



Cycling petition survey
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Executive summary

Cycling is a green, healthy, cost-effective and quick mode of transport and should be encouraged wherever possible.

Newcastle's air quality is deteriorating and car ownership is on the increase [Ref 1]. Child and adult overweight and obesity levels alarm officials in the Northeast [Ref 2].

A cycling commuter started a safe cycling petition on 11 April 2010 after being disappointed by the local authority's approach to cycling in Newcastle city centre. The online survey was open for four weeks and resulted in over 800 local people supporting the petition.

A policy document review revealed that the written framework in support of cycling is in place and it is the will and subsequent action that is currently lacking.

The survey clearly demonstrates that a strong cycling community already exists despite the adverse cycling conditions in Newcastle city centre, and also, that there is excellent potential to built on this and increase the numbers of cyclists, if more and safer provision could be made available in the city centre to achieve the Newcastle City Council's vision :

"cosmopolitan European City Centre of unique character which : <...> Is highly accessible with high quality public transport which encourages use of sustainable modes and reduces congestion. A high quality environment which ensures safety and convenience for pedestrians and cyclists" [Ref 3]

There is increased pressure on local authorities from government to integrate and encourage cycling.

Department of Transport	[Ref 4]	Cycle to work guarantee	[video 3:06min]
All-party parliamentary group	[Ref 5]	Study tour 2010	[video 5:21min]



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1 Introduction

A regular Newcastle city centre bike commuter, Katja Leyendecker, started a cycling petition survey on Sunday 11 April 2010, ending on Monday 10 May 2010.

The reason of the survey was to determine whether there was sufficient strength of support amongst the cycling community, including potential cyclists, that cycling should be made into a safer activity in Newcastle city centre. Conversely, the petition coordinator's premise was that currently cycling in the city centre is neither a pleasant nor a safe undertaking.

During its four weeks (twenty working days) the online survey recorded over 800 responses in support of the safe cycling initiative for central Newcastle. [Refer to [appendix A](#) for the online survey layout.]

In addition to the online survey a website www.katlayout.co.uk was set up to publicise the cycling petition, dispense information on progress as well as provide collated data and feedback from the survey back to its supporters. [Refer to [appendix B](#) for the website pages.]

Various outgoing communications took place such as email updates, 'sound bite' summaries, letters to schools, parliamentary candidates, city councillors and a press release. [These communications can be seen in [appendix C](#).]

Via the press release, the survey also attracted media coverage. [Refer to [appendix D](#).]



2 Background

2.1 Personal background

Before the petition survey, the author had been in contact with the council for more than a year to exchange views on adequacy of cycling facilities in Newcastle city centre.

The coordinator

- ➔ contacted the office of the chief executive
- ➔ once located, browsed its cycling website
- ➔ conversed with the council's cycling officer
- ➔ conversed with the councillor's cycling champion
- ➔ attended the Newcastle cycling forum.

The author felt that the information available and quality of responses provided did not match the high status that cycling should and could enjoy in our city - a status of cycling which is laid out in strategy and policy documents on national, regional and council levels. [Also refer to References section.]

2.2 National background

Listed below is the national backdrop for subsequent regional and local policies. The documents date back to the nineties and set an early national picture for cycling and the importance placed on it.

The *cycling in great Britain* report describes the historical background. [Ref 6]

- ➔ page 4 – Cycling is an economical, environmentally friendly and healthy mode of transport. It is also a realistic means of transport, especially for short local trips which make up many of our everyday journeys. The Government's statement of policy on cycling in June 1994 indicated an intention to make it easier, safer and more convenient.

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- ➔ page 6 – In terms of road traffic, cycling declined from 37 per cent in 1949 to just 1 percent in 1995. During this period, increasing affluence led to greater choice in the available modes of transport to work.

The *national cycling strategy* sets targets to be achieved with local authorities being the delivery 'vehicle'. [Ref 7]

- ➔ page 4 – objective : to increase cycle use
- ➔ page 4 – central target : double the number of trips by cycle (on 1996 figures) by end 2002 – quadruple the number of trips by cycle (on 1996 figures) by end 2012
- ➔ page 4 – local target : local authorities and other transport providers and trip generators to set local targets which will contribute to the central target to increase cycle use
- ➔ page 7 - cycling accounts for less than 2% of trips in the UK, compared to 10% in Sweden, 11% in Germany, 15% in Switzerland and 18% in Denmark. <...> The UK has neither an unusual geography, climate or economy. In Switzerland there are more hills, Sweden has colder winters and Germany higher car ownership, yet each has five times the share of bicycle trips.

The *integrated transport white paper* assesses progress and makes further observations and recommendations. [Ref 8]

- ➔ page xvii - There was also widespread agreement with the White Paper's conclusion that there is considerable potential for more walking and cycling. However, this potential will only be realised if these activities are made safe and pleasant.
- ➔ <cont.> This has not happened yet, and attempts to improve matters have too often been half-hearted: the plethora of white lines, denoting cycle lanes, have not been effective. Witnesses doubted whether local authorities would make these modes of transport a priority, especially since the culture of highway engineers, charged with



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implementing these plans, has not traditionally been sympathetic to them, and many councillors are of a similar view.

- ➔ <cont.> The Government will need to ensure that there is an increase in both walking and cycling by the allocation of funds and by monitoring the implementation of Local Transport Plans.
- ➔ page xviii - Safer routes for cyclists and pedestrians are also a matter of better designed and engineered schemes, which local authorities will be encouraged to adopt in their Local Transport Plans.

National planning policy guidance 13 reaffirms the cycling context and describes the status of cycling in local transport decision-making. [Ref 9]

- ➔ 78. Cycling also has potential to substitute for short car trips, particularly those under 5km, and to form part of a longer journey by public transport.
- ➔ <cont.> Local authorities are required to produce a local cycling strategy as part of their local transport plan. They should actively seek to establish partnerships for action with other public bodies, commercial organisations and voluntary sector groups.
- ➔ 81. Local planning authorities should take a more pro-active approach towards the implementation of planning policies on transport <...>
- ➔ 84. Planning obligations may be used to achieve improvements to public transport, walking and cycling, where such measures would be likely to influence travel patterns to the site involved, either on their own or as part of a package of measures.
- ➔ <cont.> Examples might include improvements to a bus service or cycle route which goes near to the site, or pedestrian improvements which make it easier and safer to walk to the site from other developments or from public transport <...>
- ➔ 85. Planning obligations where appropriate in relation to transport should be based around securing improved accessibility to sites by all modes, with the emphasis on achieving the greatest degree of access by public transport, walking and cycling.



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2.3 Regional background

With respect then to regional and local documentation relating to cycling, a *Tyne and Wear local transport plan* (LTP2) is currently in force with LTP3 in preparation. The LTP2 contains a regional cycling strategy, referring to the local cycling strategy for each local authority. [Ref 10]

- The Plan Partners, in cooperation with local and national cycling organisations such as CTC, Tynebikes, Sustrans and local health partnerships, aim to reduce barriers to cycling in Tyne and Wear.
- The Partners hope that increased cycling will contribute to improved road safety and provide greater accessibility for everyone, reduce congestion and help improve air quality
- The Plan Partners' overarching aim is to reduce reliance on the private motor vehicle, in order to reduce congestion, improve air quality and increase levels of physical activity.
- The Tyne and Wear Cycling Strategy is designed as an umbrella document for the five local authorities' own cycling strategies
- The following will be considered as part of the planning application: The main cycle routes to and through the development <...>
- Hierarchy of provision :
 - Traffic reduction. Can traffic volumes be reduced sufficiently to achieve the desired improvements in attractiveness and safety? Can heavy lorries be restricted or diverted?
 - Speed reduction. Can speeds be reduced and driver behaviour modified to achieve the desired results?
 - Junction treatment and traffic management. Can the problems that cyclists encounter, particularly accident locations, be solved by specific junction treatment or other traffic management solutions such as contraflow cycle lanes and priority traffic signals?



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- Redistribution of the carriageway. Can the carriageway be redistributed to give more space to cyclists, perhaps in conjunction with bus lanes?
- Cycle lanes (on-road) and cycle tracks (off-road). Having considered and, where possible, implemented the above, what specific cycle lanes or tracks are now necessary?
- Shared use of the footway. This should normally be discouraged as it has proven to be an unsatisfactory solution for both cyclists and pedestrians. The DfT has repeatedly stated in guidance that shared use of the footway by cyclists should be considered only as a last resort.

The *regional spatial strategy* [Ref 11], also puts emphasis on cycling especially in its close relation to climate change and sustainability.

- ➔ page 19 - Social Objectives <...> to ensure good accessibility for all to jobs, facilities, goods and services in the Region particularly by public transport, walking and cycling; to reduce the need to travel by private car
- ➔ page 22 - Climate Change <...> focus substantial new development on locations with good accessibility by sustainable transport modes, particularly public transport, walking and cycling
- ➔ page 24 - All sites should be in locations that are, or will be, well related to homes, jobs and services by all modes of transport, particularly public transport, walking and cycling.
- ➔ page 35 - Reducing the impact of travel demand particularly by promoting public transport, travel plans, cycling and walking; reducing the need to travel long distances, particularly by private car, by focusing development in urban areas that have good access to public transport and for cyclists and pedestrians, and by encouraging home-working and improving electronic communications
- ➔ page 75 - Important considerations in developing the economy in a more sustainable way include being close to an available workforce; accessibility by public transport,



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cycling and walking; promoting self sufficiency with indigenous businesses locally producing goods and services; and making optimum use of existing infrastructure.

- ➔ page 78 - is served by high levels of public transport, walking and cycling, particularly through the development of workplace travel plans

2.4 Local background

With regards to a local cycling strategy, the current strategy (adopted by the council) dates back to 1998 and would benefit from updating. A draft has been circulated in 2007 or so and is available through the cycling forum, however progress towards adoption appears slow. In summary, Newcastle does not currently have a adopted cycling strategy and no further comment can be made as to its content or quality.

Newcastle city council recently passed a climate change declaration [Ref 12]. The cycling-related points are excerpted below.

- ➔ “As a Council we will provide leadership by facilitating new ways of working which avoid the need to bring a private car to work and encourage more of our staff to cycle and walk to work.”
- ➔ “With partners, we will also aim to promote lower carbon methods of travel, aiming for a 4% reduction in fuel use through walking, cycling and better use of public transport by 2020.”

As part of the (trans-authorities) Tyne & Wear local transport plan, local authorities have been required to draw up further local plans. A city centre area action plan ‘key issues and development options’ has been prepared in 2006 and lays out the council’s vision and plan for the city centre. Excerpts from that plan are bulleted below. [Ref 3]

- ➔ page 5 - Newcastle City Centre will be a cosmopolitan European City Centre of unique character which : <...> Is highly accessible with high quality public transport which encourages use of sustainable modes and reduces congestion. A high quality environment which ensures safety and convenience for pedestrians and cyclists.



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- ➔ page 8 – The city contains a relatively moderate amount of pedestrianisation and open spaces. Many pedestrians routes through the centre are heavily focused and reliant on shopping streets and covered walkway / malls. There is a lack of well defined networks of routes for cycling.
- ➔ page 9 - key objectives <...> to link up different areas of the city for walking and cycling.
- ➔ Page 11 – creating a connected cycle network : there are a number of fragmented and disconnected cycle network in the within the City Centre.

2.5 Closing remark

In summary, a clear policy focus is put on cycling as a sustainable (climate-change mitigating), clean and healthy mode of transport, with special attention given to journeys up to five kilometres (three miles).

It is further recognised that there are barriers to cycling that require to be overcome in order to encourage more people to take up cycling as a preferred mode of transport for short journeys.

It is acknowledged that barriers might exist within organisations to fully integrate cycling into their work streams.



3 Online petition survey

The online petition survey was set up on Sunday 11 April 2010 and closed on Monday 10 May 2010. Its primary aim was to gauge the strength of public support in favour of improved cycling in the city centre (question 1). A secondary aim was to collate details on participants' preferences, cycling activities and potential increase in cycling activities (questions 2-4). The survey also provided the opportunity to leave a comment, email address and postcode.

The survey ran under the title of 'safe city centre cycling in Newcastle'. [Refer to [appendix A](#) for the layout of the online petition survey.]

3.1 Question 1

3.1.1 I support the petition to Newcastle City Council to provide safe cycling routes through the city centre.

The available choice of answers was 'Yes' or 'No' with only one answer possible.

An active choice was required to be made by the participant to support the petition.

3.2 Question 2

3.2.1 I am particularly interested in the improvement of the city centre's...

- North-South axis (Haymarket to Central Station/Quayside)
- West-East axis (West End to Byker/Heaton)
- Both routes

3.3 Question 3

3.3.1 I cycle regularly for the following reasons.

- Commuting
- Leisure
- Racing
- Touring



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Other

3.4 Question 4

3.4.1 Safer cycling routes through the city centre would make me use my bike more often.

The available choice of answers was 'Yes' or 'No' with only one answer possible.

3.5 Further details

Participants were then prompted to leave their email address and their postcode, both on an entirely voluntary basis.

The participant was then asked "Anything else on your mind? Leave your comment here."

After which the contact details of the coordinator were clearly stated (name, postal address, email address and mobile phone number), as well as the petition survey's website address www.katlayout.co.uk.



4 Analysis

4.1 General section

For a numerical summary of the analysis refer to [appendix E](#).

4.2 Survey questions

Question 1 - I support the petition to Newcastle City Council to provide safe cycling routes through the city centre.

Number of supporting responses	803
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The petition survey received 803 responses in support of the safe cycling initiative.

Four responses were received against the petition i.e. deliberate selection of 'No' to question 1. Three of these were anonymous (no email address or postcode) with no comment provided, and no further conclusion can be drawn to their reason. The fourth was concerned about striking the right balance for accessibility to the city centre by different modes of transport. All four have not been counted towards the total of 803 responses in support of the petition.

The number responses should be described as significant.

- When e-petitioning Number 10 (online petition system to the Prime Minister), 500 signatures trigger a written response from the Prime Minister's office.
- A month-long residents' consultation by Newcastle City Council on the proposed Gosforth transport improvements in late 2009 yielded 1,000 responses and contributed to a major scheme bid (>£5m) by the council.

Question 2 - I am particularly interested in the improvement of the city centre's...



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Both routes	70% or 565 responses
North-South axis	20% or 156 responses
West-East axis	10% or 81 responses

An overall improvement of all routes (North-South and West East) is supported by the majority of respondents (70%). If, however an exclusive decision was required to be made, a slight preference would exist towards the North-South axis with double the amount of responses received in favour.

