

Love Sutton, Go Dutch...  
...Go Global...  
...give Space for Cycling

*Year 9 students, full of enthusiasm, but chaperoned, and clinging to the only space for cycling they have got.*

St Philomena's School Cycle Club,  
Sutton: Benhill Avenue – Throwley Way  
13 September 2013

Sutton Cycle Summit  
22 January 2014  
#cyclesummit

Charles Martin @chasinzone5  
London Cycling Campaign: Sutton coordinator  
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#space4cycling

# An overview

- More about cycling, slightly less about “cyclists”
- Some thoughts on experiencing cycling in the Netherlands (what is Go Dutch all about?)
- The conditions that exist in cities around the world where there has been recent rapid growth in cycling (courtesy of John Dales and Street Talks )
- How cycling looks in Sutton now and how *Space for Cycling* could start the process of change

Beddington Park,  
15 September 2013



# Caveats

- Not here on behalf of “cyclists”
- I don’t know all the answers
- I do know there are challenges, and that improvements will take time
- There is a lot I won’t have time to talk about
- I will be a bit critical (but in a nice way)

# My key messages

- It's important to recognise that improvements for “cyclists” will bring benefits for everyone, whether they cycle or not
- It's important to have a plan (based on a vision)
- It's important to do what is difficult first, and leave the easier challenges until later
- It's important to do things properly, or not at all (go for gold)
- It's important to spend a lot of money well, rather than a small amount of money badly
- It's important to start now, as it's going to take a long time
- It's exciting!



# Love London, Go Dutch

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# What is it like to cycle in the Netherlands?

Who cycles, and why? The best way to find out is to go and see...




## Assen and Groningen Cycling Study Tours 2012




**Study tour**

- British / Dutch Comparison Photos
- Policy Articles
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**Holidays**



**Contact us**

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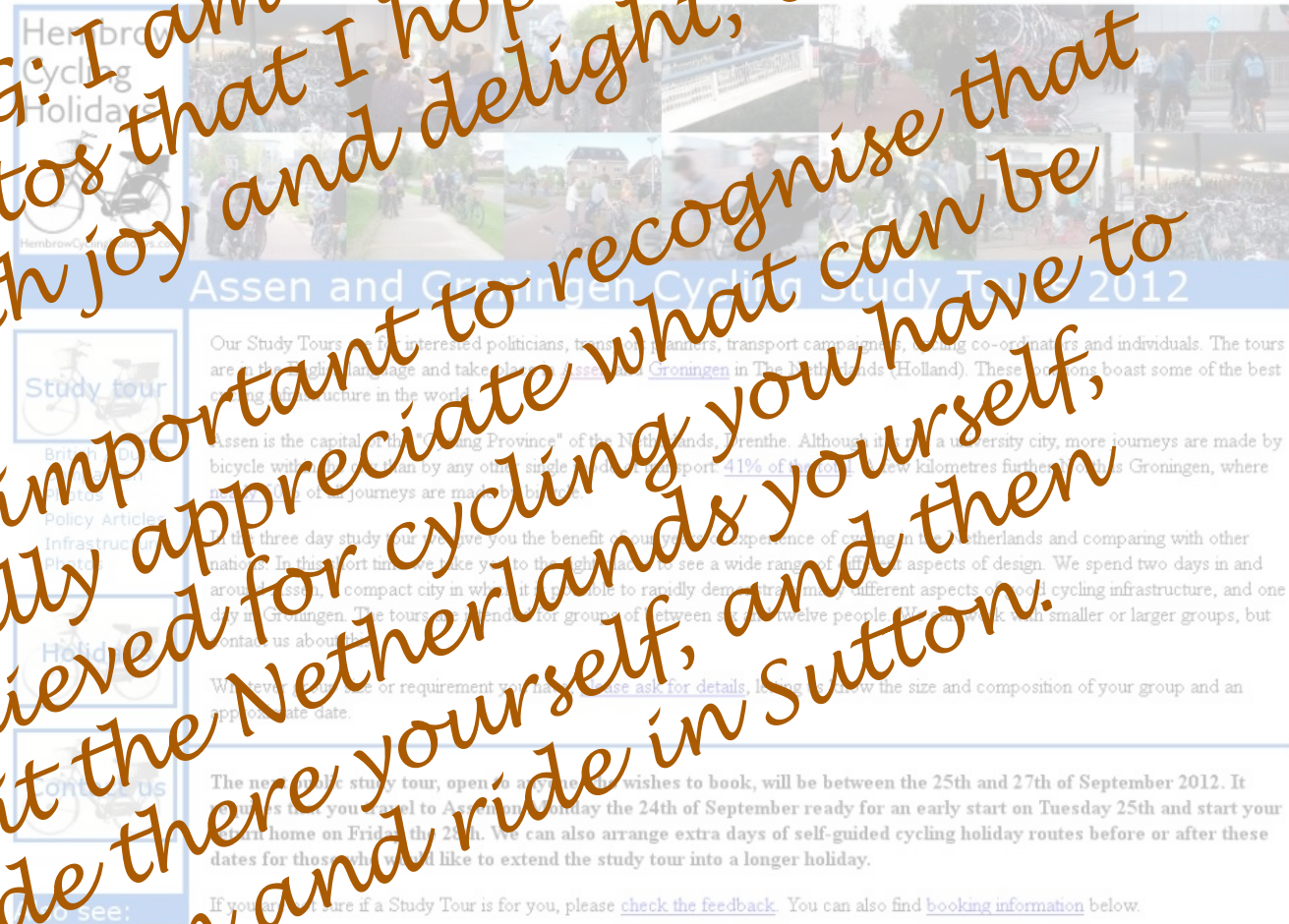
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...it's important to recognise that to fully appreciate what can be achieved for cycling you have to visit the Netherlands yourself, ride there yourself, and then return and ride in Sutton.

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Cycling in the Netherlands, is just a great way to get from A to B  
The key is to “feel safe”

Assen; Groningen  
May 2012

The young feel safe....



...the not so young feel safe...



...just about everyone feels safe.

