	Roundabout outside hotel / mcdonalds has been altered in the past year, meaning that the traffic coming off the A1 / rotary way now enter the roundabout at higher speed, really dangerous for bikes due to the speed, and new reduction of lane sizes	-1.623855114	55.03564222
Newcastle upon Tyne	Lack of clear signage	2012-03-07 12:45:12 UTC	A67 sliproad/ B1318 bridge/cycle path junction	Rights of way unclear. cyclists heading South across Town moor emerge onto road. Traffic often doesn't give way.	-1.619703054	54.98350115

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 14:11:03 UTC	Sandyford Road/Link Rd	Drivers often don't see you when you're turning right onto Link Rd from Sandyford Road	-1.608630896	54.9803613
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 14:14:28 UTC	Warwick St/Newington Rd	Needs clearer markings to separate cyclists going straight on from drivers turning left at traffic lights when heading east	-1.594007492	54.97935773
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-30 20:13:42 UTC	A696/Ponteland Road above the main access/egress junction with the A1 Western Bypass	Extremely difficult to negotiate this roundabout, which is traffic light controlled. Cars speeding from the A1 around the roundabout going into Newcastle or down to the very busy Kingston Park shopping centre, or coming from Newcastle Airport down the A696 and doing the same manoeuvres, with additionally going down the A1. With cars travelling so fast, negotiating this roundabout is dangerous.	-1.668272495	55.00586546
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 21:44:55 UTC	Haddricksmill roundabout	6 roads merging very heavy traffic at rush-hour. It is also at the end of the wagonway cycle route so potential for many cyclists to use. I have been struck by a vehicle entering the roundabout from Killingworth Road before. I was heading east along the A191.	-1.601903915	55.00690688
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-30 17:19:52 UTC	coast road cycle path heading towards Newcastle	where cycle route towards Newcastle ends without any apparent direction, you can either cycle into oncoming traffic, ride on the pavement or negotiate a turn into one way street avoiding traffic islands	-1.563269377	54.99538728
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-23 10:58:46 UTC	Heaton Road	Since the driver according to the coroner apparently wasn't AT ALL to blame for clipping the kerb on the traffic island and hitting the cyclist's handle bars, the island and parked cars reported MUST be a life-threatening hazard and MUST be got rid of. http://www.journallive.co.uk/north-east-news/todays-news/2012/04/21/heaton-vicar-died-after-bike-hit-by-moving-car-61634-30806136/	-1.582141399	54.98486784
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-31 10:30:58 UTC	St. Mary's Place with John Dobson St	There is a cycle path through the gardens of the Newcastle Civic then it abruptly comes to an end at this junction and no explanation of how the cyclist is supposed to get across to John Dobson Street to continue cycling South. Also coming in the other direction from John Dobson Street cycling North you get to this junction and again no plan / explanation for how the cyclist is supposed to safely get across the junction to join up with the cycle path through Civic Centre gardens.	-1.611452579	54.97763374
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-23 17:12:57 UTC	Percy Street	Cars wanting to access the car park have to cross the new cycle lane in a short distance just after setting off from a set of traffic lights.	-1.615829945	54.97605745
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-30 13:34:00 UTC	Kenton Lane	Straight road with cycle lane leading to junction at school. Parents use cycle lane to drop kids off, even though school has proper entrance and drop-off points.	-1.658227444	55.00248897