Question 3 - I cycle regularly for the following reasons.

Commuting	80% or 641 responses
Leisure	79% or 633 responses
Touring	15% or 115 responses
Other	9% or 71 responses
Racing	7% or 54 responses

At 80% commuting cyclists make a high proportion of the petition survey participants. It is assumed that a number of these cyclist commute regularly in the city centre (cross-referencing with the local postcodes collected).

There also is a high share of leisure cyclists at 79%. This correlates well with the commuting population as 76% of all bike commuters also cycle for leisure.

Cycling offers a variety of activities. Other cycling activities such as touring (15%), racing (7%), shopping and other (9%) also make up regular activities for bike users.

Question 4 - Safer cycling routes through the city centre would make me use my bike more often.

Yes 93% or 746 responses

No 7% or 57 responses

93% describe the current cycling conditions in the city centre as a hindrance to their cycling. There is an indication that more people would cycle, and people would cycle more, if the city centre would be made safer for cycling.

4.3 Email addresses

Number of email addresses on database 651 or 81% of responses

A huge number of email addresses has been collated during the survey and has been securely placed on the database for potential further action, follow-up, survey, questionnaires etc.

The email addresses are confidential data and have not been made available as part of this report.

Please contact the author/survey coordinator Katja Leyendecker to discuss future use of the email address database by councillors and council officers alike.

4.4 Postcodes

Number of post codes provided 673 or 84% of responses

Postcode breakdown (first five only)

NE3	22%	or 147 responses
NE6	12%	or 78 responses
NE2	10%	or 66 responses
NE7	6%	or 41 responses
NE4	5%	or 32 responses

It is clear that a high proportion of participants are within the five kilometre (three mile) cyclable city centre catchment.



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For the complete set of ranked postcodes refer to [appendix F](#).

4.5 Analysis of the comments received

Number of comments provided 288

Over one in three participants (36%) left a comment voluntarily.

The survey's main aim was to determine the strength of public support for improving cycling facilities in Newcastle city centre and subsequently to petition the city council. Hence every voluntary comment provided is a clear indication that a strong sentiment exists to improve cycling in the city centre, as one in every three participants took the time to leave feedback.

It should be noted that the comments analysis is solely based on this voluntary feedback and the percentages stated might therefore not accurately reflect participants' concerns. (Further investigation may be necessary to determine user preferences.)

Listed below is an attempted categorisation of the comments.

Conflict with others 45% or 130 responses

Conflict with clear reference to personal safety 37% or 105 responses

Dedicated continuous segregated cycle facility 31% or 90 responses

Cyclists do clearly recognise the conflict between pedestrians, vehicular traffic and themselves (45%). A large proportion actively translates this conflict into their own vulnerability and concern about their safety (37%).

The concern for their safety possibly prevents some from cycling entirely or cycling more. The latter part of this statement is certainly supported by the 93% of respondents stating that they would cycle more with safer facilities (question 4).

Frequently used words in the comments were

➡ "scary" / "scared"



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⇒ “dangerous” / “unsafe”

⇒ “nightmare”

This safety concern could be a perceived or a real concern, in any case it prevents people from cycling more of cycling at all.

Specific city centre locations have been mentioned in the comment demonstrating that local people participated in the survey (also supported by postcodes collated). Some locations have been mentioned repeatedly, the ‘popular’ city centre hotpots are listed below.

⇒ Northumberland Street

⇒ Central station

⇒ John Dobson Street

⇒ Newgate Street/ New Eldon Square

The survey comments are a clear call for a **continuous** and **separate** cycle network in the city centre, all part of an overall **cohesive** strategic plan (31%). The participants believed that by doing so cycling would be safer.

Other obstacles to cycling as mentioned in the comments are listed below.

⇒ Maintenance

⇒ Car parking on cycle lanes

⇒ End-of-journey facilities

⇒ Concerned about next generation

⇒ Signage

⇒ Bike on metro

Some comments were of a visionary nature. Newcastle was seen as a town with great potential for national cycling recognition. Safe cycling education, promotion and implementation also being mentioned as vital to our economic and environmental



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prosperity. A sense of urgency was stated in some comments – by inaction or indecisiveness not to ‘miss the boat’ on the benefits that cycling provides such as health, quality of life, environmental, economic, sustainability (climate change).

For the complete set of all 288 comments, unabridged and unaltered, refer to [appendix G](#), where the comments are listed with the first part of the participant’s postcode (where available).

5 Conclusions

- A. Policies are in place for cycling [see Background section] - it is the implementation of these policies that is lagging behind.
- B. There is a high public interest in cycling and improving cycling conditions in the city centre (and beyond) would boost cycling i.e. see more people cycle and people cycle more.
- C. There is great potential to improve city centre cycling as there are a number of large developments 'in the pipeline' for the city centre (notably East Pilgrim Street) and a real opportunity exists to 're-invent' the centre and fully integrate cycling into that vision that the city centre area action plan so vividly describes as below.

"cosmopolitan European City Centre of unique character which : <...> Is highly accessible with high quality public transport which encourages use of sustainable modes and reduces congestion. A high quality environment which ensures safety and convenience for pedestrians and cyclists"

- D. Sadly an opportunity has seemingly been missed on the New Eldon Square development. However retrofitting a cycle lane would be an option.
- E. The communication lines, roles, responsibilities and duties are unclear to the public. People are passed from 'pillar to post' when trying to communicate with the council on the subject of cycling.
- F. Cycling ticks many boxes: health, transport, sustainability/climate change. That it appears on so many agendas is perversely one of the impediments to change. With suitable organised oversight however the shared benefits could be realised and in particular could lead to funding opportunities for improvements



6 Recommendations

A. Implementation of the strategies and policies already in place.

Lead : exec office/board of directors.

B. Educate public servants (transportation, planning, engineers, project managers) and provide a clear framework for cycling with clear lines of responsibilities and communications.

Lead : exec office/board of directors.

C. Reaffirm the role of the cycling officer and councillors' cycling champion.

Lead : exec office/board of directors.

D. The cycling forum is in need of a reaffirmation as to its purpose and level of responsibility, and would benefit heavily from a 'constitution statement' which must be ratified by the executive managers/board.

Lead : cycling officer seeking exec approval.

E. Newcastle requires an adopted relevant cycling strategy immediately.

Lead : cycling officer.

F. Identify a strategic cycling network, preferably continuous and separate from motorised traffic where possible, and firmly integrate this network into the city planning context. Traffic monitoring and a further cycling survey could be considered to establish conflicts, route preferences and find an integrated solution. Implement the construction of the network. Consider retrofitting cycling facilities at New Eldon Square, now.

Lead: cycling officer.

G. Cyclists would like to be more involved, and feel they have not been considered or consulted sufficiently. Council officers making cycling decisions should be cycling themselves to understand the benefits and dangers of cycling.

Lead : cycling officer.



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7 References

The referenced items are all publicly available documents and listed in forward chronological order.

No.	Year	Level	Title	Author/editor	File size
1	2007 ?	regional	Air quality delivery plan	Councils of the region	n/a
2	2010	regional	Press release	NHS Northeast	n/a
3	2009	national	Cycle to work guarantee (video 3:06min) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4RyMda7QbTQ	Department of Transport	n/a
4	2010	national	Study tour 2010 (video 5:21min) http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrtYa89aE5E	All-party parliamentary group	n/a
5	2006	local	City centre area action plan	NCC	[5.6Mb]
6	1996	national	Cycling in Great Britain - transport statistics report	DoT	[1.8Mb]
7	1996	national	National cycling strategy	DoT	[2.6Mb]
8	1998	national	Integrated transport white paper ISBN 0102255997	House of Commons	[8.1Mb]
9	2001	national	Planning policy guidance 13 -	ODPM now	[0.03Mb]



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No.	Year	Level	Title	Author/editor	File size
			transport (cycling excerpt)	CLG	
10	2006	regional	Tyne & Wear cycling strategy part of LTP2	Councils of the region	[2.8Mb]
11	2008	regional	Regional spatial strategy	GO-NE	[1.8Mb]
12	2010	local	Minutes of city council meeting on 3 March 2010	City council	n/a

Appendix A

Online survey



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1. I support the petition to Newcastle City Council to provide safe cycling routes through the city centre.

Yes

No

2. I am particularly interested in the improvement of the city centre's...

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West-East axis (West End to Byker/Heaton)

Both routes

3. I cycle regularly for the following reasons.

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Leisure

Racing

Touring

Other

4. Safer cycling routes through the city centre would make me use my bike more often.

Yes

No

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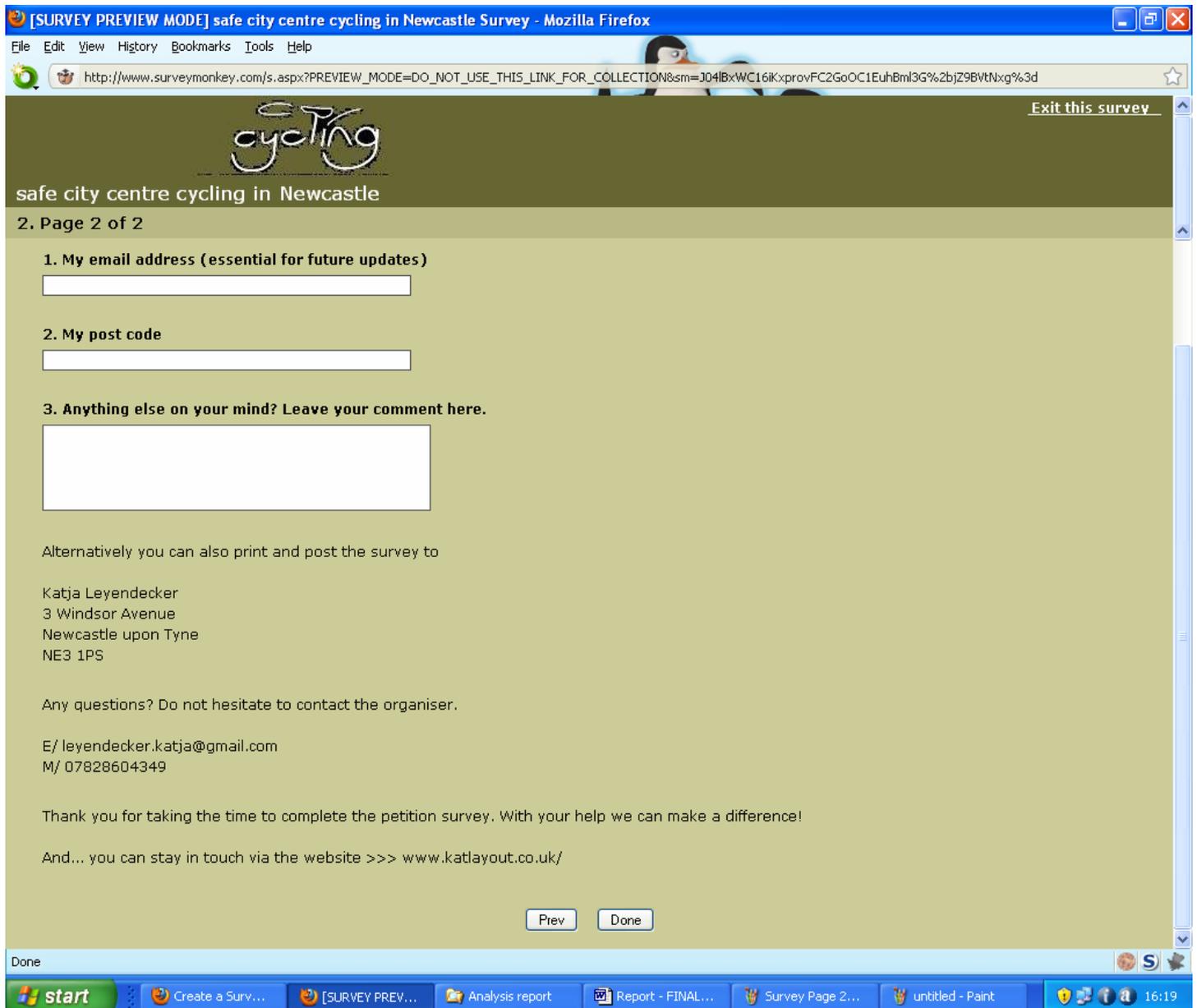
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1. My email address (essential for future updates)

2. My post code

3. Anything else on your mind? Leave your comment here.

Alternatively you can also print and post the survey to

Katja Leyendecker
3 Windsor Avenue
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 1PS

Any questions? Do not hesitate to contact the organiser.

E/ leyendecker.katja@gmail.com
M/ 07828604349

Thank you for taking the time to complete the petition survey. With your help we can make a difference!