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Cycling is a more attractive option in the Netherlands because:  
Appropriate speed limits are set

Groningen  
May 2012



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“...their lives are in our hands...”

Cycling is a more attractive option in the Netherlands because:  
Routes are direct

Amsterdam  
May 2012



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“...their lives are in our hands...”



Cycling is a more attractive option in the Netherlands because:  
Legibility is good

Assen  
May 2012



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“...their lives are in our hands...”



Cycling is a more attractive option in the Netherlands because:  
**Access is good**

Assen  
May 2012



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“...their lives are in our hands...”

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Junctions are well designed (1)

Assen; Groningen  
May 2012



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“...their lives are in our hands...”



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Junctions are well designed (2)

Assen; Groningen  
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“...their lives are in our hands...”



Cycling is a more attractive option in the Netherlands because:  
There are high-quality cycle-paths

Assen  
May 2012



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“...their lives are in our hands...”

When cycling is an attractive option  
the result is:  
**Inclusive use**

Assen; Groningen  
May 2012



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All sorts of people on all sorts of bikes



When cycling is an attractive option  
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A way of life in Amsterdam

Amsterdam  
May 2012



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Groningen  
May 2012



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Assen  
May 2012



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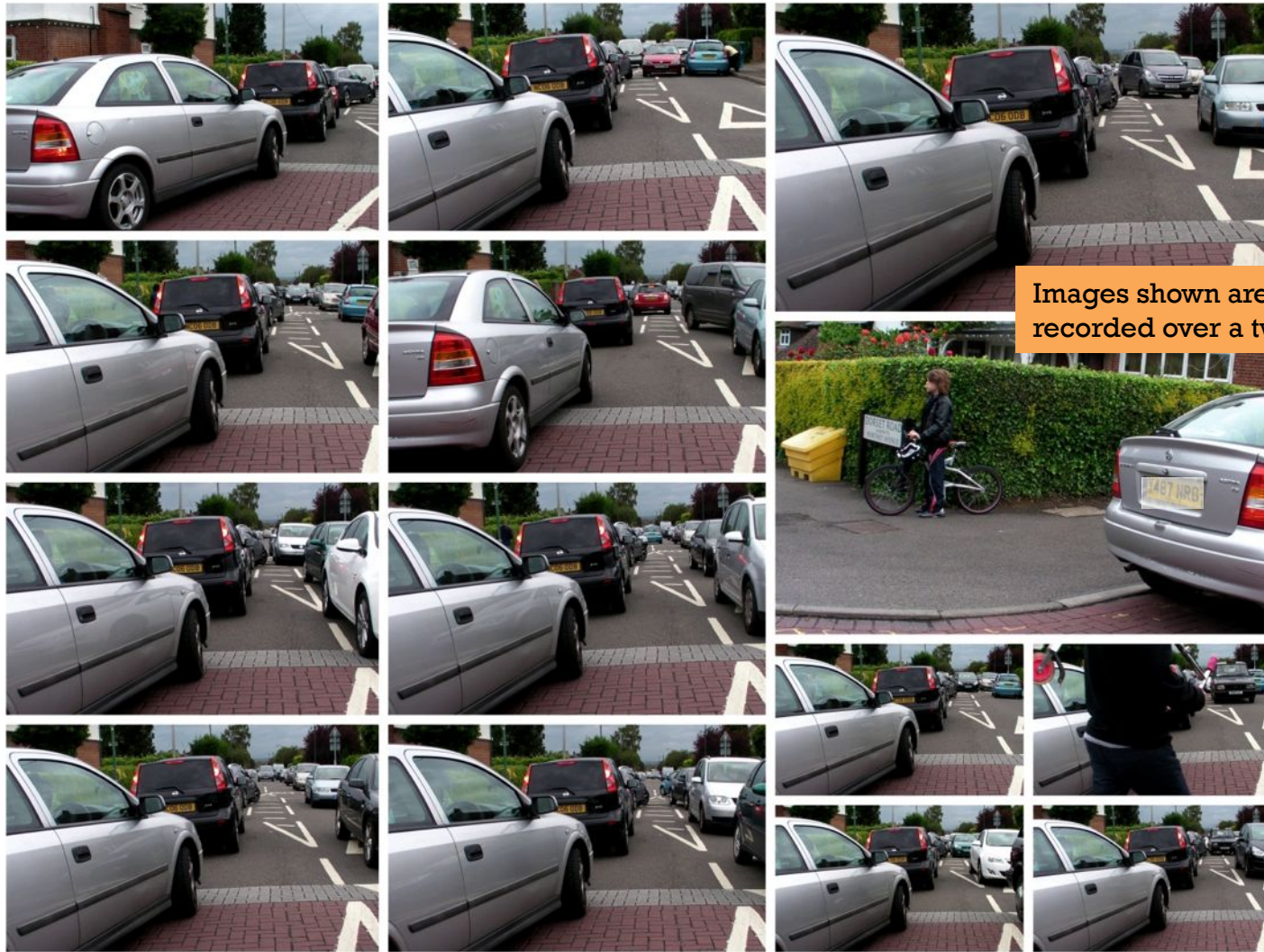
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Holland Avenue, Sutton  
May 2012



Images shown are stills from video,  
recorded over a two-minute period

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One child with bicycle on footway in sea of traffic

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## Cycling fun or cycling scary?

Holland Avenue, Sutton  
May 2012

*Give him a wave!  
Because you have got something that he  
hasn't.*



Vaart NZ, Assen  
May 2012



One child with bicycle on footway in sea of traffic

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Cycling is fun!  
Freedom, independence



Vaart NZ, Assen  
May 2012

All children able to cycle independently if they wish

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This is what it means to Go Dutch!