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-09 15:09:01 UTC	Heaton Road	Cars overtake without realising that the road narrows and bends so push cyclists into parked cars. A cyclist was killed on the road recently.	-1.582205772	54.98496018
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 19:19:07 UTC	College St/Ellison Pl/Durant Rd	Horrendous, confusing junction with one-way system. Durant Rd leads to motorway which is obviously not ideal, but there is no other option for cyclists but to go on the pavement if they just want to get to John Dobson St from Heaton/Byker	-1.609113693	54.97603282
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 19:22:01 UTC	Byker Bank/A193	A Road dissects the Byker area and separates it from the wonderful Ouseburn area. It is very dangerous to cross from one part to the other.	-1.587076664	54.97554022
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-07 11:20:21 UTC	Gosforth High Street	The cycle lanes on this stretch of road always have parked cars in them. This means we have to cycle on the busy road which is dangerous.	-1.61817956	54.99962137
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-16 19:29:52 UTC	A189 / A191	Two mini roundabouts in close succession, often with busy traffic in all directions. No provision for cyclists. A cycle route to bypass the whole area would be best.	-1.602279425	55.00687612
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-07 13:53:46 UTC	Percy St/Barras Bridge	When heading North there is no simple and easy transition from Barras Bridge across four lanes of fast traffic (two in your direction, two opposite) to the cycle path on the Civic Centre side of the road.	-1.613147736	54.97908066
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 14:03:45 UTC	Osborne Road - Jesmond Dene Road - Ilford Road	Going from the top of Osborne Road to the cycle route along Ilford Road (which eventually leads to the Great North Road cycle path) is very dangerous (and equally so in reverse). From Osborne Rd you have to turn left then immediately stop and wait for a gap to do a right hand turn with cars and lorries following you round the junction incredibly fast, having to slam on their brakes so as not to hit you as you wait for a gap to do said right turn onto Ilford Rd. This is made more difficult by two lanes of fast traffic on Jesmond Dene Road going East. There is often a queue in the lane waiting for the right turn onto Osborne Road, obscuring the visibility of the fast lane of traffic carrying along Jesmond Dene Road. A lower speed limits (currently 40? change to 30 or, even better, 20), a review of the programming of the traffic lights, and a marked route across the junction for cyclists, obvious to drivers.	-1.611334562	54.99789825
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-07 14:05:37 UTC	Great North Rd	Vehicles permanently parked in cycle lane. This makes it completely pointless. These cars should either be penalised by traffic wardens/the police, or a physical barrier should be made to protect the cycle lane.	-1.619037867	55.00044598

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-27 09:25:51 UTC	Great North Rd roundabout at Jesmond Dene Rd	Incredibly dangerous for cyclists. Nightmarishly busy at all times of day and tricky enough if you're in a car, let alone on a bike. Could do with signals for cars and a flyover for bikes perhaps (there's plenty of room for this and traffic is so heavy that including cycling provision on the roundabout itself would be near impossible). There is a cycle route further south parallel to the Gt North Rd that breaks off to the right, doing a dog's leg before rejoining it further north of this roundabout. However, this is windy and indirect, time consuming, and requires navigation of lots of small junctions. Cycle routes must be direct, smooth, uninterrupted and obvious if cycling is to be a viable option for the masses. Routes that constantly wiggle around from road to pavement, with time consuming faffing around junctions are no use! Cycle routes must be given priority.	-1.616430759	54.9953442
Newcastle upon Tyne	Potholes, debris or drain cover	2012-03-07 11:29:05 UTC	Underpass that joins leazes park with Clayton Park	Underpass that's paved. Doesn't drain so gets wet and greasy, means it's very slippery, easy to come off as you build up speed for the other side.	-1.612686396	54.98465237
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-07 11:35:43 UTC	St. Marys / John Dobson	The cycle route across from the moor / library, comes to an abrupt halt at this busy junction but no clear markings are apparent and cyclists are expected to cross here as the adjacent streets are cycle free.	-1.611474037	54.97789234
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 13:30:43 UTC	A167/ roundabout over A1	3 Lanes traffic to the left joining A1 south. Cyclists sandwiched between three lanes of fast moving traffic.	-1.680160046	54.9944764
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-04-12 19:06:06 UTC	Sandyford Road	Cycle lane just fades out as road narrows so cars overtake not realising the lane is disappearing.	-1.598964214	54.982393
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-04-20 16:49:28 UTC	Benton Road/ Etherstone Avenue	Cycle path/ pavement blind corner, collision with another cyclist approaching corner from opposite direction.	-1.579941988	54.99537497
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-19 15:12:50 UTC	Byker Bridge/ Shields Rd Junction	Fast moving traffic over large, multi Lane roundabout with multiple exits presents major hazard to cyclists with no viable alternative to negotiate it for significant distance. A filling station actually on the roundabout adds to the danger. Introduce a safe crossing point for cyclists on Byker Bridge side.	-1.587130308	54.97546017
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-14 09:42:15 UTC	Great North Rd/Jesmond Dene Road	If you are cycling across the roundabout on the Great North Road, the junction is very busy and dangerous to cycle on. If you cycle along the footpath which has shared access, when crossing Jesmond Dene Road you either have to wait ages for a break in the traffic, or go to the island in the middle of the road which isn't even the width of a bike.	-1.616001606	54.99558423
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-10 14:50:51 UTC	Great North Road / Hollywood Ave	Dangerous gyratory	-1.620829582	55.01230863