And... you can stay in touch via the website >>> www.katlayout.co.uk/

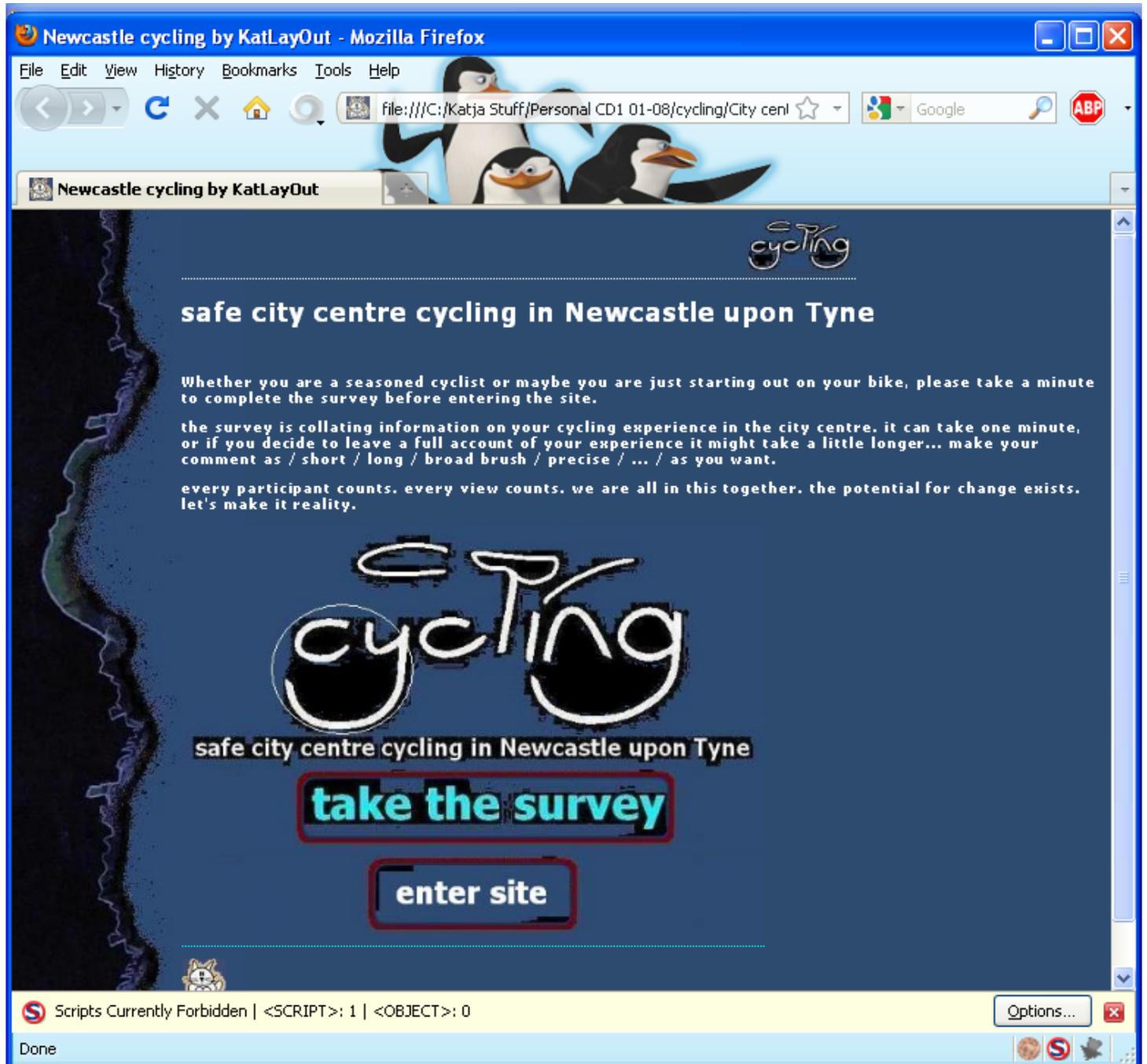
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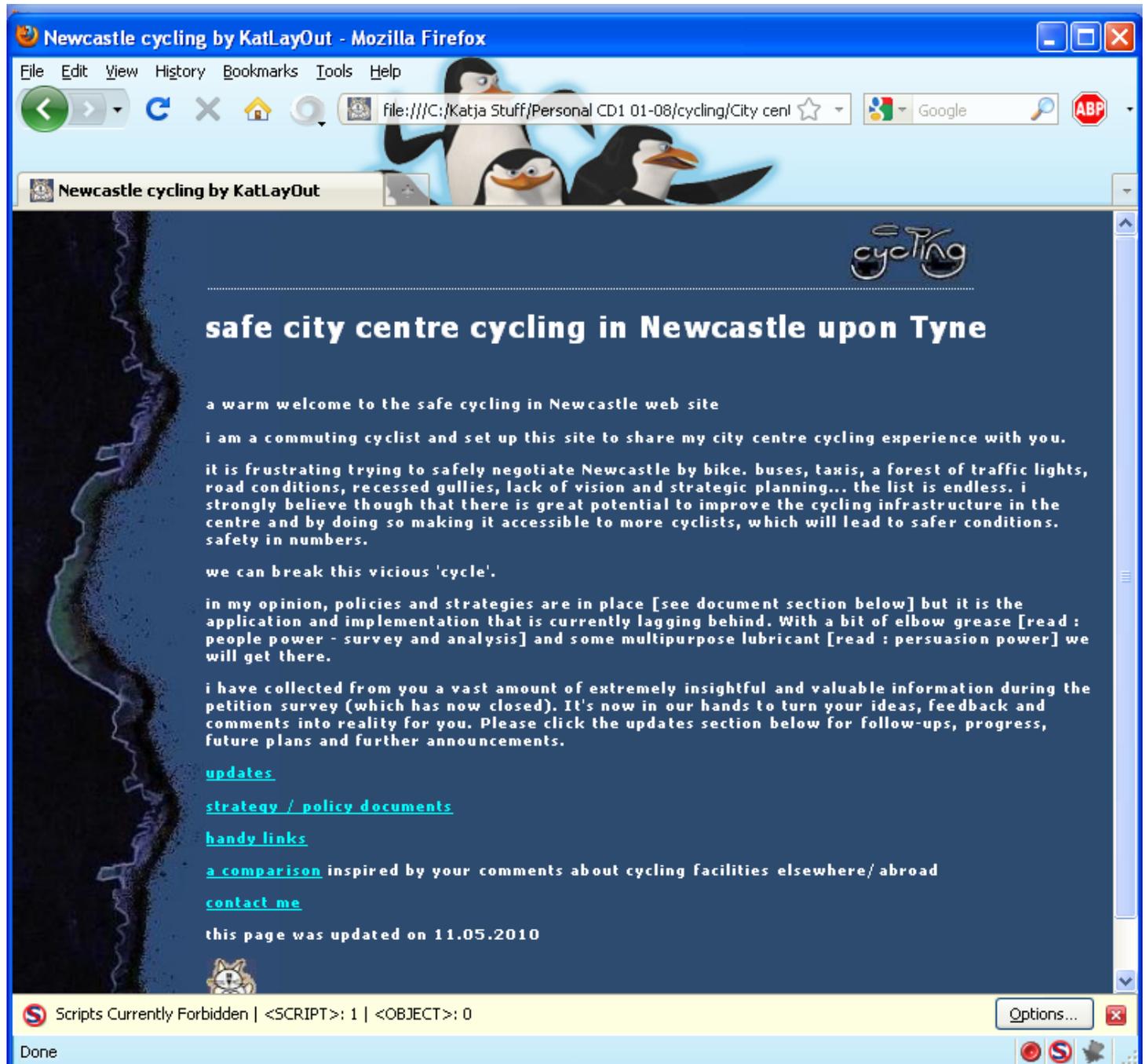
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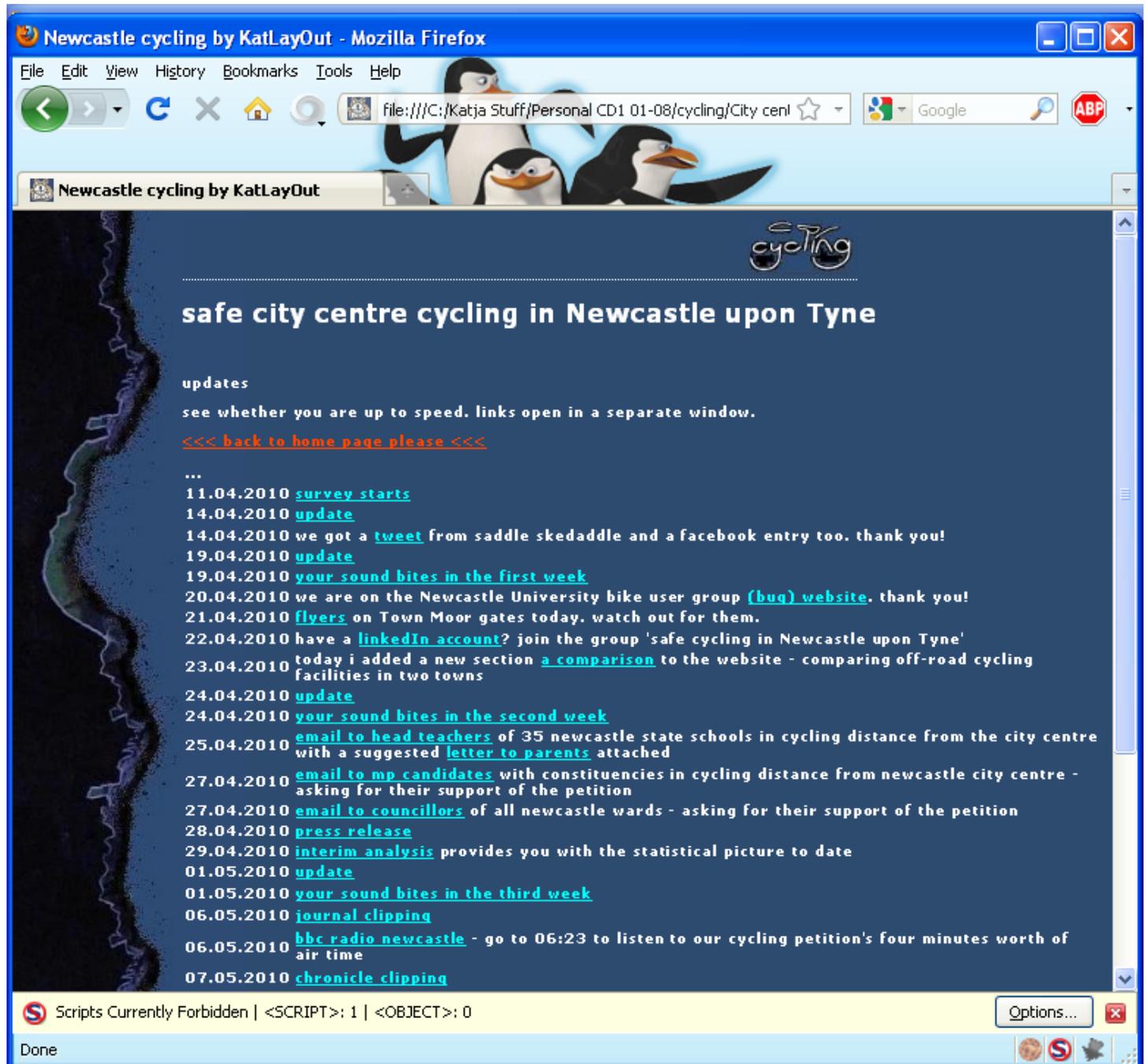
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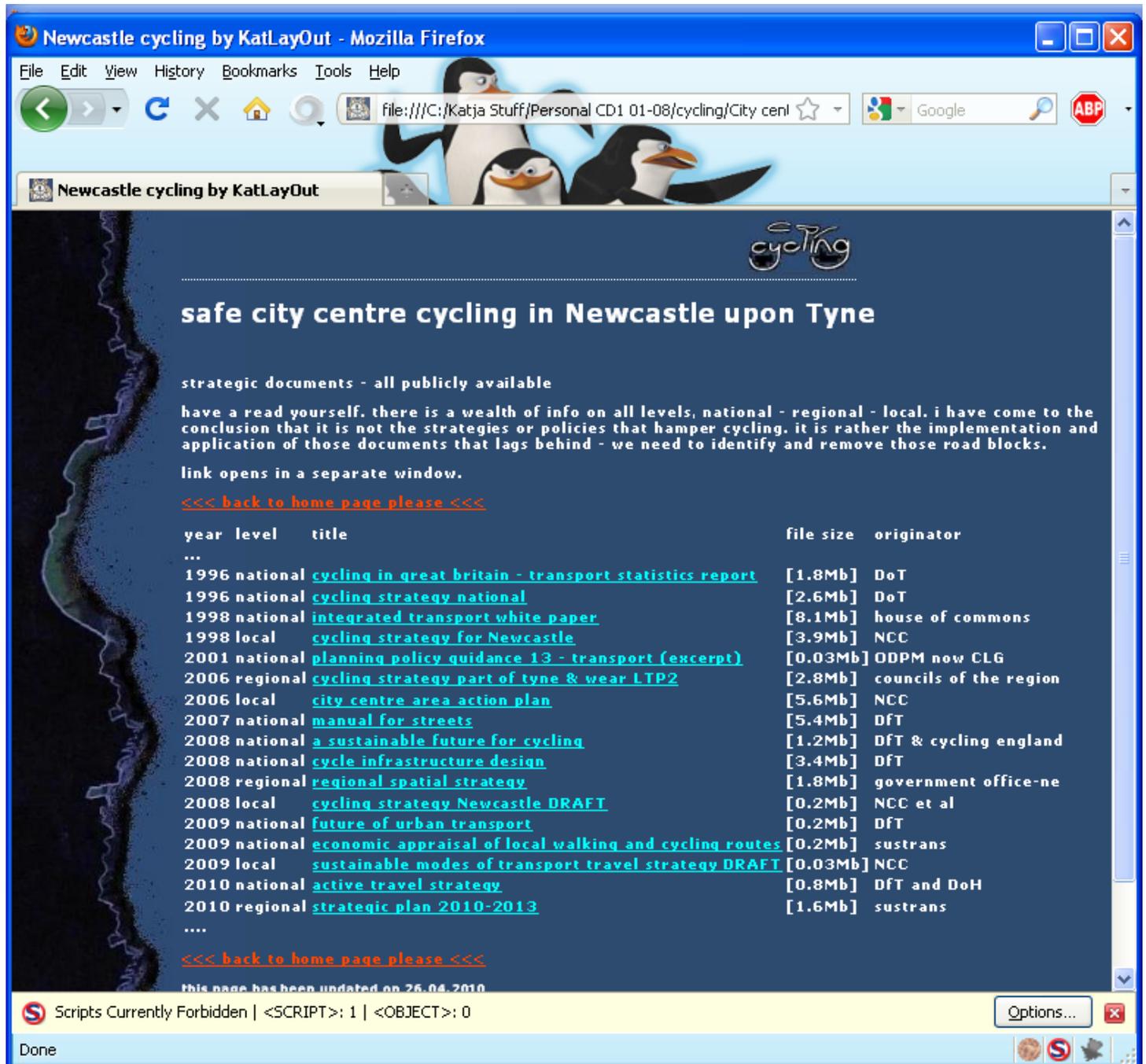
- 11.04.2010 [survey starts](#)
- 14.04.2010 [update](#)
- 14.04.2010 we got a [tweet](#) from saddle skedaddle and a facebook entry too. thank you!
- 19.04.2010 [update](#)
- 19.04.2010 [your sound bites in the first week](#)
- 20.04.2010 we are on the Newcastle University bike user group ([bug](#)) website. thank you!
- 21.04.2010 [flyers](#) on Town Moor gates today. watch out for them.
- 22.04.2010 have a [linkedIn account](#)? join the group 'safe cycling in Newcastle upon Tyne'
- 23.04.2010 today i added a new section [a comparison](#) to the website - comparing off-road cycling facilities in two towns
- 24.04.2010 [update](#)
- 24.04.2010 [your sound bites in the second week](#)
- 25.04.2010 [email to head teachers](#) of 35 newcastle state schools in cycling distance from the city centre with a suggested [letter to parents](#) attached
- 27.04.2010 [email to mp candidates](#) with constituencies in cycling distance from newcastle city centre - asking for their support of the petition
- 27.04.2010 [email to councillors](#) of all newcastle wards - asking for their support of the petition
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- 29.04.2010 [interim analysis](#) provides you with the statistical picture to date
- 01.05.2010 [update](#)
- 01.05.2010 [your sound bites in the third week](#)
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- 06.05.2010 [bbc radio newcastle](#) - go to 06:23 to listen to our cycling petition's four minutes worth of air time
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strategic documents - all publicly available

have a read yourself. there is a wealth of info on all levels, national - regional - local. i have come to the conclusion that it is not the strategies or policies that hamper cycling, it is rather the implementation and application of those documents that lags behind - we need to identify and remove those road blocks.