## *A safe route to school*



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# Space for Cycling

London Cycling Campaign: March 2014

*“LCC believes that every Londoner, whatever their age or ability, deserves safe and inviting cycling on all London’s streets”*

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The London Cyclist December 2013



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London Cycling Campaign: March 2014

## Sutton Council Wards

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- ☒ Sutton Borough Council
- ☐ Belmont
- ☐ Nonsuch
- ☐ Wallington North
- ☐ Wallington South
- ☐ Sutton West
- ☐ Sutton Central
- ☐ Sutton North
- ☐ Carshalton Central
- ☐ Carshalton South and Clockhouse
- ☐ Stonecote
- ☐ Beddington North
- ☐ The Wrythe
- ☐ St Helier
- ☐ Wandle Valley
- ☐ Cheam
- ☐ Beddington South
- ☐ Worcester Park
- ☐ Sutton South

***“Our message to our 2014 local election candidates is that redesigning our streets, something they have direct control over, is essential to encourage mass cycling”***

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# Space for Cycling

London Cycling Campaign: March 2014

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# Space for Cycling

## The journey beyond 2014

Can we go from this....  
*St Dunstan's Hill, Cheam*



....to this?  
*Paterswoldsweg, Groningen*

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# The journey beyond 2014 Planning

## A less timid approach (1)



London Borough of Sutton Local Development Framework

Supplementary Planning Document

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*Who writes this stuff?*

“Crown Road/High Street are part of a network of Borough cycle routes and are seen as an important link to the town centre and any proposals to alter the highway must improve, where possible, cycle connectivity and integrate with existing cycle facilities.”

Paragraph 6.11 North Sutton Sites Draft Planning Brief, May 2012

*PS: If you are going to say something like this, it has to be true. Can we honestly say that Crown Road and the High Street are part of a network of cycle routes?*



# The journey beyond 2014

## Planning

### A less timid approach (2)



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*Re-written as shown below  
could help us get that  
future “mini-Holland” type  
funding. It shows  
commitment, an  
understanding, and a  
desire to achieve.*

“Crown Road/High Street are part of a network of Borough cycle routes and are seen as an important link to the town centre. This development is an exciting opportunity to improve cycle connectivity and to integrate with existing cycle facilities, and this will be reflected in any proposals to alter the highway.”

*This advice is  
freely given. No  
consultation fee  
required!*

# What it means to have Space for Cycling



Assen  
May 2012

Mother comfortable enough to cycle with her baby

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Cycling lessons for London  
Conclusions from TfL's international  
benchmarking study of cycle  
infrastructure

Berlin Dublin Malmö  
Munich Nantes New York  
Stockholm Utrecht  
Amsterdam  
Paris  
Portland  
San Francisco  
Seattle  
Vancouver  
Vienna  
Zurich

*With thanks to John Dales, Director  
Urban Movement, and the Movement  
for Liveable London  
(Street Talks, 5 December 2013)*

<http://movementforliveablelondon.com/resources/presentations/>

## Cycling lessons for London

Eleven common conditions that exist in cities that have achieved a strong growth in cycling in recent years

*Essential.  
Without this,  
nothing will  
happen!*

1: There is strong, clear political and technical, pro-cycling leadership, which is supported through all parts of the lead organisation



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*Cycling is just  
a way of  
getting  
around!*

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*Not just attempting to shuffle around the sustainable modes. Make non-car travel more attractive.*

**3: Increasing cycle mode share is part of an integrate approach to decreasing car mode share - i.e. there is no net abstraction from walking and public transport**

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*Space for cycling means space for cycling, and not space for broken glass, drainage grills or parking.*

**4: There is dedicated, fit-for-purpose, space for cycling, generally free of intrusion by heavy and/or fast moving motor vehicle traffic.**



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*Have long-term plan, even when working with short-term funding.*

5: There is clarity about the overall cycling network (including planned routes), with connectedness, continuity, directness and legibility all being key attributes.

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**7: The frequency of occasions when cyclists need to yield or stop is minimised.**



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*John Dales: “The pedestrian is the fundamental unit of urban experience”.*

**8: Cycle safety and convenience is not bought at the expense of pedestrian safety and convenience.**

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*A huge challenge,  
but successful  
places rise to it!*

**9: Traffic capacity or parking loss is not considered a veto on cycling provision.**

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10: Often enforced by specific laws, the driving culture is more respectful of cycling (subjective safety)



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*Successful cities  
plan.  
Less successful cities  
do something just  
because they have a  
bit of cash!  
Think long term.*

11: Authorities plan for growth in cycling, and design accordingly.

## Cycling lessons for Sutton

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*... which resulted in a some interest from a few councillors.*

*Cllr. Jill Whitehead went further, and said she would like her ward, Carshalton Central, to be the first to "Go Dutch".*

*Promising!*

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Sutton Living Streets | Get Sutton Cycling | April 2013

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...but this time just received a handful of short responses before Jill wrote to say I would receive a full response on the all the points I made shortly.

Nearly nine months later, and I'm still waiting for that response.

Not so promising.

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An open letter to all Sutton Councillors:  
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*In July 2013, David Hembrow invited London Mayor Boris Johnson to attend his cycling infrastructure study tour for free.*

<http://www.aviewfromthecyclepath.com/2013/07/an-invitation-to-boris-johnson-to-city.html>

*I suggested to David that he invited Paul Burstow MP, Tom Brake MP, and Ruth Dombey, Leader of Sutton Council too.*

*David kindly agreed. He also invited Jenny Jones, Val Shawcross and Christian Wolmar, all for free.*

*None of them took up his offer.*

*Not so promising again!*

- Boris Johnson ( [@MayorofLondon](#) ) [22nd July 2013](#)
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- Tom Brake ( [@ThomasBrake](#) ) [23rd July 2013](#) [8th August 2013 "send more info"](#)
- Val Shawcross ( [@ValShawcross](#) ) [23rd July 2013](#) [8th August 2013 "no thanks!"](#)
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*But now we have Tom's Sutton Cycle Summit, so things are looking a  
bit more promising again.*

A red poster for the Sutton Cycle Summit. The title 'Sutton Cycle Summit' is in large white letters. Below it, three bullet points list the goals: 'How can we improve cycling in Sutton, London and the UK?', 'Find out about future plans to improve cycling in Sutton', and 'Have your say on future plans'. A list of speakers includes Tom Brake MP, Caroline Pidgeon, Charles Martin, and Charles Lloyd. The event details are: 'When: 6.30pm, Wednesday 22nd January 2014', 'Where: Holy Trinity Church, Maldon Road, Wallington SM6 8BL', and 'For more info visit www.tombrake.co.uk/cyclesummit'. On the right side of the poster, there is a graphic of a white bicycle on a black background, with the text 'Tom Brake's Better Transport Campaigns # Step4' above it.