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-10 14:51:59 UTC	Great North Road / Broadway	Dangerous gyratory (route to school, poor links across, guardrailing)	-1.621891737	55.01758663
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 14:53:08 UTC	Great North Road = Gosforth High Street	Environmental improvements needed to make into a safe and pleasant local shopping area	-1.620239496	55.00429803
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 14:54:20 UTC	Swan House roundabout	Dangerous and disconnected for walking and cycling. Hangover from the 1960s megalomania.	-1.608738184	54.97148834
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-10 14:55:03 UTC	Byker Bridge	Dangerous fast heavy traffic in narrow lanes	-1.590359688	54.9758912
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-10 14:55:44 UTC	Byker Bridge / Shields Road	Dangerous gyratory to cross	-1.587151766	54.97558332
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-10 14:57:02 UTC	John Dobson Street	Patchy provision for cycling, sharing in bus lanes.	-1.610819578	54.97664241
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 14:57:58 UTC	Barrack Bridge	Dangerous for cycling, multi-lane, cross-lane cycling.	-1.613909483	54.97812015
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 14:58:24 UTC	Percy Street	Dangerous cycling. Patchy unclear provision.	-1.61569047	54.97627912
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 14:59:02 UTC	Barrack Road / Gallowgate	Dangerous crossing. Multi-lane fast traffic.	-1.621248007	54.97358207
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-10 15:00:10 UTC	Great North Road / Grandstand	Impenetrable by walking and cycling. Fast, multi-lane, heavy traffic.	-1.616312742	54.99538728
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:00:34 UTC	Sandyford Road	Lack of cycling provision	-1.598953485	54.98259616

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:01:22 UTC	Jesmond Road / Sandyford	Difficult crossing for walking and cycling. Unclear provision for cycling.	-1.596990108	54.98520027
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-10 15:01:58 UTC	High Level Bridge	Unclear, unfavourable cycle provision.	-1.608437777	54.96689408
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:03:07 UTC	Neville Street	Unwelcoming public realm for walking and cycling. Should be a "Gateway to Newcastle"	-1.617557287	54.96908658
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:04:51 UTC	Blackett Street	Buses and cycling competing. Passing fire engine got nearly completely stuck there the other day: heavy bus traffic holding it up significantly.	-1.615754843	54.97413627
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-10 15:05:45 UTC	Railway Street	Fast heavy traffic.	-1.621934652	54.96589633
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:06:20 UTC	Stowell Street	Cycle-contraflow missing	-1.620368242	54.97216574
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:08:01 UTC	Central Parkway (back of Centre for Life)	Barrier with no cycle-provision at South end. No cycle contraflow.	-1.619681597	54.9673252
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:11:04 UTC	Sandhill / The Close	Traffic lights regularly ignored by drivers.	-1.607815504	54.96871707
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-10 15:12:03 UTC	Sandhill / Swing Bridge	Difficult traffic flows. Merging, multi-lane.	-1.608652353	54.96829828
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:12:31 UTC	Grainger Street (South)	Cycle contraflow missing.	-1.616548777	54.96961621
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-10 15:13:57 UTC	Jesmond Road / Osborne Road	Dangerous or arduous crossing.	-1.604489565	54.98265157