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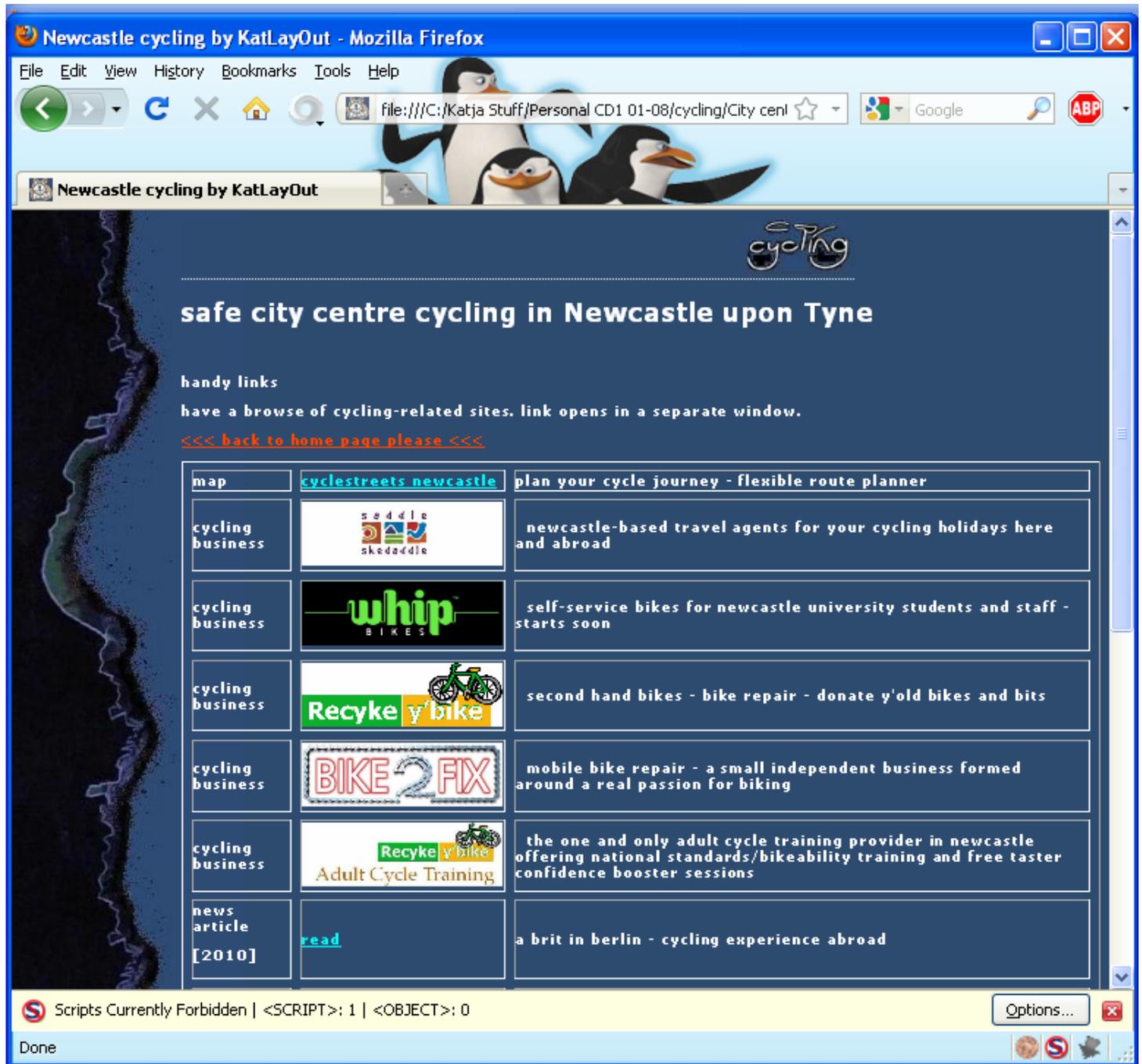
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handy links
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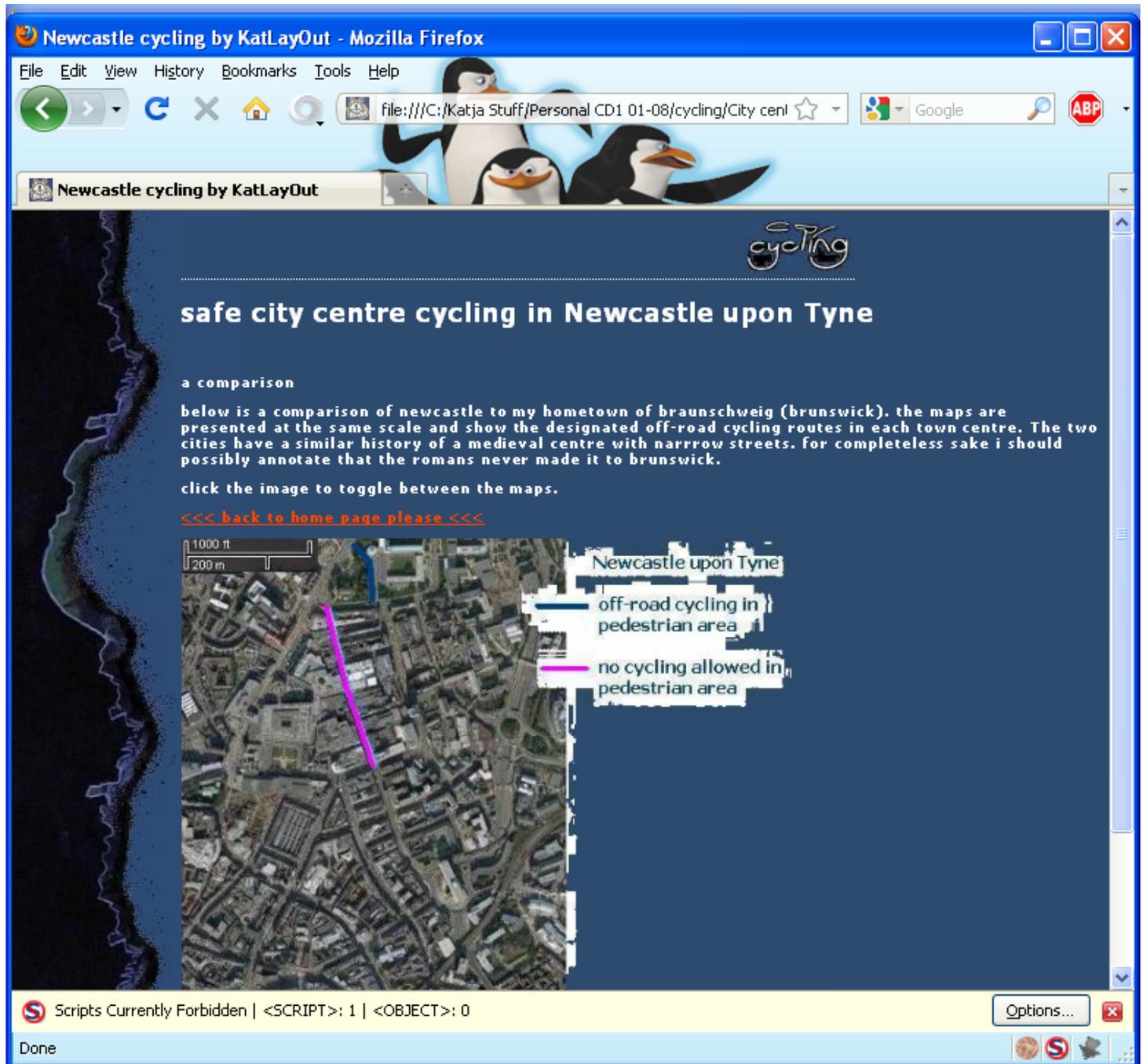
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cycling business		mobile bike repair - a small independent business formed around a real passion for biking
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a comparison

below is a comparison of newcastle to my hometown of braunschweig (brunswick). the maps are presented at the same scale and show the designated off-road cycling routes in each town centre. The two cities have a similar history of a medieval centre with narrow streets. for completeless sake i should possibly annotate that the romans never made it to brunswick.

click the image to toggle between the maps.

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200 m

Braunschweig, Germany

- off-road cycling in pedestrian area
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- general off-road cycling - not all shown as very common