**Sutton Cycle Summit**

- How can we improve cycling in Sutton, London and the UK?
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**Speakers**  
Tom Brake MP  
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**Tom Brake's Better Transport Campaigns # Step4**

*Although it is worth remembering, that clear political and technical, pro-cycling leadership, supported through all parts of an organisation, is an essential condition for high levels of cycling.*

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Cycling lessons for Sutton  
Would residents of Carshalton,  
who do not currently cycle, like  
to do so?

The Olympic Torch is on it's way!

There's great excitement, with a buzz in  
the air, and a giant swan in the pond!



Carshalton  
23 July 2012

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And, on the back of the swan, students  
from St Mary's Catholic Junior School  
sing their hearts out!



Carshalton  
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# Cycling lessons for Sutton

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Sutton Living Streets, with Cyclism, were given the opportunity to find out at this fantastic event

**LIVING STREETS**  
PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST

**LONDON CYCLING CAMPAIGN**

Sutton Living Streets and Cyclism are pleased to be here at the Carshalton Event today to celebrate the arrival of the Olympic Torch to the Borough! We would be very pleased if you could take a few moments to complete this short questionnaire. Returned questionnaires can be exchanged for a raffle ticket and the chance to win shopping vouchers for the value £20. Thank you! [www.suttonlivingstreets.org.uk](http://www.suttonlivingstreets.org.uk)

1. What do you like most about the street where you live? Think of words or phrases that would best describe it.

2. Is there anything you would like to see improved in your street and, if so, what would that be?

3. Thinking about the photos displayed on our stand today, please jot down here any comments you would like to make about what you see.

If you do not already cycle, please answer question 4. Otherwise, if you do currently ride a bicycle, please go to question 5 over the page >>>

4. If you do not already cycle, what would encourage you to try cycling? (Please tick any boxes that may apply)

☐ Cycling is not for me ☐ Anything that would make me feel safe

☐ Segregated cycle paths on busy roads ☐ Slower traffic

☐ Cycle training provision ☐ High-quality cycle paths

☐ Team GB doing well at the London Games!

☐ Other reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

Please now turn the page and skip to question 8 >>>

If you do cycle, we would value your comments about cycling in Sutton

5. Where are your favourite places for cycling in Sutton?

6. Where are the places that could be improved?

7. Do you have any other comments about what can be done to make travelling by bicycle more attractive to people of all ages and abilities?

And finally, just a question or two about you:

8. Which category below includes you age:

☐ Under 16  
☐ 16-30  
☐ 31-50  
☐ 51-70  
☐ Over 70

9. What is your gender?

☐ Male ☐ Female

10. How many cars or vans are regularly available for use in your household?

☐ None ☐ One ☐ Two ☐ Three ☐ Four or more

11. Please give your full postcode (this will not be used to identify individual households but will help us understand cyclists' travel patterns)

Thank you for your time!

If you would like to enter the raffle please leave contact details below, and enter the raffle ticket number in the box provided. Good luck!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

RAFFLE NUMBER  
\_\_\_\_\_

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# Cycling lessons for Sutton

## Would residents of Carshalton, who do not currently cycle, like to do so?

Some of the things that respondents liked about their street:

**The trees and lack of noise when there are no cars**

Quiet / busy

Big road with trees / quiet road

Lots of trees relatively quiet

Lots of different styles of housing and a friendly neighbourhood

We are in squares which leads to a community spirit

We all mostly get on and help each other

It's leafy and characterful and individual

We know people park in road for the local CB station and school SP Infants

but wish to maintain the ambience of suburbia... not urban. No restrictions

Pleasant surroundings  
not too much traffic

Trees

When there is no traffic it is a better environment

Kids can play outside

Community feeling

Proximity to stores / schools / transport hubs

It's very nice and fortunately we have no parked cars

Numbers of trees

Close to shop. Easy access to public transport

One way / quiet

Close / limited access. Only residents park in street

Quiet and the river is in my road

Neighbourhoods

Road humps / slow down traffic

Friendly / safe except for junction at end which we have tried to make safer - without success

The view of the park and long distance view of Croydon

Reasonably quiet

Large trees which are NOT pollarded

The way out

Greenery trees flowers birds

Calm peaceful scenic friendly

Leafy and quiet when not the rush hour A.M and P.M

Know everyone. Used to be quieter

Calm and safe / not many cars

There is a great village community feeling

Mostly people take care and pride of their houses and gardens

It is still a green and fairly pleasant area

Quiet cul-de-sac / Tree lined

Tree lined quiet

leads directly to River Wandle

People take care of their homes and gardens

Trees  
Relatively quiet

Tree lined Fairly close to main road but reasonably quiet Not much litter

lot of flowers and plants etc Ample parking / no humps

Too fast too busy

Long quiet tree-lined

Trees and grass verge

Quiet Near the park

Friendly lively

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to do so?

*Of course, this was only  
a small sample of the  
total population...*

50 survey forms were printed, all completed

34 (68%) of respondents (voters) did not currently cycle....  
....but only 6 of these stated that “cycling was not for me”  
(and even three of these gave some options for what would  
encourage them to cycle)

*...but, for these particular  
respondents, a  
substantial majority  
(82%) would consider  
cycling if the conditions  
were right.*



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to do so?

*So, what would encourage people in  
Carshalton to cycle?*

Of the “what would encourage you to cycle” options  
available:

24 (71%) “segregated cycle paths on busy roads”

20 (59%) “high-quality cycle paths”

*Of these 44 respondents, 26 (76% of non-cyclists) selected either, or both, “segregated cycle  
paths on busy roads” and “high-quality cycle paths”*

17 (50%) “anything that would make me feel safe”

*The answer, effectively, is Space for Cycling*



## Cycling lessons for Sutton

Which of these eleven conditions do we have in Sutton in 2014?