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-10 15:14:34 UTC	Westgate Road / Elswick Road	Dangerous, difficult crossing.	-1.629509211	54.97171619
Newcastle upon Tyne	Potholes, debris or drain cover	2012-03-10 15:15:28 UTC	St James' Boulevard	Diffiult road environment. Fast, heavy traffic. Patchy cycling provision.	-1.623071909	54.96894493
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:15:59 UTC	John Dobson / Durant Road	Impenetrable crossing.	-1.609060049	54.9758912
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:16:33 UTC	Osborne Road	Difficult road environment. Hostile.	-1.60545516	54.98548345
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-10 15:17:18 UTC	Ilford Road	Should be 20mph, is 30mph.	-1.611913919	54.99828596
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:18:08 UTC	Ilford Road / Rectory Drive	Should be one-way with contraflow.	-1.610175848	55.0021136
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-10 15:18:53 UTC	Rectory Road	Regularly speeding drivers in a 20 mph environment.	-1.612579107	55.00208899
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:19:39 UTC	Chruch Road	Hostile environment. No cycle provision.	-1.616827726	55.00735603
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-10 15:20:35 UTC	Haddricks Mill roundabouts	Impenetrable to walking and cycling. Multi-lane, fast heavy traffic.	-1.602064848	55.00689458
Newcastle upon Tyne	Potholes, debris or drain cover	2012-03-10 15:21:18 UTC	Matthew Bank	Hostile road environment. Patchy cycle provision.	-1.606270552	54.99997829
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-10 15:22:58 UTC	Central Motorway / Durant Road	No idea what you are supposed to do here as a cyclist. Scary.	-1.606549501	54.97510919

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-10 15:23:51 UTC	Hunter's Road	Road narrowing due to on-street parking (westbound). Cycle lane stops when road narrows (eastbound)	-1.632760048	54.98316871
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:24:21 UTC	Claremont Road	Road environment could be improved. Heavy fast traffic. Narrow lanes.	-1.626666069	54.98448616
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:25:29 UTC	Stoddart Street	Cycle contraflow missing.	-1.597011566	54.97522618
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:26:05 UTC	New Bridge Street / Stoddart Street	Difficult crossing. Unclear provision.	-1.596646786	54.9748321
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:26:40 UTC	Crawhall Road	Cycle-contraflow missing.	-1.596410751	54.97361286
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:28:11 UTC	Silver Lonnen	Cycle lane recently removed, and pinchpoints installed. Makes cycling more dangerous.	-1.675889969	54.98600055
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:29:09 UTC	Richardson Road	Unfavourable road environment. Fast heavy traffic, parked cars, narrow lanes.	-1.623297215	54.98029973
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:29:45 UTC	Queen Victoria Road	Unfavourable road environment. Fast heavy traffic. Narrow lanes.	-1.617331982	54.97942545
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:30:27 UTC	Leazes Park Road (South)	Cycle-contraflow missing.	-1.617653847	54.97485673
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:31:08 UTC	Benton Road	Hostile road environment for cycling. Multi-lane, fast heavy traffic. Narrow lanes.	-1.580188751	55.00020598
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-10 15:32:01 UTC	Acorn Road	Local shopping area. Should be severely traffic calmed. Pedestrianised with cycle inclusion.	-1.605294228	54.99250071

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Cars go above speed limit	2012-03-10 15:32:53 UTC	Shields Road	Local shopping district. Should be traffic calmed with better cycle and walking provision. Better for trade.	-1.58130455	54.97708574
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 15:33:28 UTC	Freeman Road	Hostile road environment. No cycle provision.	-1.596625328	55.00217514
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-15 15:25:11 UTC	"South Gosforth Roundabouts"	Several roads coming together with 2 roundabouts close together. For several years Council have had proposal to replace with traffic lights and rerouting roads. Not uncommon for accidents to occur here.	-1.602150679	55.00691303
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 12:00:50 UTC	Claremont Rd	Cycling east on Claremont Rd and entering the roundabout I am regularly unsighted by drivers coming off the slip road from the A167	-1.620325327	54.98275007
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-05 20:06:44 UTC	Redheugh Bridge	Needs cycle lanes both directions and speed limit reduction from 50 to 40mph.	-1.619391918	54.96258719
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-05 20:19:37 UTC	A189/72	Needs a dropped curb for access to route 72 from the road when heading east. The posts holding up the signs are a hazard when heading west.	-1.691489697	54.96914657
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-05 20:20:37 UTC	A695	Needs cycle lanes east and west bound.	-1.678797483	54.96681242
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-05 20:24:07 UTC	A695/A189	Needs separate lights for cycles to avoid conflict with other traffic when joining A189. Junction is currently under construction so now would be a great time to implement.	-1.623737097	54.96587625
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-05 20:24:51 UTC	A189	Needs cycle lanes north and south bound.	-1.623812199	54.96646136
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-06 00:02:06 UTC	Scotswood Road	Traffic lights cause conflict with other road users. Traffic lights should be 'Give Way' for cyclists	-1.702121973	54.97306481
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-06 00:03:39 UTC	Scotswood Road	Traffic lights cause conflict with other road users. Traffic lights should be 'Give Way' for cyclists.	-1.693882227	54.97028132