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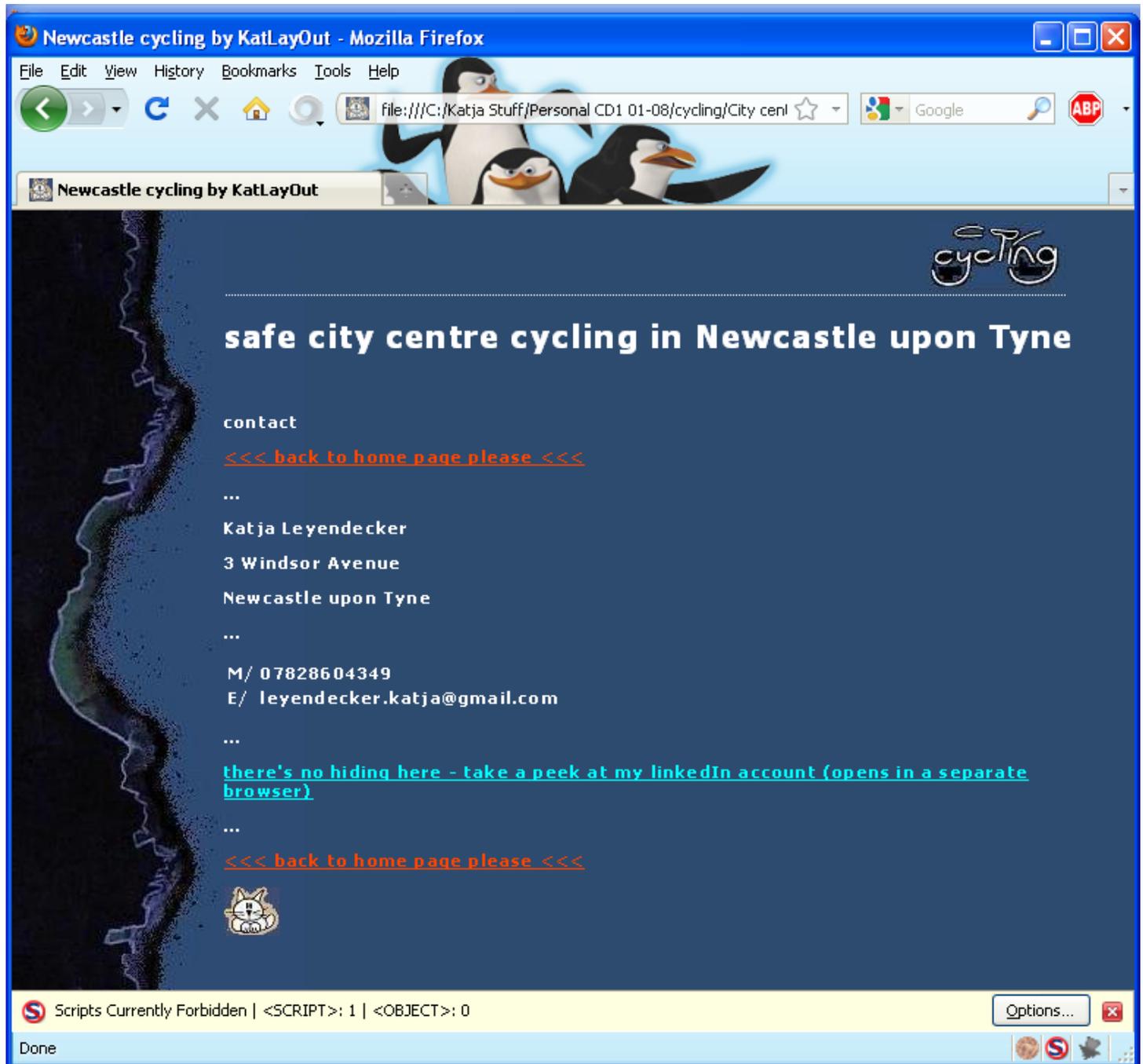
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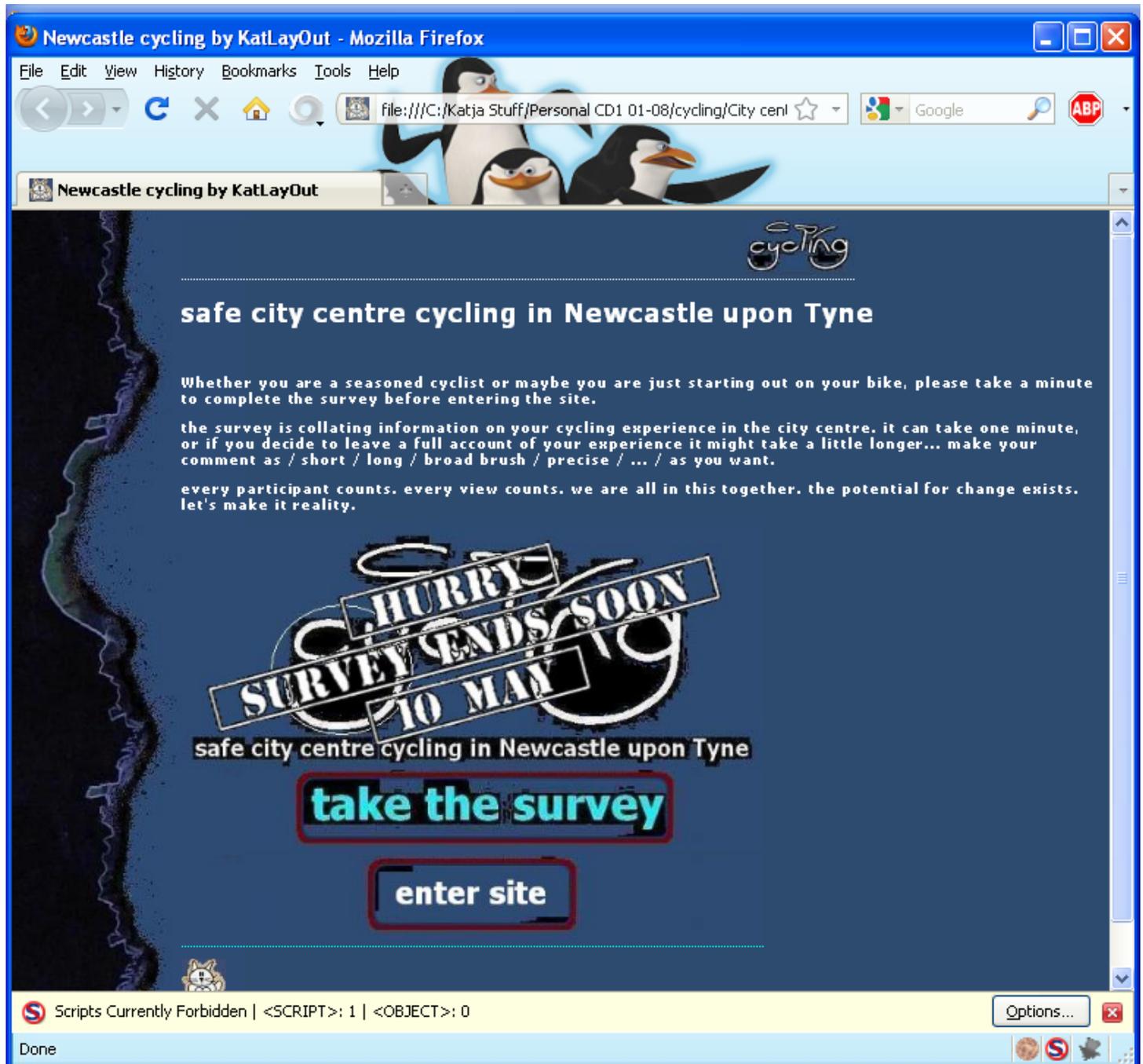
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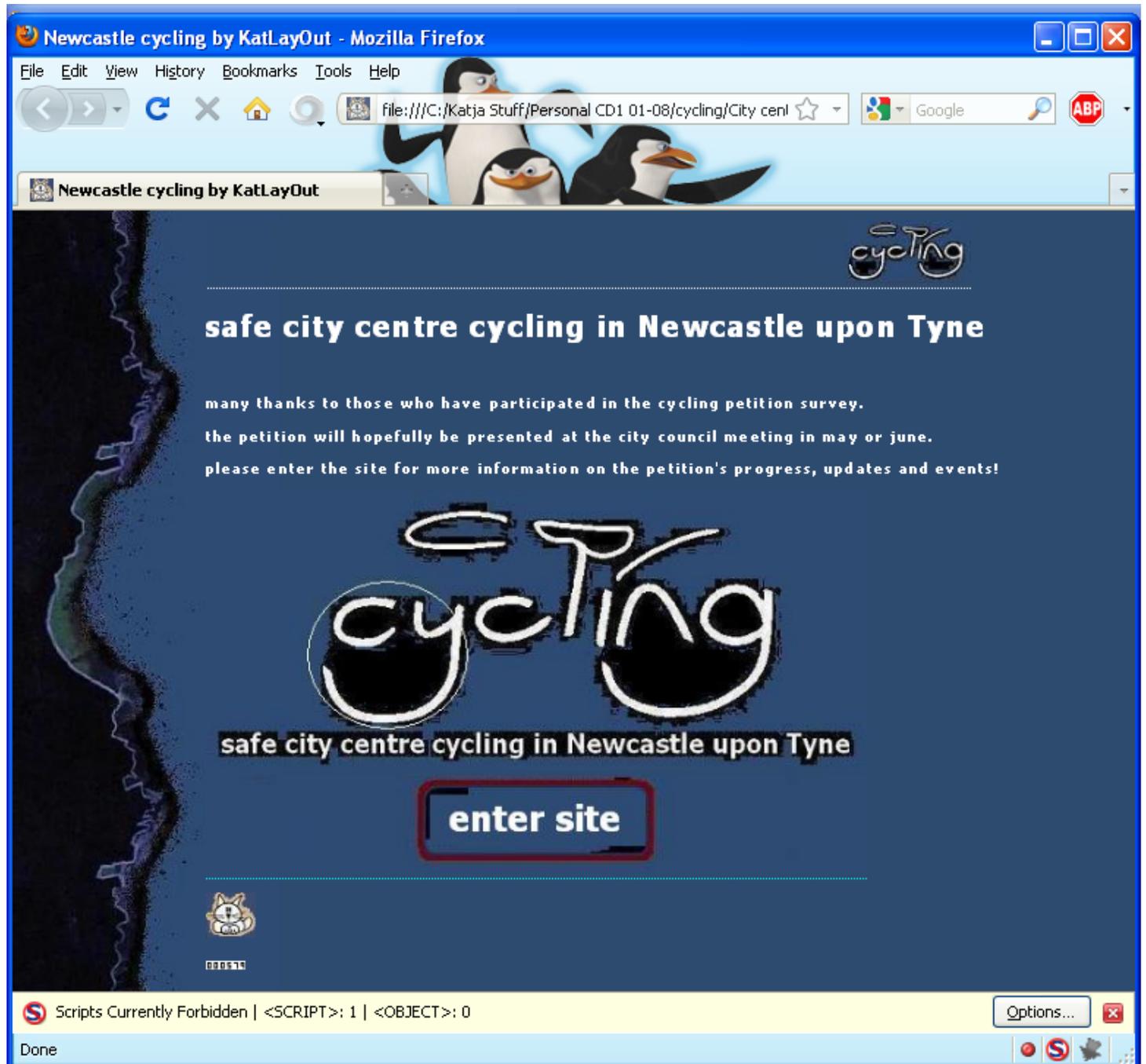
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Email

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Date Wednesday 14.04.2010



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Your sound bites in the first week

- ➔ It would be good if **planners** could take cyclists into consideration.
- ➔ Cycling must be part of the **future**.
- ➔ Newcastle city centre has **potential** for greater improved cycle facilities.
- ➔ Every day it feels like I'm putting my life in **danger** to some degree or other.
- ➔ Cycling is very cost effective, healthy on the body and harmless to our environment.
- ➔ Safe, marked cycle routes linking the big employers in and around Newcastle would **encourage** more commuter cycling.
- ➔ Whoever designed it should be forced to ride on it!
- ➔ The Town Moor, amongst other locations, needs to be swept regularly of glass (for the animals safety too).
- ➔ Under current conditions, I would not be happy to allow my **children** to cycle by my route into town.
- ➔ Look to examples in **Melbourne** - Bicycle Victoria - for ways to change cycling in a city.
- ➔ Just back from a holiday in **Holland** - they've got it all worked out for cycling, and make it look so easy!
- ➔ Being able to take a bike on the **metro** would make me cycle more and drive less.
- ➔ Things have got a lot better over the last decade but once you hit city centre you take your life in your hands!
- ➔ A cycling friendly Newcastle City Centre would pay enormous **dividend** in the long term economic and environmental future of the city as a progressive and safe cultural capital.
- ➔ The recent infrastructure improvements in Newcastle make cycling conditions in Newcastle city centre worse.
- ➔ 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.
- ➔ We feel very **vulnerable** on this stretch of road <Freeman Road>.
- ➔ 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.
- ➔ The council is proud to declare on many huge sign posts that it has 10,000 car parking spaces in the city centre? How many safe **bike racks** are there?
- ➔ Trying to cycle through the city centre is for the brave cyclist only - it is an unpleasant & frankly **dangerous** experience.
- ➔ I think what 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.

Other thoughts

- ➔ Current situation might inhibit green business development such as <http://www.whipbikes.co.uk/>
- ➔ Better **Bike & Ride** facilities at metro stations and **Park & Cycle** facilities in strategic locations

Your sound bites in the second week

City centre routes

- ➔ I cycle from **Central Station** to Gosforth every day. The bits where improvements are needed are between the station and **Haymarket** area.
- ➔ Good access outside city centre, absolute disgrace inside.
- ➔ Better paths along **commuter routes** in the city centre would be great
- ➔ Why can't people cycle down **Northumberland Street** during 'off-peak' times?
- ➔ I'd love to ride from station to **Newcastle University** campus. But it's too scary!

Call for continuous and separate cycle lanes

- ➔ **Priority** lanes for cyclists without buses/other traffic.
- ➔ Joke cycle lanes which last for ten yards then leave you stranded in the middle of fast-moving traffic.
- ➔ More **separate** and **safe** cycle tracks.
- ➔ We must take some of the width of some roads and make them **safe** for cyclists.
- ➔ We urgently need "**continuous**" cycle lanes; i.e. that don't desert the cyclist at roundabouts, junctions or where a road becomes inconveniently narrow.

Maintenance (not featured last week – but 'back' with a vengeance this week)

- ➔ 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!
- ➔ Potholes. I can imagine that these will put a lot of people off cycling. It is extremely **treacherous** in some areas.
- ➔ More regular sweeping of cycle ways would be beneficial to reduce the number of punctures. Glass on cycle ways encourages cyclists to use the roads.
- ➔ Potholes! An inconvenience to a driver - **potentially lethal** to a cyclist
- ➔ Potholes and bad road/cycle track surfaces - improvement would be much appreciated
- ➔ Drain covers should be laid flush with the road. Roads need regular cleaning to remove glass & other debris.

Bike parking

- ➔ You used to be able to **park** in the central station now you can't because of the ticket barriers.
- ➔ **Secure** bike stands in the town centre, this would allow me to shop knowing that my bike will not be stolen.

Your sound bites in the second week

Safety issues and family cycling

- ➔ Had I not braked very hard the bus would have crushed me. I now either drive or pay to use the metro.
- ➔ Safer cycling to encourage **children** to enjoy the experience and help their futures.
- ➔ Anything that would improve cycling would be great, and would encourage me to **commute more**.
- ➔ I want to be able to safely cycle with my child. Please invest in **safe social infrastructure** for our city. The benefits will be great.
- ➔ I would love to use my bike to commute but feel the cycle route just isn't **safe** enough.

Education

- ➔ Many of the 'cycle' lanes in the city are full of parked cars, with no enforcement of traffic/parking regulations. More **education** required!
- ➔ 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.
- ➔ I think everyone is **confused** : car drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. If we had a more consistent approach that was well signed and publicised it would be a lot easier for all (just go to **Holland!**)

General suggestions and comments

- ➔ Improving cycling conditions would help to increase the number of regular **woman** cyclists.
- ➔ 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**.
- ➔ 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.
- ➔ Cycle routes should be designed by people who ride bikes and can appreciate how silly some of the current ones are
- ➔ There should be some sort of **name and shame** website where you can record number plates and photos of inconsiderate drivers.

And – the highlight this week is a simple...

- ➔ Sort it out!

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To undisclosed

Date Saturday 24.04.2010



Hi

It's two weeks tomorrow since the cycling survey started – and we have surpassed ourselves! A total of 500 responses have been recorded since 11 April 2010. On average that's one response every 40 minutes! This goes to show how strong a cause we are pursuing and how important it is to improve cycling facilities in Newcastle city centre.

Just as last week I have collated a selection of [sound bites](#) for this second week, see attached.

There is a new section on the website called 'a comparison' – which is entirely inspired by comments you have made about cycling facilities elsewhere and abroad. By creating a simple map, I attempt to compare the off-road cycling network in Newcastle to that in my hometown of Braunschweig in Germany. Simply follow the below directions to have a look...

>>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>
>>>> enter
>>>> click '[a comparison](#)'

We are half way through the safe cycling survey which will close on Monday 10 May 2010. Half time – but no time to rest! Would it not be great if we could double our responses to 1,000 in the next two weeks?

Please keep forwarding. Every response counts, every view counts.

Hope you are all well - the weather certainly gets pedal-friendly now!

Keep cycling,
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Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To <heads of 35 state schools in Newcastle
in 5 kilometre cycling distance of
city centre>



Date Sunday 25.04.2010

Dear <head's name>

SAFE CYCLING IN NEWCASTLE

I am writing to you as the head of a state school in Newcastle.

Your school area is also in a five kilometre distance of the city centre. This is important as the five kilometre radius is recognised as the distance that could be cycled effortlessly by nearly anyone of us. The government's Transport Planning Policy Guidance No.13 states "Cycling <...> has potential to substitute for short car trips, particularly those under 5 km".

National figures show that 30% of students would like to cycle to their school. Compare this with the actual number of 2%, it is much lower. In fact it is a staggering 15 times lower. Sadly Newcastle is no exception in this.

In order to understand the cycling conditions in our city I (a concerned cyclist) am currently conducting an online survey. Without further ado, here is the web link to the survey.

>>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>

Following the survey, we hope to inform Newcastle City Council about the strong sentiment of cyclists and non-cyclists alike and petition the council to improve conditions for cycling, making the activity safer and more attractive. I am sure you agree with me that cycling should be encouraged as it is healthy, green and inexpensive.

If it would be possible for you to support the 'safe cycling in Newcastle' survey by arranging for it to be forwarded to parents at your school I'd be most grateful. I have attached an invitation letter for your consideration.

The survey and its aims to improve cycling conditions may also help achieve your school's Travel Plan targets.

Over 500 people have completed the survey to date. We would like to achieve an ambitious 1,000 participants by 10 May 2010 when the survey ends.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries or comments.

Yours sincerely

Katja

Katja Leyendecker | 3 Windsor Avenue | Gosforth | NE3 1PS | M/ 07828604349



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List of schools

Christ Church C of E Primary School
Our Lady & St. Anne's R.C Primary School
St. Paul's C of E Primary School
Hotspur Primary School
St. Catherine's R.C Primary School
Moorside Community Primary School
Northern Counties School
St. Lawrence's R.C Primary School
Byker Primary School
St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School
Westgate Hill Primary School
West Jesmond Primary School
Chillingham Road Primary School
Heaton Manor School
Wingrove Primary School
Welbeck Primary School
Ravenswood Primary School
St. Vincents R.C Primary School
St. Johns Primary School
Wharrier Street Primary School
Cragside Primary School
Atkinson Road Primary School
Sacred Heart R.C Primary School
South Gosforth First School
Sacred Heart Catholic High School
Hadrian School
Benfield School
Wyndham Primary School
St. Albans R.C Primary School
St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School
Benton Park Primary School
Gosforth West Middle School
St Mary's Catholic Comprehensive School
Bridgewater
English Martyr's R.C Primary School

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25 April 2010

Dear parent

SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL - CYCLING SURVEY

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Safety concerns are usually stated as one of the main reasons for keeping us from cycling.