Is there dedicated, fit-for-purpose, space for cycling, generally free of intrusion by heavy and/or fast moving motor vehicle traffic?



Sutton: Oldfields Road  
26 July 2013

Is there Space for Cycling?  
#suttonnorth #stonecot

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Is there Space for Cycling?  
#suttoncentral

*And if at this point  
you turn round .....*

Sutton: Carshalton Road  
27 October 2013

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*...you see the other  
section of the  
currently provided  
space for cycling.*

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**Sutton: St Nicholas Way – Gibson Road**  
**19 September 2013**

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Sutton: Lenham Road – Manor Lane  
15 September 2013

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*The top sign is correctly aligned. The two signs below this are out of alignment by 90 degrees. A typical scenario, even on the LCN.*

*However, the interesting thing here is that both signs were pushed out of alignment by Sutton Council contractors in order to enable their vehicles to access the kerbside to facilitate pavement resurfacing. It's just a pity the contractors did not see fit to put them back when finished.*

*Reported to the council in September 2013. As of January 2014, nothing done.*

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Sutton: Gander Green Lane  
21 September 2013



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*Just to reminder that signs can  
be made vandal proof*



Groningen  
May 2012

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**Sutton: Ventnor Road**  
**27 September 2011**

**Is there Space for Cycling?**  
**#suttonsouth**

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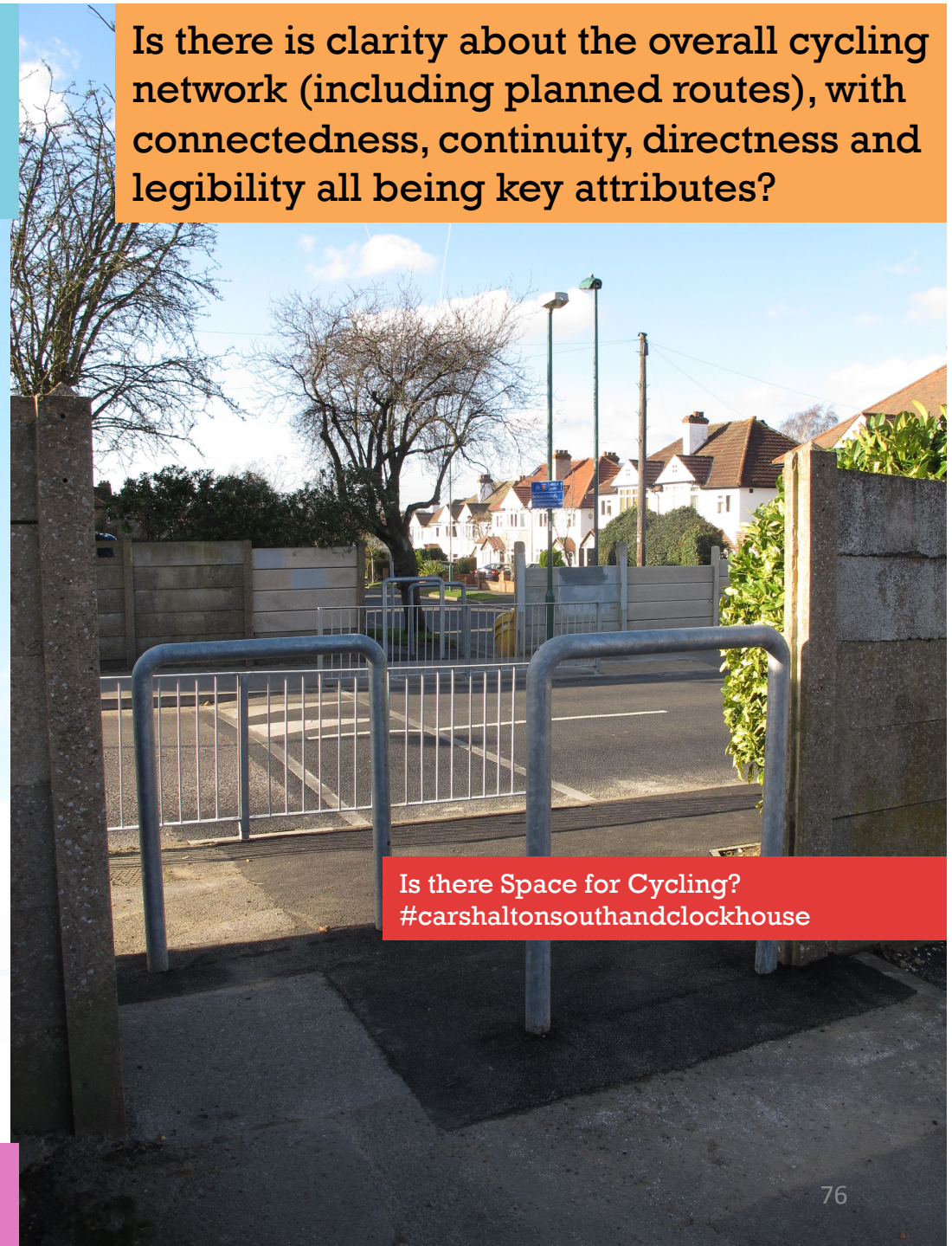


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Carshalton: Dingwall Road Fountain Drive  
15 January 2012



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#carshaltonsouthandclockhouse

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## Recent “cycling” projects in Sutton: Green Wrythe Lane (1)

Cycling permitted on footway, but  
necessary to give way to a access track to  
the allotments that is probably hardly  
ever used!



Carshalton: Green Wrythe Lane  
8 June 2013

Is there Space for Cycling?  
#thewrythe

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## Recent “cycling” projects in Sutton: Green Wrythe Lane (2)

Meanwhile, across the road the footway is almost too narrow to walk on, let alone cycle. And if the infrastructure on the other side of the road was any good, this “cyclist” would presumably be using it.



