

Newcastle Cycling Campaign



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Dear Mr MacDonald,

Wheels in Motion

Seven Strategic Cycle Routes to the Heart of Newcastle

I attended the LSTF consultation event last week and agreed at one of the workshops that Newcastle Cycle Campaign would submit a formal proposal for LSTF funding. We are delighted that we have been asked to help contribute towards making our area a more pleasant place in which to live.

It was said that the preferred date for submissions was 24th October, but submissions would continue to be accepted for a few days afterwards.

You will have already received from us our expression of interest in submitting a proposal, sent last week by Katja Leyendecker. This set out our broad aims of 'Planning a Cycle Network'. Newcastle Cycling Campaign would now like to formally submit the attached proposal which deals with our plans in more detail.

We believe that our proposal meets all the criteria set out in the LSTF application document. In the interests of brevity, we have not sought to duplicate the supporting information already contained in the initial bid document which outlines the obvious benefits of increasing the numbers of people cycling and the current demographic and geographic profiling.

Our proposal is confined to developing a strategic cycle network for Newcastle but we are also very conscious that many of the routes will extend outwards to link up with routes from other local authorities, and we would be keen to see this happen. However, for the purposes of this bid we have concentrated on improving links to Newcastle City Centre and other economic sites in our city.

We have included an indicative plan of our seven strategic routes which show the areas they would pass through. We have not shown the actual line the routes would take as we would want this to be part of the detailed planning, design and consultation process. We have also included a plan of the three routes that we are suggesting should be taken forward to the implementation stage in the timeframe of the LSTF. These particular routes have been chosen for the reasons set out in our proposal.

Obviously, we appreciate that you will need time to have an initial look at our proposal, but would as always, welcome the opportunity to discuss our plans in greater detail at an early stage. We believe that our proposal will help create a fantastic cycling network and bring great benefits to the people of Newcastle. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Fig.1 Seven Strategic Cycle Routes

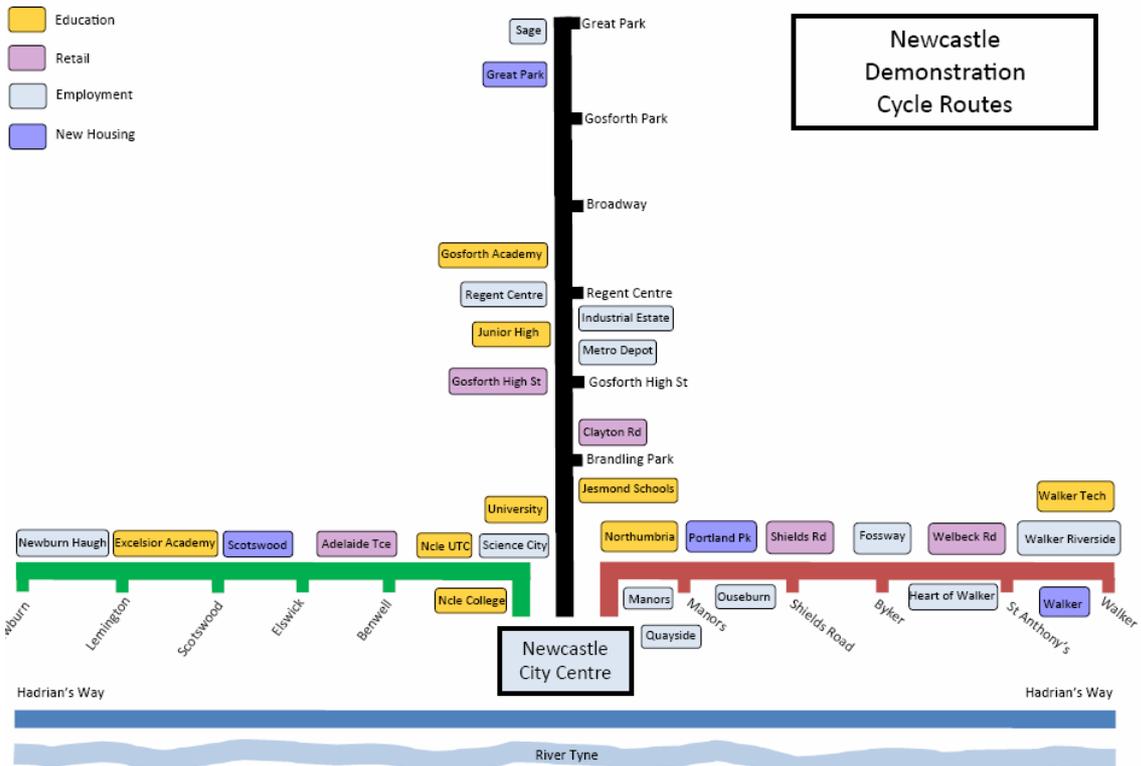


Fig.2 Three Demonstration Cycle Routes