If you would like things to be different please take this short one minute survey which investigates urban cycling conditions in Newcastle upon Tyne.

>>>> www.katlayout.co.uk/

On the website you can also learn a bit more about the background and aims of the survey. For example, we are currently concentrating our efforts on Newcastle city centre because we believe that - once we get the centre suitable for cycling - other areas will follow as a matter of course.

Let's hope that one day your child can safely cycle to school. Needless to say and not to forget that cycling is also a healthy, cheap and green mode of transport. Naturally!

Please forward this letter to anyone who might want to see improvement to cycling conditions in Newcastle.

Over 500 people have participated in the survey to date.

The survey ends on 10 May 2010.

Please do not hesitate to contact me - the organiser of the survey (and a concerned cyclist) - should you have any queries.

Kind regards and thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Katja Leyendecker', is written over a horizontal line.

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

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BENWELL & SCOTSWOOD WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

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Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Beecham	Jeremy	39 The Drive Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 4AJ	The Labour Party Candidate	
Clayton	Edythe	72 Earl's Drive Denton Burn Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7AL	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Graham	Doug	42 Burnopfield Gardens Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7DN	British National Party	
McIlveen	Alice Megan	45 Hotspur Street Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5BE	Liberal Democrats	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

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BLAKELAW WARD

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Langley	James Gerard	19 Daylesford Drive Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1TW	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Lowdon	Jim	6 Whitbeck Court Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 2XF	British National Party	
Risk	Phil	36 Stapleford Close Fenham Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 2NR	The Labour Party Candidate	
Schardt	Bill	3 Maudlin Place North Fenham Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 3LE	Liberal Democrats	

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Gingell	Alice	32 Debdon Gardens North Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5TJ	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Heslop	Karen Elizabeth	45 Whinneyfield Road Walkergate Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 4HU	Liberal Democrats	
Kemp	Nicholas Charles	10 Sefton Avenue Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5QR	The Labour Party Candidate	

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Biggins	Alan	Northumbria Main Road Dinnington Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 7JW	Independent	
Gibson	Terry	20 Sycamore Avenue Dinnington Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 7JY	British National Party	
Lower	Anita Anne	27 Oulton Close Meadow Rise Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 4SX	Liberal Democrats	
Mackinlay	Eric Seton	73 Westfield Avenue Brunswick Village Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 7EG	The Labour Party Candidate	

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Bailey	Sharon	2 Heathdale Gardens High Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE7 7QR	Liberal Democrats	
Burwaiss	Taz	22 Longridge Avenue High Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE7 7LB	Green Party	
Chambers	Heather	12 Cragside High Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE7 7EL	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Rossiter	Ian Donald	21 Leyburn Drive High Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE7 7AP	The Labour Party Candidate	
Tullin	David	13 Eastbourne Court 29 Eastbourne Avenue Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 4DS	British National Party	

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Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Bird	Simon	87 Rothwell Road Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1UA	The Labour Party Candidate	
Burke	Michael	116 Fern Avenue Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2RA	The Labour Party Candidate	
Cross	Sarah Ann	6 Ilderton Place Denton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 5DH	Liberal Democrats	
Gallagher	Henry Peter	868 Shields Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 4QP	Liberal Democrats	
Mooney	Neil	15 Walton Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 2XD	British National Party	
Proud	Ian	2 Houghton Crescent West Denton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 5EE	Uk Independence Party	
Scurr	Lynda	123 Newminster Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 9LN	British National Party	
Shorton	ERNEST EDWARD	28 Grosvenor Way Chapel Park Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 1SF	The Conservative Party Candidate	

BARRY ROWLAND

Friday, 16 April, 2010

RETURNING OFFICER

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

DENTON WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Shorton	OLGA	28 Grosvenor Way Chapel Park Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 1SF	The Conservative Party Candidate	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

EAST GOSFORTH WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Coombes	David	42 Hawthorn Terrace Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 6RJ	Green Party	
Franks	Hilary	15 Dilston Terrace South Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1XX	The Labour Party Candidate	
Sharman	Martin	21 Wyncote Court Jesmond Park East Newcastle Upon Tyne NE7 7BG	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Slesenger	David Serge	2 Westfield Park Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 4XX	Liberal Democrats	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

ELSWICK WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Bigg	Simon James	38 Todd's Nook Westgate Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 6EX	National Front Britain For The British	
Down	Barbara Jane	9 Chelton Close Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 7NF	Liberal Democrats	
Gallagher	Denny	30 The Willows Clumber Street Elswick Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 7EX	British National Party	
Malcolm	Derek	3 Elizabeth Drive Newcastle Upon Tyne NE12 9QP	Independent	
Rahman	Habib	20 Warrington Road Elswick Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 6RP	The Labour Party Candidate	
Toward	Ronald Joseph	Craigmillar Prestwick Road Dinnington Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 7AG	The Conservative Party Candidate	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

FAWDON WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Faulkner	David Alan	3 Bloomsbury Court Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 4LW	Liberal Democrats	
Flux	Pam	21 Hereford Court Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 2XT	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Mather	D J	31 Haydon Close Fawdon Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 2BY	The Labour Party Candidate	
Spence	Steven	188 Whickham View Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 6TH	British National Party	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

FENHAM WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Booth	Ken	91 Wingrove Avenue Fenham Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 9AJ	British National Party	
McStravick	Helen Denise	36 Stapleford Close Fenham Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 2NR	The Labour Party Candidate	
Metcalf	Keith	84 Sidney Grove Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 5PE	Green Party	
Morrissey	P J	15 Pangbourne Close Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 8UX	Liberal Democrats	
Wake	Alison	3 Dene Grove South Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1PX	The Conservative Party Candidate	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

KENTON WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Adediran	Yetunde	117 Apsley Crescent North Kenton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 3LQ	Liberal Democrats	
Bell	Ged	10b St. Thomas Crescent Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 4LG	The Labour Party Candidate	
O'Neill	Kevin Gerard	157 Osborne Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 3JT	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Spence	Alan	24 Cartmel Green Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 2SY	British National Party	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

LEMINGTON WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Armstrong	Sarah	74 Falstone Avenue Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7SG	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Belcher	Ian	8 Duchess Drive Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7AX	British National Party	
Cook	David Burford	20 Woodville Road Lemington Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7JZ	The Labour Party Candidate	
Moorhead	Barbara Helen	41 Ingoe Street Lemington Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 8DQ	Liberal Democrats	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

NEWBURN WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Ellis	Carl David	27 Southway Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7RA	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Kennett	Paul	173 Tebay Drive Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 2XH	British National Party	
Long	Susan	1 Tillmouth Park Road Throckley Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 9NY	Liberal Democrats	
Wright	Linda Isabell	27 Hewley Crescent Throckley Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 9PU	The Labour Party Candidate	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

NORTH HEATON WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Armstrong	Neville Douthwaite	32 Polwarth Crescent Brunton Park Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 2EE	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Denholm	David James	2 The Crescent Benton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE7 7ST	The Labour Party Candidate	
Rabley	Michael	61 Addycombe Terrace Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5NB	Green Party	
Stone	Greg	28 Victoria Street Newcastle Upon Tyne	Liberal Democrats	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

NORTH JESMOND WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Dowson	Tim	234 Jesmond Dene Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2JU	Green Party	
Marwick	James Peter	143 Salters Road Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1DU	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Orlandi	Alison Louise	116 Fern Avenue Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2RA	The Labour Party Candidate	
Pagan	Catherine Ellen Bernadette	69 Osborne Avenue Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 1JT	Liberal Democrats	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

OUSEBURN WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Carr	Emma Frances	306 Osborne Court Osborne Avenue Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 1LH	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Dunleavy	Lisa	105 Hallow Drive Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 9PR	British National Party	
Kane	Gareth	157 Stratford Road Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5AS	Liberal Democrats	
Preston	Ian David	6 Balmoral Terrace Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5YA	The Labour Party Candidate	
Shepherdson	Dave	62 Ravenswood Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5TX	Green Party	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

PARKLANDS WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Bell	Andrea	14 Brackenpeth Mews Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 5RS	Independent	
Hall	Ray	Carr Villa Prestwick Road Dinnington Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 7AG	British National Party	
Packham	Diane Margaret	9 Moorfield Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 3NL	Liberal Democrats	
Pearson	Susan	31 Great North Road Brunton Park Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 5LX	The Labour Party Candidate	
Piper	Keith	15 Chelton Close Newcastle NE13 7NF	The Conservative Party Candidate	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

SOUTH HEATON WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Gray	Andrew	61 Addycombe Terrace Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5NB	Green Party	
Nelson	Mark	84a Simonside Terrace Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5JY	Liberal Democrats	
Strong	Michael	7 Meadow Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7LP	British National Party	
Wake	Kenneth	Knarsdale House Roseworth Crescent Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1NR	The Conservative Party Candidate	
White	Sophie	120 Heaton Park Road Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5NR	The Labour Party Candidate	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

SOUTH JESMOND WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Gregory	Sheila	64 Broadmead Way Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 6TS	British National Party	
Hardwick	Tom	2 Ilford Road High West Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 3NX	The Labour Party Candidate	
Lavender	Joanne Claire	94 Cartington Terrace Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 5SH	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Waterston	Dr Tony	20 Burdon Terrace Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 3AE	Green Party	
Woodwark	Tom	34 Valley View Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2JS	Liberal Democrats	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

WALKER WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Burn	Michael	73 Byker Terrace Walker Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 3AE	Liberal Democrats	
McWilliams	Marian	8 Stanway Drive High Heaton Newcastle Upon Tyne Tyne & Wear NE7 7AT	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Mitchell	John	61 Merlay Hall Greenford Road Walker Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 3XE	British National Party	
Stokel-Walker	John Douglas	1 Keyes Gardens Newcastle NE2 3RA	The Labour Party Candidate	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

WALKERGATE WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Besag	David Haydn	24 Glenthorn Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 3HN	Liberal Democrats	
Lowrey	Stephen Thomas	232 Westbourne Avenue Walkergate Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 4XT	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Lowson	Maureen Beatrice	21 Nithdale Close Eastfield Estate Walkergate NE6 4XD	The Labour Party Candidate	
Russell	Shaun	3 Brampton Avenue Walker Newcastle Upon Tyne NE6 3LX	British National Party	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

WEST GOSFORTH WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Curry	Bill	146 Kirkwood Drive Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 3AU	British National Party	
Elcock	Howard James	417 Salters Road Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 4XJ	The Labour and Co-Operative Party Candidate	
Irvine	Sandy	45 Woodbine Road Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1DE	Green Party	
Jewers	Karen	6 Flaxby Close Whitebridge Park Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 5LP	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Shepherd	Bill	27 Bath Terrace Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1UH	Liberal Democrats	

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BARRY ROWLAND

Friday, 16 April, 2010

RETURNING OFFICER

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

WESTERHOPE WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Armstrong	Bill	Hawthorne Cottage Prestwick Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 7AG	British National Party	
Hamilton	Neil	10 Ingleton Drive Throckley Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 9DR	Liberal Democrats	
Hunter	Brian Samuel	127 Langdon Road Westerhope Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 5NA	The Labour Party Candidate	
Smith	Jason	74 Falstone Avenue Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7SG	The Conservative Party Candidate	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

WESTGATE WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Andras	Peter Emil	28 Lincoln Street Gateshead NE8 4EE	Liberal Democrats	
Bamford	Elaine	306 Osborne Court Osborne Avenue Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 1LH	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Ellacott	Laurence	41 Countess Drive Denton Burn Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 7AD	Green Party	
O'Brien	Geoff	6 Percy Terrace South Gosforth Newcastle Upon Tyne NE3 1RS	The Labour Party Candidate	
Roche	Mick	34 Cruddas Park House Westmorland Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 7QZ	British National Party	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

WINGROVE WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Hollis	James Andrew	7 Connaught Mews Jesmond Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 2BP	Liberal Democrats	
McCarty	Joyce	166 Wingrove Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 9BX	The Labour Party Candidate	
Pearson	John	3 Belle Grove Place Spital Tongues Newcastle Upon Tyne NE2 4LH	Green Party	
Rickerby	Russ	1 Olive Place Fenham Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 9YB	British National Party	
Sadiq	Mehrban	48 Greywood Avenue Fenham Newcastle Upon Tyne NE4 9PA	The Conservative Party Candidate	

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BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

The following is a statement as to the persons nominated for election as Councillor for the

WOOLSINGTON WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
Gibson	Gary	4 Horton Crescent Dinnington Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 7LF	British National Party	
Holloway	William John	23 Main Road Kenton Bank Foot Newcastle Upon Tyne NE13 8AA	The Conservative Party Candidate	
Kenyon	James Peter	9 Sycamore Avenue Dinnington Newcastle Upon Tyne	Liberal Democrats	
Pattison	George	202 Trevelyan Drive Newbiggin Hall Estate Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 4BD	The Labour Party Candidate	

The persons opposite whose names no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

BARRY ROWLAND

RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To <MP candidates, list of names on page 2>

Date Tuesday 27.04.2010



safe city centre cycling in Newcastle upon Tyne

Dear <MP candidate>

I am writing to you as a concerned Newcastle citizen.

As a commuting cyclist I am passing through Newcastle city centre on almost a daily basis. Unfortunately it is an unnecessarily dangerous activity and not for the faint-of-heart.

Needless to say that cycling should be encouraged as a green, quick, reliable, cheap and healthy activity, to name but a few of its advantages. Let's make a start and encourage bicycle use by providing a safe cycling infrastructure in the city centre!

Over 500 Tyneside residents have joined the online petition over the last two weeks alone, clearly sending a strong message to the council, as the delivery agent, to take initiative and bring about much-needed change. I have attached sound bites from the petition for your consideration.

I am sure you as MP candidate of a constituency in cycling distance from Newcastle city centre can join me in this important environmental, safety and health issue by supporting the petition for safe cycling in Newcastle city centre. I can assure you, it'll only take a minute to complete.

>>> www.katlayout.co.uk

If you could leave a message in the comment box at the end of the survey that you as an MP candidate support this petition, that'd be even more appreciated. The survey is open till 10 May 2010.

Let's not just talk green and healthy but make it happen. And here's a way how!

Kind regards
Katja

Katja Leyendecker
3 Windsor Avenue
Gosforth
NE3 1PS
M/ 07828604349

PS

If you should have access problem with the above link, please use this web address instead.