Carshalton: Green Wrythe Lane  
8 July 2013

Is there Space for Cycling?  
#thewrythe

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## Recent “cycling” projects in Sutton: Green Wrythe Lane (3)

Not a lot of room for comfortable walking or cycling here, but the plan is to continue using the footway on other side of road as a cycle path.



Is there Space for Cycling?  
#thewrythe

Carshalton: Green Wrythe Lane  
8 July 2013

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# Recent “cycling” projects in Sutton: Green Wrythe Lane (4)

...this pavement in fact!



Carshalton: Green Wrythe Lane  
1 October 2013

Is there Space for Cycling?  
#thewrythe

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## Recent “cycling” projects in Sutton: Green Wrythe Lane (5)

Another problem with pavement cycling is that at some point it doesn't go where you want it to. A sign to the Wandle Trail, and it's time to take the plunge...



Is there Space for Cycling?  
#thewrythe

Carshalton: Green Wrythe Lane  
8 July 2013

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## Recent “cycling” projects in Sutton: Green Wrythe Lane (6)

....straight down to the road and then  
what next? Negotiate the roundabout?  
Safely cross here to the other side? Where  
do you go?



Is there Space for Cycling?  
#thewrythe

Carshalton: Green Wrythe Lane  
8 July 2013

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# Space for Cycling

How will it look in 2024?



Sutton: Oldfields Road  
26 May 2012

Is there Space for Cycling?  
#suttonnorth

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*Just as you think  
things look  
(relatively) good,  
you turn round .....*



# Space for Cycling

How will it look in 2024?

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#suttonnorth

Sutton: Oldfields Road  
26 July 2013

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*...and find that the  
path disappears  
(but the road  
doesn't, of course).*



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How will it look in 2024?



Is there Space for Cycling?  
#wandlevalley

Hackbridge: London Road  
8 June 2013

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Is there Space for Cycling?  
#wandlevalley

Hackbridge: Hackbridge Road Elm Road  
15 September 2013

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# Space for Cycling

How will it look in 2024?



St Helier: St Helier Avenue  
4 September 2013

Is there Space for Cycling?  
#sthelier

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# Space for Cycling

How will it look in 2024?



Is there Space for Cycling?  
#worcesterpark #nonsuch

North Cheam: Cheam Common Road  
19 September 2013

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How will it look in 2024?



Is there Space for Cycling?  
#nonsuch #worcesterpark

North Cheam: London Road  
19 September 2013

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North Cheam: London Road  
19 September 2013

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## Space for Cycling

Sutton has a lot to be proud of

Sutton was first borough in London to complete school travel plans for all of its schools

Sutton has some of the best schools in London (top of league tables)

Sutton has some wonderful green spaces

Sutton was a pioneer in travel behaviour change (Smarter Travel Sutton 2007-2009)

It's time Sutton had some of the best cycling infrastructure too



# Space for Cycling

Support for cycling is at an all time high

## Get Britain Cycling

Summary & Recommendations



## Get Britain Cycling

Report from the Inquiry



## THE MAYOR'S VISION FOR CYCLING IN LONDON

An Olympic Legacy for all Londoners



MAYOR OF LONDON

Transport for London



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# Space for Cycling

## Cities fit for cycling

Going Dutch on cycling 'could cut £1.6bn a year from health budget'



27% of journeys are made by bike in the Netherlands, compared with just 2% in Britain Image Broken/Rex Features

Kaya Burgess

Last updated at 12:01AM, June 13 2013

The NHS could save more than £1 billion a year if the Government matched Dutch levels of spending on cycle provision, health experts have claimed.

In the Netherlands, authorities spend €470 million (£401 million) a year on cycle lanes and facilities, compared with about £139 million spent in the UK, often sporadically.

Senior transport officials from Manchester, London, Bristol, Edinburgh, Glasgow and the Scottish parliament this week went on a fact-finding trip to the Netherlands, where 27 per cent of journeys are made by bicycle compared to just 2 per cent in Britain.

Reindert Augustijn, a Dutch transport director, said: "In the Netherlands, we used to invest in cycling to reduce the number of accidents, but now we do it for economic and health reasons."

## Cycling in the news for good reasons

News > UK > UK Politics

### How do you make Britain a better place for two wheels? Go Dutch

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So inexperienced are the British when it comes to cycling that on this week's fact-finding trip to the Netherlands two delegates from the UK contingent wobbled off their bikes.

Policy makers want to learn from Dutch cycling experts so that they can help the Government react to a post-Olympic boom in cycling. According to recent figures, more than 200,000 Britons took up cycling last year, a third more than expected. In London alone three and a half million cycle trips are now made each week.

The result is added pressure on the country's already limited cycling infrastructure, and experts have warned that if the UK does not act fast the "Wiggins effect" could fade.

Cécile de Boer, a key member of the team of Dutch experts advising the UK, said of the trip: "The British were really enthusiastic but actually they were very surprised by the policies that have been going on for years here already; the amount of resources that we put towards cycling."

"For quite a few of them it was their first time cycling – we almost had two accidents. They were all making jokes about how jealous they were of the level of innovation and the techniques we're using to encourage cycling. We have cycling bridges here, for example, and those kinds of things are just not happening in the UK."

Ms de Boer added that the problem was more than just cycle paths and bike lanes and the condemned British politicians for not leading by example. "It's important to actually get policy-makers on a bike," she said.

"Boris Johnson and David Cameron do it, but the rest of the group also needs to cycle; you need role models. In the Netherlands it's our way of life, even the royal family takes a bike."