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-06 00:04:07 UTC	A191/A189	Traffic lights cause conflict with other road users. Traffic lights should be 'Give Way' for cyclists.	-1.692938089	54.97024437
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-06 00:04:32 UTC	A189	Traffic lights cause conflict with other road users. Traffic lights should be 'Give Way' for cyclists.	-1.693345785	54.96989334
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-06 00:04:56 UTC	A695	Traffic lights cause conflict with other road users. Traffic lights should be 'Give Way' for cyclists.	-1.667639494	54.96579162
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-06 00:05:38 UTC	A695	Traffic lights cause conflict with other road users. Traffic lights should be 'Give Way' for cyclists.	-1.642684221	54.96278589
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-06 00:06:05 UTC	A695	Traffic lights cause conflict with other road users. Traffic lights should be 'Give Way' for cyclists.	-1.631118536	54.96398698
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-04-17 00:39:11 UTC	Scotswood Road	Left-turn-only lane between cycle lane and straight ahead (A6085 exit) lane. The generally low traffic volume here negates the need for direction specific lanes.	-1.700823784	54.97227658
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-17 00:44:09 UTC	Scotswood Road (West bound)	Addition of traffic island and removal of ~20m of cycle lane at approach to lights causes conflict with cyclists by pushing motorised traffic into what was cycle lane. Suggest widening the road to compensate for the loss due to the island and allowing cyclists to pass on red as there is no turn on the left hence give way would be more appropriate for cyclists ad reduce risk of conflict with traffic.	-1.663669825	54.96536049
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-25 13:00:39 UTC	Haddricks Mill Roundabouts	A nightmare double roundabout with traffic coming from 6 lanes. Traffic flow is clearly the priority, with safety completely ignored. Many drivers find this scary, and for many cyclists it's completely impassable. Yet it is at the end of one of the best bits of cycle path in Newcastle (the Coxlodge wagonway), which is great for as long as it lasts, but which comes to an abrupt halt at the roundabout.	-1.602375984	55.00689458
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-25 13:04:14 UTC	John Dobson Street	Urban dual carriageway with plenty of junctions, bus stops, and fed from a nearby motorway. Traffic comes onto this road with motorway driving in mind, and yet this is a recommended route for cyclists. It's a nightmare to use, mainly because of the dual carriageway.	-1.610465527	54.97571263
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-25 13:06:24 UTC	Westgate Road & Neville Street - approach to Central Statiopn	Getting to the Central Station on a bike is horrible - three and four lanes of high speed traffic have to be crossed. Again the nearby motorway seems to lead to drivers who forget they're in a city, and drive accordingly. It has to be experienced to be believed	-1.615894318	54.96983792