>>> <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q27PRCV>



safe city centre cycling in Newcastle upon Tyne

Constituency	Party	Name
Newcastle central	Lib	Gareth Kane
Newcastle central	Lab	Chi Onwurah
Newcastle central	Con	Nick Holder
Newcastle central	Green	John Pearson
Newcastle east	Lib	Wendy Taylor
Newcastle east	Lab	Nicholas Brown
Newcastle east	Con	Dominic Llewellyn
Newcastle east	Green	Andrew Gray
Newcastle north	Lib	Ron Beadle
Newcastle north	Lab	Catherine McKinnell
Newcastle north	Con	Stephen Parkinson
Newcastle north	Green	Anna Heyman
Gateshead	Lib	Frank Hindle
Gateshead	Lab	Ian Mearns
Gateshead	Con	Hazel Anderson
Gateshead	Green	Andy Redfern

28th April 2010

Press Release

Making Newcastle city centre safer for cyclists

Cycling is a great pastime. It's healthy for individuals and friendly for the environment. It's also a cheap, quick and easy way to get about – no waiting in traffic jams or searching for a parking space!

People get on their bikes for different reasons such as commuting, leisure, touring, shopping or taking children to school. Many people think Newcastle would be a better place if more people cycled, and a lot more people would cycle if it was safer!

Sadly, for people like Katja Leyendecker, riding her bike in Newcastle city centre can be a dangerous activity. She faces conflict with other road users on a daily basis. She often has to dodge buses and cars, swerve to avoid potholes and drain covers and has to jostle herself into 'advanced stop lines' to get a safe head start.

Katja said "I have had enough. City centre cycling is more than I can handle. Something needs to change – and it needs to change fast. Cycling should be made safer. We need more dedicated cycle lanes, a review of traffic light phasing and safer driving speeds to name a few.

Everyone knows that cycling is part of the solution but you need to feel safe in order to get on your bike and reap the benefits of reduced journey time, better health and financial reward. Strategic cycle routes are badly needed in Newcastle's city centre."

Katja has started an online petition to make cycling safer in the city centre. Since starting the petition two weeks ago, over 500 people have given their support - clearly demonstrating a strong public interest in the matter. Go to www.katlayout.co.uk to take the short survey and join the petition which only takes a minute to complete.

Katja again "I was never too sure whether cycling in the city centre was just a problem that I struggled with. Now I know I'm not alone! A great thank you to all those cyclists who have filled in the petition already. With such fantastic support, I believe the petition is on its way to make a difference for all of us. If you haven't already done so, please lend your support (and tell your friends)."

The petition survey closes on 10 May 2010 and Katja hopes to present it to a full City Council meeting shortly after.

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Please contact Katja Leyendecker for more details or for a photo opportunity

Phone Number 07828604349

E Mail leyendecker.katja@googlemail.com

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To <undisclosed>



Date Saturday 01.05.2010

Hi

Only one week to go before the cycling survey closes on 10 May 2010. Please keep forwarding - more than ever now. Every response makes a difference, every view counts.

As before I have collated your [sound bites](#) for this week, see attached.

This week I have also written to our [parliamentary candidates](#) and our [current ward councillors](#) to seek support of our petition. I do not want to influence your vote in any way - suffice it to say I have had no reply from the conservatives, yet. I have also written to [heads of schools](#) with a letter in attachment for consideration to [forward to parents](#).

It was a busy week for me! It was only possible as I was on leave this week. I am in dire need of a holiday now... here's to cycling!

As usual, please have a look for yourself on...

>>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>

Once the survey ends, we hope to secure a slot at the city council meeting to formally present the petition in May or June. So, stay tuned. Keep in touch via the website updates or contact me directly should you have any queries, suggestions, comments, intelligence,...

In the meantime, please keep cycling!

And enjoy the bank holiday.

Cheerio
Katja

PS

If the above web address causes trouble (strict security settings maybe...) try this one instead

>>>> <http://www40.brinkster.com/katlayout/index.html>

The survey can also be accessed via this link

>>>> <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q27PRCV>

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To <undisclosed>



Date Saturday 24.04.2010

Hi

It's two weeks tomorrow since the cycling survey started – and we have surpassed ourselves! A total of 500 responses have been recorded since 11 April 2010. On average that's one response every 40 minutes! This goes to show how strong a cause we are pursuing and how important it is to improve cycling facilities in Newcastle city centre.

Just as last week I have collated a selection of sound bites for this second week, see attached.

There is a new section on the website called 'a comparison' – which is entirely inspired by comments you have made about cycling facilities elsewhere and abroad. By creating a simple map, I attempt to compare the off-road cycling network in Newcastle to that in my hometown of Braunschweig in Germany. Simply follow the below directions to have a look...

>>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>
>>>> enter
>>>> click 'a comparison'

We are half way through the safe cycling survey which will close on Monday 10 May 2010. Half time – but no time to rest! Would it not be great if we could double our responses to 1,000 in the next two weeks?

Please keep forwarding. Every response counts, every view counts.

Hope you are all well - the weather certainly gets pedal-friendly now!

Keep cycling,
Katja

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To undisclosed

Date Monday 19.04.2010



Hi

It is now been one week since the cycling survey has started – and what a week it's been!

Over 300 responses have been recorded - that is more than one response every hour!

I have collated a selection of sound bites (attached). I have a feeling that some of it might sound familiar to you.

There is a basic website now. You can...

- take the survey (many thanks to those who have done so already)
- keep up to date on progress
- handy links and documents (under construction)
- check contact details (that's me)

>>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>

I hope you find the site useful. Feedback appreciated.

Let's make a real difference. Keep forwarding... survey remains open till Monday 10 May 2010.

All thanks to you!
Katja

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To undisclosed

Date Wednesday 14.04.2010



safe city centre cycling in Newcastle upon Tyne

Hi

Since Sunday 11 April 2010 the survey has recorded over one hundred responses. That's more than one every hour, day and night!

So, big thanks to those who have filled in the survey already.

For those who have not (yet), there's still time! The survey is open till Monday 10 May 2010.

Keep it coming (link below) - and keep forwarding.

All thanks to you.
Katja

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To undisclosed

Date Sunday 11.04.2010

To all those Newcastle cyclists out there

I believe, cycling in Newcastle city centre is incoherent and unsafe.

If that's what you think too, please fill in the one-minute survey (link below) which will help to petition Newcastle City Council to improve conditions for cyclists in the city centre.

>>>> <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q27PRCV>

Please don't be shy to forward this email to anyone who might be interested in making a difference to cycling in Newcastle.

Don't sit on it (other than your saddle).

Thank you.
Katja

Your sound bites in the third week

General reflections

- ➔ 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.
- ➔ Newcastle **could be a great cycling city**... once awareness is raised.
- ➔ Cycle lanes seem to be mainly used as additional parking space! Some of the main routes into Newcastle lack proper cycle lanes (separate from bus and taxi lanes)!
- ➔ Although safer cycling routes would not make me cycle more often it would make the whole experience a lot more **pleasurable**.

Your city centre cycling experience

- ➔ 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!
- ➔ I frequently use the **Heaton** - town bike route, very nice, but then getting across town is a **pain**.
- ➔ 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.
- ➔ Cycling through Newcastle city centre is an absolute **nightmare!** All the slowness of a car but having to deal the traffic. At present no advantage to using a bike and it's pretty much the only way to cross town. **Northumberland Street** should be made more cycle friendly - a cycle lane down the middle? This type of infrastructure would be default in the countries that we harp on about being so cycle friendly - **Holland / Germany / Scandinavia** etc.
- ➔ *It is probably worth noting that Northumberland Street has come up several times in the survey, clearly demonstrating the importance of that route. [KL]*
- ➔ Although I don't live in Newcastle I do cycle through the city from time to time and the traffic and motorists attitude to cyclists is quite **scary**.
- ➔ For several months, I did cycle through Newcastle to get to the station and thence Durham. 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

Your sound bites in the third week

- 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)
- ➔ Getting into 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.**

Enabling cycling

- ➔ 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.
- ➔ 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.**
- ➔ 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.

Mutual understanding

- ➔ Bus drivers need more training to look out for cyclists.
- ➔ *I noticed that Stagecoach has been mentioned a couple of times in relation to dangerous driving. [KL]*

Sometimes we just don't know...

- ➔ Is there a map of **secure lockers** in Newcastle city centre that you know of?
- ➔ *Bike storage and parking is a real issue to you with almost 1 in 10 of your comments relating to improvements to end-of-journey facilities. [KL]*

And the old favourite...

- ➔ Being able to put my **bike on the metro** would make the biggest difference of all.

All the above is notwithstanding your numerous calls for improved **maintenance**.

And the encouraging last words ...

- ➔ What a wonderful idea.

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To <undisclosed>



Date Saturday 08.05.2010

Hi

Only two days to go! Cycling survey closes on Monday 10 May 2010.

If you can think of anyone who has not yet participated in the petition survey, please get in touch with them! It needn't be a seasoned cyclist... the survey suggests there is a large number out there of those, who would love to get on their bike if only the cycling facilities would be safer... a special appeal to families, parents and their children.

You can follow this week's roundup on the website as usual. It was a bit of a media frenzy this week, Chronicle, Journal, radio.

>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>

My next email will be about results! Probably in a week's time.

Hope all is well with everyone.

Thank you so much,
Katja

PS

If the above web address causes you trouble (strict security settings maybe...) try this one instead

>>>> <http://www40.brinkster.com/katlayout/index.html>

The survey can also be accessed via this link

>>>> <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q27PRCV>

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To <undisclosed>



Date Saturday 01.05.2010

Hi

Only one week to go before the cycling survey closes on 10 May 2010. Please keep forwarding - more than ever now. Every response makes a difference, every view counts.

As before I have collated your sound bites for this week, see attached.

This week I have also written to our parliamentary candidates and our current ward councillors to seek support of our petition. I do not want to influence your vote in any way - suffice it to say I have had no reply from the conservatives, yet. I have also written to heads of schools with a letter in attachment for consideration to forward to parents.

It was a busy week for me! It was only possible as I was on leave this week. I am in dire need of a holiday now... here's to cycling!

As usual, please have a look for yourself on...

>>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>

Once the survey ends, we hope to secure a slot at the city council meeting to formally present the petition in May or June. So, stay tuned. Keep in touch via the website updates or contact me directly should you have any queries, suggestions, comments, intelligence,...

In the meantime, please keep cycling!

And enjoy the bank holiday.

Cheerio

Katja

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Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To <undisclosed>



Date Saturday 24.04.2010

Hi

It's two weeks tomorrow since the cycling survey started – and we have surpassed ourselves! A total of 500 responses have been recorded since 11 April 2010. On average that's one response every 40 minutes! This goes to show how strong a cause we are pursuing and how important it is to improve cycling facilities in Newcastle city centre.

Just as last week I have collated a selection of sound bites for this second week, see attached.

There is a new section on the website called 'a comparison' – which is entirely inspired by comments you have made about cycling facilities elsewhere and abroad. By creating a simple map, I attempt to compare the off-road cycling network in Newcastle to that in my hometown of Braunschweig in Germany. Simply follow the below directions to have a look...

>>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>
>>>> enter
>>>> click 'a comparison'

We are half way through the safe cycling survey which will close on Monday 10 May 2010. Half time – but no time to rest! Would it not be great if we could double our responses to 1,000 in the next two weeks?

Please keep forwarding. Every response counts, every view counts.

Hope you are all well - the weather certainly gets pedal-friendly now!

Keep cycling,
Katja

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To undisclosed

Date Monday 19.04.2010



Hi

It is now been one week since the cycling survey has started – and what a week it's been!

Over 300 responses have been recorded - that is more than one response every hour!

I have collated a selection of sound bites (attached). I have a feeling that some of it might sound familiar to you.

There is a basic website now. You can...

- take the survey (many thanks to those who have done so already)
- keep up to date on progress
- handy links and documents (under construction)
- check contact details (that's me)

>>>> <http://www.katlayout.co.uk/>

I hope you find the site useful. Feedback appreciated.

Let's make a real difference. Keep forwarding... survey remains open till Monday 10 May 2010.

All thanks to you!
Katja

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To undisclosed

Date Wednesday 14.04.2010



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Hi

Since Sunday 11 April 2010 the survey has recorded over one hundred responses. That's more than one every hour, day and night!

So, big thanks to those who have filled in the survey already.

For those who have not (yet), there's still time! The survey is open till Monday 10 May 2010.

Keep it coming (link below) - and keep forwarding.

All thanks to you.
Katja

Email

From Katja Leyendecker
To undisclosed

Date Sunday 11.04.2010

To all those Newcastle cyclists out there

I believe, cycling in Newcastle city centre is incoherent and unsafe.

If that's what you think too, please fill in the one-minute survey (link below) which will help to petition Newcastle City Council to improve conditions for cyclists in the city centre.

>>>> <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q27PRCV>

Please don't be shy to forward this email to anyone who might be interested in making a difference to cycling in Newcastle.

Don't sit on it (other than your saddle).

Thank you.
Katja



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Media coverage

06.05.2010 - Journal

07.05.2010 – BBC Radio Newcastle

http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p007lnbs/Jon_and_Anne_06_05_2010/

go to 06:23 to listen to our cycling petition's four minutes worth of air time

07.05.2010 - Chronicle

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Media coverage

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Cyclist's mission to improve safety on city's streets

Online survey puts pressure on council chiefs

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HAVING their bones rattled over potholes, encountering cars parked in bike lanes and squeezing past pedestrians on shared pavements, cyclists see our roads through different eyes.

Now one woman has begun a mission to make Newcastle city centre safer for cyclists.

Katja Leyendecker has created an online survey and is asking anyone who cycles through the city to fill it in.

By gauging the extent of people's biking bugbears she hopes to put pressure on the authorities to make the network of cycle routes more accessible and less dangerous for those who use them.

Katja, who commutes by bike from her home in Gosforth to work at the Environment Agency on the riverside at

Thursday, May 6, 2010 THE JOURNAL

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journallive.co.uk



CHAIN MAIL: Katja Leyendecker has started an online survey into what cyclists think about cycle lanes in Newcastle

Newcastle Business Park, thinks the city needs more dedicated cycle lanes where people can ride separately from traffic.

She said: "I just feel cycling could be made so much safer."

"I was never sure if it was just me so I thought I would start a survey and see what other people thought."

"Now I know I'm not alone. People are using words like scary, nightmare and dangerous."

"You need to feel safe in order to get on your bike and reap the benefits of reduced journey time, better health and financial reward. Strategic cycle routes are badly needed in Newcastle."

Originally designed as a survey to find out whether other cyclists felt the same as her, the data collected through Katja's website will now form a petition to be presented to a meeting of Newcastle City Council in the next few weeks.

Since it was launched more than 550 people have taken the survey, with 200 of

Now I know I'm not alone. People are using words like scary, nightmare and dangerous

them leaving comments expanding on their experiences.