Philip Duxton, Head of the Bicycle Association, said: "[The Dutch] have invested in cycling every year since 1973 and we've

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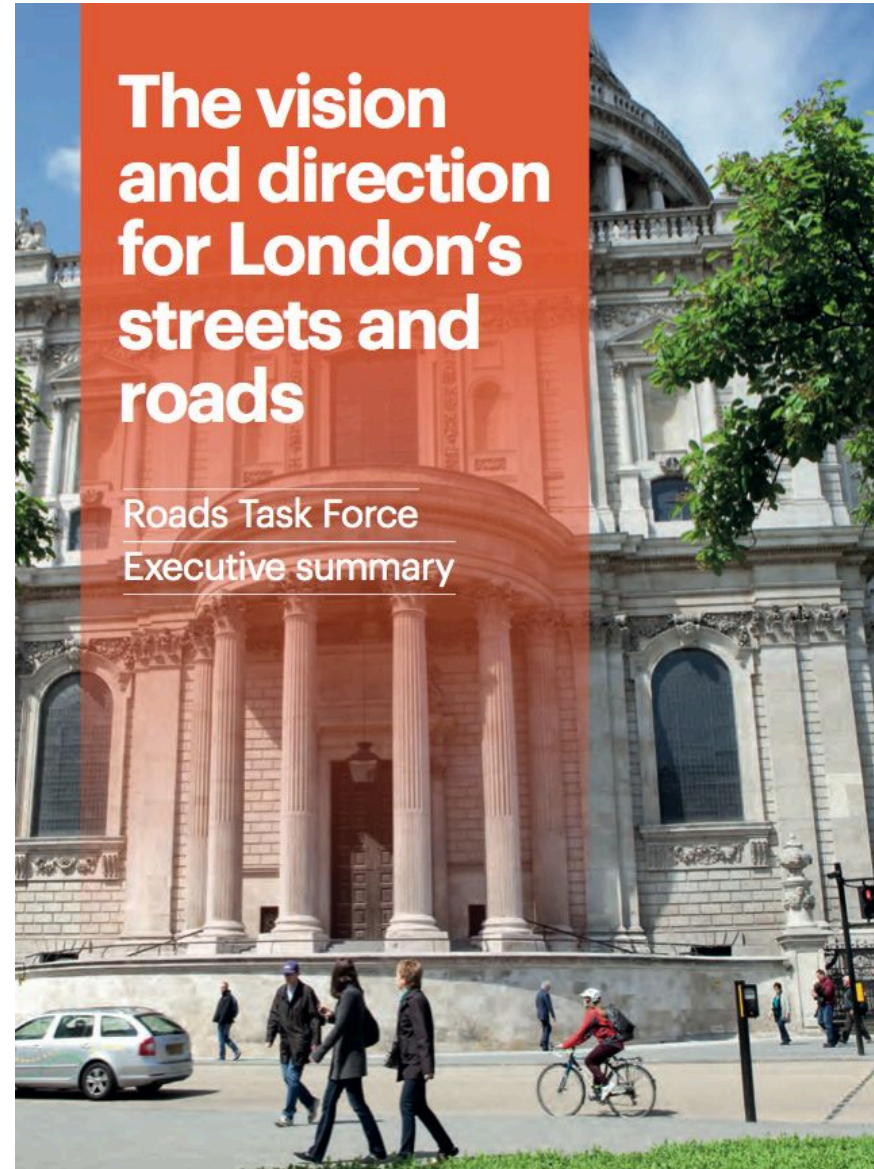
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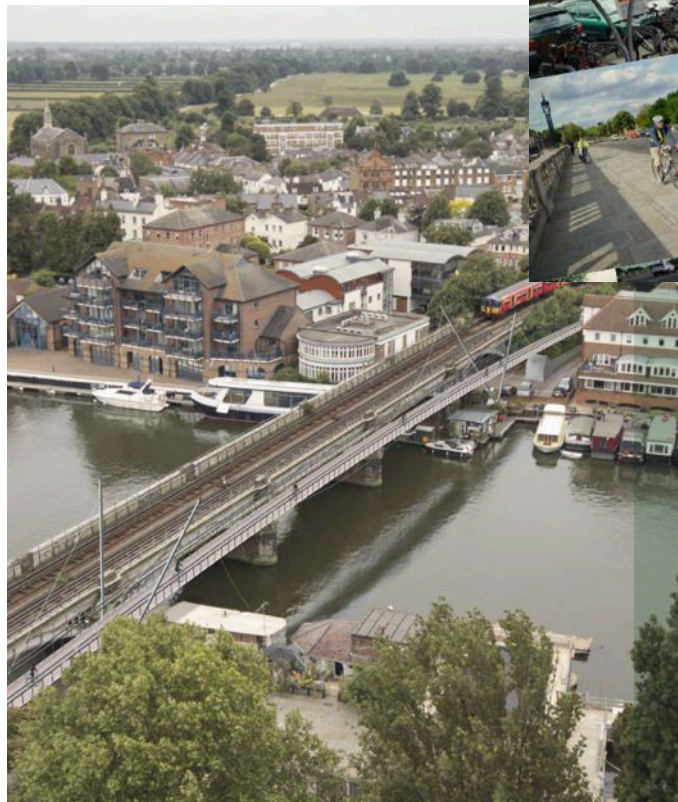
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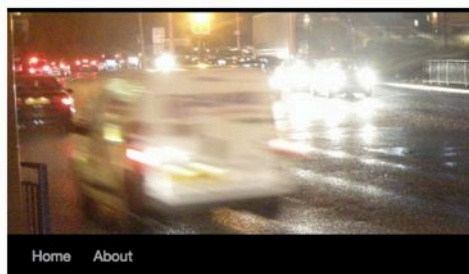


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It really should be as easy as riding a bike...

## As Easy As Riding A Bike

Well it should be, shouldn't it?



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### There is no 'us'

Posted on January 13, 2014

A few months ago I had a bit of a near miss with a driver me to come around a corner on a bicycle. Likewise, I fail suddenly – a function of the speed he was travelling at.

He was driving straight ahead into a parking space, and path perpendicular to his. I had arrived at our point of c too fast for the situation, but (fortunately) slow enough t hitting me.

I instinctively yelled out as this occurred, principally, I t was about to be crashed into. Then, reasonably calmly, I thick-set elderly man in a Jaguar – about being a bit m desired response – instead I was told to look where I w comments for good measure.