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-25 17:52:41 UTC	Jesmond Dene Road (by Great North Road)	The bike path alongside the Great North Road crosses Jesmond Dene Road here, but since there isn't any assistance beyond a refuge in the middle it's a difficult, time consuming and scary crossing.	-1.615529537	54.99575655
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-19 19:46:44 UTC	New Bridge between Kings Manor & B1600	~Bus Lane with bus stops merging into Rd with cars cutting in as not clear how to go straight ahead or get into lane to turn right into Gibson St. Seriously unsafe for cyclists	-1.599811792	54.97445032
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-11 11:08:48 UTC	Market Street	Lots of buses, HGVs and narrow lanes make it very dangerous for cyclists. I've had many near misses with buses pulling out and know a few people who have been knocked off. In addition the whole stretch down to central station is very dangerous for cyclists with no dedicated cycle lanes or easy options to get there.	-1.6140275	54.97262143
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-11 11:10:01 UTC	Newcastle central station	No easy route in/out of station with lots of taxis and buses directly outside	-1.61771822	54.96868011
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-20 08:54:40 UTC	west road	cars are always parked in the cycle lanes, bus stops are set out away from the path which means when one is there (at a bus stop) it's hard to get pasted and brings the whole road (major route to city centre) to a stand still until it moves off.	-1.655258417	54.97588504
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-21 08:37:42 UTC	A189	Road is narrow (not wide enough for cars to pass bike safely) and traffic is either fast, or in a long tailback. Pavement stops abruptly on west side. The junction with A191 is a double roundabout, and is hazardous to negotiate, as there is fast moving traffic coming from all directions.	-1.600165844	55.009614
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 21:44:28 UTC	Osborne Rd / Jesmond Rd	This junction is particularly difficult if you come along Osborne Rd and want to go straight on to Osborne Terr or if you want to turn left on to Jesmond Rd in order to turn right on to Portland Terr or if you come along Jesmond Rd from the east and want to turn right on to Osborne Rd. In all cases you must cross at least two lanes in each direction in a short distance. Car drivers frequently fail to see cyclists. It is also a difficult junction for pedestrians and drivers	-1.604631424	54.9825453
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-17 15:23:47 UTC	A191 (Station Rd/Benton Park Rd), A189 (Mathew Bank/Killingworth Rd) and Freeman Road	This is a treacherous double mini roundabout with 5 roads leading into it and 2 of these with 2 lanes (Mathew Bank, Killingworth Rd) and 1 with 3 lanes (Benton Park Rd). It is a main route into the centre of Newcastle. As a cyclist, turning right is particularly hazardous	-1.60222578	55.00684535
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 11:43:01 UTC	The infamous double roundabout at South Gosforth (A191)	Very busy double roundabout which is bad enough for cars but for bikes you're risking your life every time you attempt it at rush hour. I know of a number of people who have been hit at this place.	-1.602000475	55.00685766

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-14 12:13:47 UTC	A167/Kenton Lane roundabout	Busy roundabout especially at peak times, approached by multi-lane roads on three sides with no cycle accommodation. No facilities for cyclists and traffic moves very heading south allowing.	-1.667049408	55.00170132
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-14 12:15:44 UTC	B6324	Heading west on Stamfordham Road requires cyclists to use middle lane (left lane is filter). Cars expect cyclists to stay in left lane and do not allow you to continue in the straight on lane.	-1.702926636	55.00292586
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-07 11:35:21 UTC	Great North Road near Regent Centre roundabout	There are lines of tar along this section of road that become very slippery when wet. I have almost fallen a couple of times on these.	-1.620915413	55.01192721
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 16:57:10 UTC	Town Moor	There seem to be three issues with this junction. Firstly, it's unclear through which traffic management system (give way, stop, non) cyclists join the road. Secondly, cars crossing the bridge and seeking to join the A167 behave as though they have right-of-way. It is unclear if they do because it is unclear if cyclist are on the road that they are seeking to make a right turn off Thirdly, cars leaving the A167 and at the Give Way point seem to only look to their right for on-coming traffic and not to their left for cyclists. It's just unclear who has right-of-way.	-1.619627953	54.98344575
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-30 13:25:18 UTC	Bluehouse Roundabout	It's horrible!! For a start, it's hard to see that it's even a roundabout, and if you choose to use the on-path cycle route, there is nowhere to cross, and the cars go at such speed that deciding to use this roundabout as a cyclist or pedestrian is literally dicing with death.	-1.61559391	54.99564577
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 11:54:31 UTC	West Denton Way, Newcastle upon Tyne	Dual carriageway. Two junctions within a short distance travelling east, which have left-hand-lane only for turning off. When cyclist need to travel straight on, this forces cyclist into middle of two lanes, making them very vulnerable especially during rush hours.	-1.696918488	54.99182982
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 22:11:06 UTC	New Bridge Street, Newcastle upon Tyne	A roundabout that is more like a speedway circuit, but no other means of crossing the motorway.	-1.606206179	54.97477052
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-18 21:20:52 UTC	City Road / Swan House roundabout	fast moving traffic not bike friendly	-1.607912064	54.97131591

