



safe city centre cycling in Newcastle upon Tyne

Appendix C

Outgoing communications

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To undisclosed

Date Sunday 11.04.2010



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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.



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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!

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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

National figures show that 30% of students would prefer 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.

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', written over a horizontal line.

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

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BENWELL & SCOTSWOOD WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

The following persons have been nominated:

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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

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BLAKELAW WARD

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Candidate's Surname	Other Names	Home Address	Description (if any)	Decision of the Returning Officer
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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BYKER WARD

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Baldwin	Ken	19 Weidner Road Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 6QR	British National Party	
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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Aydon	Jon Robert	34 Aldeburgh Avenue Lemington Rise Newcastle Upon Tyne NE15 8TA	The Conservative Party Candidate	
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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DENE WARD

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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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DENTON WARD

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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	

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Shorton	OLGA	28 Grosvenor Way Chapel Park Newcastle Upon Tyne NE5 1SF	The Conservative Party Candidate	

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EAST GOSFORTH WARD

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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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ELSWICK WARD

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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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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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FENHAM WARD

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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	

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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	

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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	
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RETURNING OFFICER

Friday, 16 April, 2010

NEWCASTLE CITY COUNCIL

6 May 2010

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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	

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NORTH HEATON WARD

STATEMENT AS TO PERSONS NOMINATED

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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	

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NORTH JESMOND WARD

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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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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	

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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	

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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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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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WALKER WARD

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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	

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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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WEST GOSFORTH WARD

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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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WESTERHOPE WARD

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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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WESTGATE WARD

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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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WINGROVE WARD

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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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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	

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Friday, 16 April, 2010

Email

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

Date Tuesday 27.04.2010



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...

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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



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

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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