Some comments have centred around road maintenance, such as the prevalence of potholes, protruding drain covers and glass on the road.

Katja now hopes council officers will see the survey as a positive step and work with cyclists to improve the situation.

A council spokesman said: "Encouraging cycling as a sustainable form of transport is high on our agenda."

"We will continue to work closely with the cycling community, primarily through our Cycling Forum."

The survey can be completed at www.katjayout.co.uk until May 10.

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Media coverage

Cycling safety

Newcastle Evening Chronicle (Main)

06 May 2010

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A CYCLIST has begun a mission to make Newcastle city centre safer for people on bikes.

Katja Leyendecker has created an online survey for anyone who cycles through the city.

By finding out what problems they encounter, she hopes to put pressure on the authorities to make the network of routes more accessible and less dangerous for users.

Katja, who commutes by bike from her home in Gosforth to work at the Environment Agency at Newcastle Business Park, said: "I just feel cycling could be made so much safer. People are using words like 'scary', 'nightmare' and 'dangerous', which link into my experiences."

Take part in the survey at www.katlayout.co.uk closing date May 10.



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Appendix E

Numerical summary report

Survey started 11.04.2010
Survey ended 10.05.2010

General section

Number of supporting responses 803

Number of email addresses on database 651 or 81% of responses

Number of post codes provided 673 or 84% of responses

Post code breakdown (first five only)

NE3	22%	or 147 responses
NE6	12%	or 78 responses
NE2	10%	or 66 responses
NE7	6%	or 41 responses
NE4	5%	or 32 responses

Survey questions

I am particularly interested in the improvement of the city centre's...

Both routes	70%	or 565 responses
North-South axis	20%	or 156 responses
West-East axis	10%	or 81 responses

I cycle regularly for the following reasons.

Commuting	80%	or 641 responses
Leisure	79%	or 633 responses
Touring	15%	or 115 responses
Other	9%	or 71 responses
Racing	7%	or 54 responses

Safer cycling routes through the city centre would make me use my bike more often.

Yes	93%	or 746 responses
No	7%	or 57 responses



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Numerical summary report

Analysis of the comments received

Number of comments provided 287

Over one in three participants (36%) left a comment voluntarily.

What has been mentioned?

Conflict with others 45% or 130 responses

Conflict with clear reference to personal safety 37% or 105 responses

Specific Newcastle area or street 29% or 84 responses

City centre locations you mentioned:

Northumberland Street

Central station

John Dobson Street

New Bridge / New Eldon Square

Maintenance 18% or 53 responses

Car parking on cycle lanes 10% or 29 responses

End-of-journey facilities 7% or 21 responses

Concerned about next generation 4% or 11 responses

Signage 3% or 9 responses

Bike on metro 3% or 9 responses

Nota bene

The comments analysis is solely based on **voluntary** feedback and the percentage stated might therefore not accurately reflect participants' concerns and should be viewed with caution.

The survey's main aim was to determine the strength feeling towards improving cycling facilities in Newcastle city centre and subsequently to petition the city council. Hence every comment provided is a clear indication that strong sentiment exists to better cycling in the city centre as 1 in every 3 participants took the time to leave feedback entirely of their own volition.

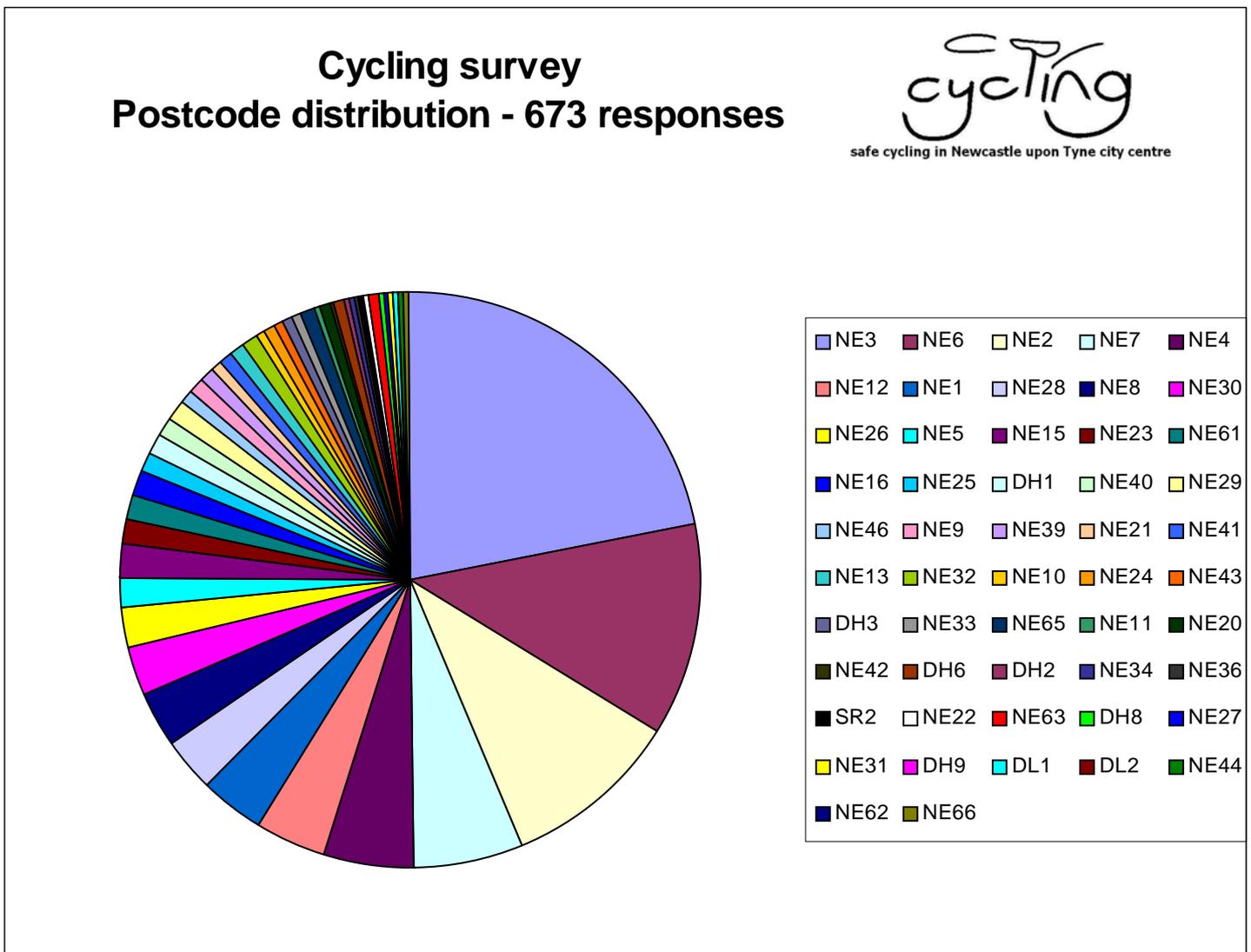
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Postcodes analysis

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Graphical output



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Postcodes analysis

Numerical/tabular ranking

No. Post code	No. of responses	%age	Acc %age	Post town	Coverage	Local authority area
1NE3	147	22%	22%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Gosforth, Fawdon & Kingston Park	Newcastle
2NE6	78	12%	33%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Walker, Byker & Heaton	Newcastle
3NE2	66	10%	43%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Jesmond & Spital Tongues	Newcastle
4NE7	41	6%	49%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	High Heaton & Benton	Newcastle
5NE4	32	5%	54%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Newcastle West, Fenham	Newcastle
6NE12	27	4%	58%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Killingworth	North Tyneside
7NE1	23	3%	62%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	City Centre	Newcastle
8NE28	21	3%	65%	WALLSEND	Battle Hill, Willington, Wallsend & North Tyne Tunnel	North Tyneside
9NE8	21	3%	68%	GATESHEAD	Gateshead & Bensham	Gateshead
10NE30	18	3%	70%	NORTH SHIELDS	Marden, Tynemouth & Cullercoats	North Tyneside
11NE26	14	2%	73%	WHITLEY BAY	Whitley Bay & Seaton Sluice	North Tyneside
12NE5	12	2%	74%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Westerhope & Newcastle West	Newcastle
13NE15	12	2%	76%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Lemington, Throckley & Newburn	Newcastle
14NE23	10	1%	78%	CRAMLINGTON	Cramlington	Northumberland
15NE61	9	1%	79%	MORPETH	Morpeth, Tranwell, Clifton Hepscott	Northumberland
16NE16	9	1%	80%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Whickham, Sunniside & Burnopfield	Gateshead, County Durham
17NE25	8	1%	81%	WHITLEY BAY	Monkseaton, New Hartley, Holywell & Seaton Delaval	North Tyneside
18DH1	7	1%	82%	DURHAM	Durham	County Durham
19NE40	7	1%	84%	RYTON	Ryton, Crawcrook & Greenside	Gateshead

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No. Post code	No. of responses	%age	Acc %age	Post town	Coverage	Local authority area
20NE29	7	1%	85%	NORTH SHIELDS	North Shields, Royal Quays, Billy Mill & New York	North Tyneside
21NE46	6	1%	85%	HEXHAM	Hexham, Anick, Oakwood & Acomb	Northumberland
22NE9	6	1%	86%	GATESHEAD	Low Fell, Springwell	Gateshead & Sunderland
23NE39	5	1%	87%	ROWLANDS GILL	Rowlands Gill, High Spenn, Hamsterley Mill & Eastern Chopwell Wood	Gateshead & County Durham
24NE21	5	1%	88%	BLAYDON-ON-TYNE	Blaydon & Winlaton	Gateshead
25NE41	5	1%	89%	WYLAM	Wylam	Gateshead & Northumberland
26NE13	5	1%	89%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Airport, Wideopen & Dinnington	Newcastle, North Tyneside
27NE32	5	1%	90%	JARROW	Jarrow, Fellgate & South Tyne Tunnel	South Tyneside
28NE10	4	1%	91%	GATESHEAD	Felling, Leam Lane & Pelaw	Gateshead
29NE24	4	1%	91%	BLYTH	Blyth & Newsham	Northumberland
30NE43	4	1%	92%	STOCKSFIELD	Stocksfield, Painshawfield & Newton	Northumberland
31DH3	4	1%	92%	CHESTER LE STREET	North East Chester-le-Street (North Lodge, Great Lumley), Birtley	County Durham, Gateshead
32NE33	4	1%	93%	SOUTH SHIELDS	Town Centre, Deans & High Shields	South Tyneside
33NE65	4	1%	94%	MORPETH	Rothbury, Longhorsley, Felton & Amble	Northumberland
34NE11	3	0%	94%	GATESHEAD	Dunston, Metro Centre & Team Valley & Kibblesworth	Gateshead
35NE20	3	0%	95%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Ponteland	Northumberland
36NE42	3	0%	95%	PRUDHOE	West Wylam, Prudhoe, Ovingham & Ovington	Gateshead & Northumberland
45DH6	3	0%	95%	DURHAM	Thornley & Coxhoe	County Durham
37DH2	2	0%	96%	CHESTER LE STREET	Chester-le-Street	County Durham
38NE34	2	0%	96%	SOUTH SHIELDS	Harton, Horsley Hill, Marsden, Simonside & Brockley Whins	South Tyneside

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No. Post code	No. of responses	%age	Acc %age	Post town	Coverage	Local authority area
39NE36	2	0%	96%	EAST BOLDON	East & West Boldon	South Tyneside
40SR2	2	0%	97%	SUNDERLAND	Ashbrooke, Ryhope, Grangetown, Hendon (south of Salisbury Street), Hillview, Thornhill	Sunderland
41NE22	2	0%	97%	BEDLINGTON	Bedlington & Hartford Bridge	Northumberland
42NE63	2	0%	97%	ASHINGTON	Ashington	Northumberland
43DH8	2	0%	97%	CONSETT	Consett, Ebchester	County Durham
44NE27	2	0%	98%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Shiremoor, West Allotment, Backworth, Holystone & Murton Village	North Tyneside
46NE31	2	0%	98%	HEBBURN	Hebburn	South Tyneside
47DH9	1	0%	98%	STANLEY	Dipton & Stanley	County Durham
48DL1	1	0%	98%			
49DL2	1	0%	99%			
50NE44	1	0%	99%	RIDING MILL	Riding Mill & Broomhaugh	Northumberland
51NE62	1	0%	99%	CHOPPINGTON	Scotland Gate, Guidepost, Stakeford, West Sleekburn and Bomarsund	Northumberland
52NE66	1	0%	99%	ALNWICK	Alnwick, Alnmouth, Embleton & Powburn	Northumberland
53SR1	1	0%	99%	SUNDERLAND	Sunderland City Centre, East End, Hendon (north of Egerton Street)	Sunderland
54SR4	1	0%	99%	SUNDERLAND	Ayres Quay, Barnes, Chester Road, Deptford, Ford Estate, Grindon, Hastings Hill, Hylton Lane Estate, High Barnes, Millfield, Pallion, Pennywell, South Hylton	Sunderland
55SR6	1	0%	99%	SUNDERLAND	Cleadon, Fulwell (east of Metro line), Monkwearmouth (east of Metro line), North Haven, Roker, St Peter's Riverside, Seaburn, Seaburn Dene, South Bents, Whitburn	Sunderland, South Tyneside
56YO24	1	0%	100%	York area		
57NE17	1	0%	100%	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	Chopwell & Western Chopwell Wood	Gateshead
58NE19	1	0%	100%	NEWCASTLE	Otterburn & Catcleugh	Northumberland



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59NE47	1	0%	100%	UPON TYNE HEXHAM	Allendale Town, Allenheads, Haydon Bridge & Bardon Mill	Northumberland

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Comments

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

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

No.	Postcode	Comments to petition survey question: Anything else on your mind? Leave your comment here. (in temporary order - latest comment first)
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 too 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 masquerading 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 everyone's benefit"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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87	NE3	"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; • 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	"Great survey! Short and to the point. Please keep me updated on progress! Thanks, Seraphim"
89	NE6	"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."
90	NE6	"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."
91	NE8	"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."
92	NE6	"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."

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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	NE3	I currently feel obliged to bypass the city centre on the Shieldfield side of town because the route feels marginally safer (especially at rush hour). I feel, it should not have to do be like this and cyclists should be encouraged to cycle through the centre. In the city centre particularly, bus and taxi drivers can be rather inconsiderate in their driving style. Here's a bit of lateral thinking - get congestion charging for Newcastle city centre within the old town walls.

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

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