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-18 21:38:00 UTC	Blue House Roundabout	very risky for bikes - even the few traffic islands are too narrow	-1.616366386	54.99557192
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 17:54:29 UTC	A1058/Osborne Rd	The junction was re-designed several years ago but does not accommodate the growth of bike traffic. The morning peak has large numbers of bikes travelling E-W across a staggered ped xing which presents a danger to cyclists and peds alike.	-1.604553938	54.98276854
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 17:58:44 UTC	John Dobson St	This is the Council's preferred N-S cycle route through the city. The junction marked offers the only opportunity to turn off JD St into North St. However, a bike heading south has to make an illegal movement.	-1.610701561	54.97627912
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-11 11:42:41 UTC	South Gosforth Roundabouts	Multiple lanes over 2 small roundabouts, poor marking, signage and barriers blocking lines of sight. Pedestrian crossings at all the exits so often has traffic backed up causing traffic to weave or block lanes. A very confusing situation for people not used to the layout.	-1.60222578	55.00686997
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-30 13:12:35 UTC	Curch Rd	Cycle route crosses busy road, consistently blocked westbound during peak times so cyclists must enter road before being able to clearly see if there is any oncoming eastbound traffic.	-1.617267609	55.00730681
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 18:24:19 UTC	Roundabouts at Station Road/Haddricksmill Road/Killingworth Road	Two roundabouts close together on either side of the Ouseburn Bridge with very heavy traffic in the rush hour.. There are light-controlled pedestrian crossings nearby, but the junctions have no traffic lights. The road surface is very poor especially along the Killingworth Road as far as the railway bridge. Station Road is very narrow and rather steep. Freeman Road has a dead-end bus-stop bay on the left, so buses have to pull right out into the road.	-1.602054119	55.00690688
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 18:30:04 UTC	Killingworth Road/Salters' Lane	Killingworth Road from the junction with Benton Park Road to the end on Junction with Salters' Lane. Very poor road surface. Heavy traffic in rush hour. Almost blind entrance on left going north, very narrow pavement on right-hand side going north, no pavement on left-hand side under railway bridge where road narrows and then climbs steeply.	-1.600122929	55.00977396
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-07 18:51:29 UTC	The cycle and footpath between Brandling Park and the Great North Road opposite Newcastle Civic Centre	Clearly designed by a motorway planner who hated both cyclists and pedestrians, this route dives under the A167(M) and Great North Road Junction, T Dan Smith's answer to Spaghetti Junction. Southbound cyclists whizz down a steep ramp through a reasonably wide underpass to be faced with a steep sharp bend to right just as the path narrows. There is a steep uphill stretch to area in front of the university library which is invariably crowded with oblivious students. How I hate the iPod! The next section is steeply downhill, much narrower, and full of students on foot who get in the way, and ends on the pavement outside the Civic Centre next to a pedestrian crossing with nowhere to join or cross the road safely on a bike.	-1.612128496	54.98238684
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-10 09:05:32 UTC	Northumberland Street, Newcastle upon Tyne	This wide street in the city centre, on the edge of the Eldon Square shopping complex, is pedestrianised. Hooray! Unfortunately, cycling is prohibited, even though there is plenty of room for a cycle lane in the middle of the road. So cyclists are forced onto the parallel and very busy John Dobson and Percy Streets.	-1.612654209	54.97562643

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-30 21:13:51 UTC	Station road	The 2 roundabout are tight and extremely busy	-1.602600667	55.00685979
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-07 11:15:51 UTC	B6918	The cycle lanes are far too narrow and too close to the edge of the road to be considered safe. Their presence alone means cyclists are expected to use them despite putting them at greater risk.	-1.694622517	55.02378647
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-05 19:38:57 UTC	St George's Terrace	Parked cars on both sides of narrow suburban road, cars have to travel single file, heavy traffic because of shopping street and nearby school with cars accelerating when they see a gap.	-1.606345654	54.99233453
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-04-05 19:44:23 UTC	Osborne Road - north end	Busy road speed limit is 30 mph. Cyclists travelling from North Jesmond have no other option but to use this road.	-1.605358601	54.99544883
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-08 10:24:07 UTC	John Dobson Street	Cycle provision on the street is limited to a shared lane with buses. Lots of buses use the street and these lanes feel very dangerous to use, especially as buses are big heavy vehicles. There is no other reasonable route in the area to go north/south as Northumberland Street is closed to cyclists.	-1.610765934	54.97629144
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 10:26:28 UTC	Newton Road - Cragside Roundabout	A fairly large radius roundabout, in a residential area, that is right next to a primary school. This makes cycling and walking here feel unsafe, and as though you are second class to the car.	-1.588793278	54.99841519
Newcastle upon Tyne	Road infrastructure including pinch points, blind spots and road markings	2012-03-08 10:29:34 UTC	Crossing The River Tyne	There is no straight forward way for cyclists to cross the River Tyne. The roads are fast (eg 40mph on the Tyne Bridge) and the space provided for cycling is actually pedestrian paths. This makes getting across the Tyne a pain, and is annoying for pedestrians too, who constantly have to move out of the way for cyclists.	-1.605862856	54.96781174
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 10:33:51 UTC	Haddricks Mill Double Roundabout	This double roundabout is awful for driving, it is even worse for cycling, and pedestrians and cyclist that wish to avoid it are sent on a long journey around the outside edge of it.	-1.602257967	55.00686997
Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-07 11:36:12 UTC	slip road from the southbound a167 onto the b1318	I leave the path through the park to join this junction and am frequently narrowly missed by cars coming up the slip road and not stopping at the stop signs and also failing to look to the left to ensure cyclists are not already beginning to cross the junction. When traffic is heavy cars use the slip road as a short cut to jump the traffic and often double up at the stop sign one stream turns right (to cross the bridge) the other carries straight on over the junction, back onto the other sliproad. These drivers often fail to look to the left they seem to take their cue to move when the car alongside turns to the right. Oncoming vehicles travelling East over the bridge often turn into the paths of cyclists heading West	-1.619756699	54.98345806
Newcastle upon Tyne	Cycle lane, shared route or superhighway	2012-03-30 20:21:11 UTC	B1319 Great N Rd/Grandstand Rd/Jesmond Dene Rd	Cycle path ends. Major busy roundabout with two lanes from each of four directions. No traffic lights or safe crossing for cyclists. The crossing available has insufficient space in the island half way across the road and relies on cars not entering yellow box, which they usually do.	-1.616387844	54.99547345

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Newcastle upon Tyne	Roundabout, crossroad, traffic lights or slip road	2012-03-08 09:15:38 UTC	Chillingham Road/Shields Road	This area is very busy with cyclists, it is highly populated by students and young professionals all cycling around. I've been knocked off at this roundabout before, and know of another person who has had the same. It is astonishing that motorists do not look out for bikes in this area. There is no provision for cyclists in this area, baring a 10' long cycle lane before a set of traffic lights where Shields Road and Huddleston Road meet. The whole of this area is just waiting for a fatality.	-1.574566841	54.98050291
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Number of comments collected : 287 or one in three participants (36%)

Unabridged and unaltered. Listed in temporary order - latest comment first.

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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 initiatives 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 cycling 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 dont 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 Millenium 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	NE30	"The cycle routes around the entire city, not just the two routes mentioned in this survey need to be addressed."
275	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."

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276	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."
277	NE40	"the condition of the roads - potholes everywhere!"
278	NE6	"Potholes. I can imagine that these will put a lot of people off cycling. It is extremely treacherous in some areas."
279	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"
280	NE3	"The Council is proud to declare on many huge sign posts that is has 10,000 car parking spaces in the City Centre? How many safe bike racks are there?"
281	NE3	"As a principle parking in/on cycle lanes should be prohibited"
282	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?"
283	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."
284	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."
285	NE41	"trying to cycle through the city centre is for the brave cyclist only - it is an unpleasant & frankly dangerous experience."
286	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"
287	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."