With hindsight, I probably should have just pedalled aw prompted me to ask whether he would talk like that to t bit of road – ladies he could well have encountered inste

The conversation then took a bizarre twist. The man was (recently closed) which he had owned with his wife, and

## Cycling for the Rest of Us

Cycling should be the simplest, easiest and most convenient way to get around in most places in the UK, and yet the reality is that it's not – the roads are busy, and feel unsafe or unpleasant to ride on, and what cycle paths there are seem to take the long way round, or run out just when you need them most.

The Dutch and the Danes have demonstrated that it is easy to provide safe, attractive and efficient routes for cycling, away from fast traffic, which anybody and everybody – men and women, old and young, and rich and poor – want to use.

We at the Cycling Embassy of Great Britain want to see an end to cycling being pushed to the margins; we want to see a network of direct, well-designed, separated cycle routes that are safe even for young children to use.

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## Embassy News

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## Cyclists in the City

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Central London cycling grid - first positive signs of progress. Mayor's previous policies are seeing bus use decline flatlin

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### Bike Blogs

A View from the cycle path (The Netherlands)

Amsterdamize (The Netherlands)

As Easy As Riding a Bike (U.K.)

At War With The Motorist (U.K.)

Auckland Cycle Chic (New Zealand)

Bicivizados (Argentina / Spain)

Bicycle Dutch (Cycling videos from the Netherlands)


BIKEMINDED (U.K.)

Change your life & ride a bike (U.S.A)

### Why we must say YES to getting Britain cycling

Today sees the start of the first ever parliamentary inquiry in to the state the United Kingdom, and will hear from expert witnesses as to what need "Get Britain Cycling". Many fine words will be said during the evidence sessions in the Houses of Parliament over the next six weeks, but the real answers lay not in the chamber, but in the streets outside.

That bikes are a good thing is surely a universally recognised thing; cyclists have been quick to point out that they're a silver bullet that will seemingly solve the obesity crisis, air pollution concerns and fragmented communities single-handedly. The reasons for why most people don't currently ride a bike are more complex: "like my car" or "There are no showers at work" or even "I need more bikes".



I'm starting to hear some fairly interesting noises about the central London cycling grid, a proposed network of "routes for people who want to cycle slowly, in their ordinary clothes."

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...and so many recognise that.

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### Home

Movement for Liveable London promotes discussion on how a fairer, healthier, greener and more pleasant future for London can be achieved by changing the way we move around the city.

We hope you can join us soon at one of our [events](#) and that you find [these resources](#) helpful. You can find out more about us [here](#), contact us [here](#) and join our mailing list [here](#).

### Next event

22nd January 2014

Street Talks Special in partnership with Sustrans London – *The quick, the cheap and the temporary: Speeding up the transformation of London's streets and public spaces* - with:

- Hannah Padgett, Sustrans
- Brian Deegan, Transport for London
- Ben Kennedy, Hackney Council

6.30pm, Wednesday 22nd January at The Gallery, 70 Cowcross Street, EC1M 6EJ

More details [here](#).

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Thank you all for showing it can be done!

Huge thanks to all the people who are so dedicated and passionate about cycling, and just want the rest of us (whether we know it yet or not) to enjoy cycling too.

It's because of you, that it is going to happen...

...and my hope is that this outer London borough will start to take a more proactive role to ensure cycling becomes an more attractive option for more people, sooner rather than later.



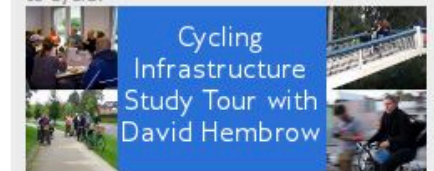
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A cycle-path for singing



## Study Tours

You've read the blog, now see it for yourself. Since 2006, hundreds of people have joined us on our [Cycling Study Tours](#). First hand experience is better than reading. Book a tour to see how policy and infrastructure have attracted people from all walks of life to cycle:



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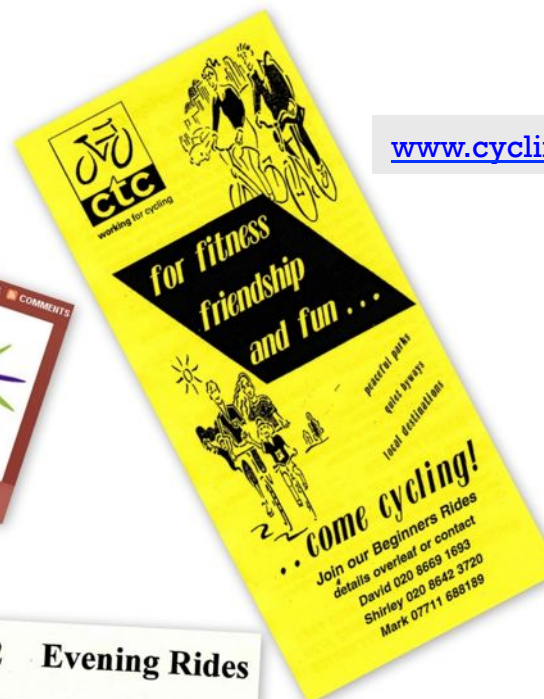
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Thanks to friends in Sutton who enable more people to try, and enjoy, cycling



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## Cyclism 2012 Evening Rides

Mon	9 July	Garth Road, junction with Stonecot Hill, A24	windmill
Thur	19 July	Mellows Park café, Stafford Road, B271, Wallington	mystery ride
Wed	25 July	Fairlands Park A24 (opp. Lloyd Road), North Cheam	river valley
Tues	31 July	Manor Park, Throwley Way B2230, (opp. Throwley Road)	woods and views

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## Three views from the same vantage point (1)

The Dutch drive too....



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## Three views from the same vantage point (2)

...of course they do!



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Three views from the same vantage point (3)

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Finally, my thanks to Tom Brake for making this first Sutton Cycle Summit happen.

There's a lot of challenging work to do, but with your help Tom, assisted by Paul Burstow and the new councillors of 2014 of course, there could be many, many more people comfortably riding bicycles in Sutton by 2024. But only if we start right here, right now!

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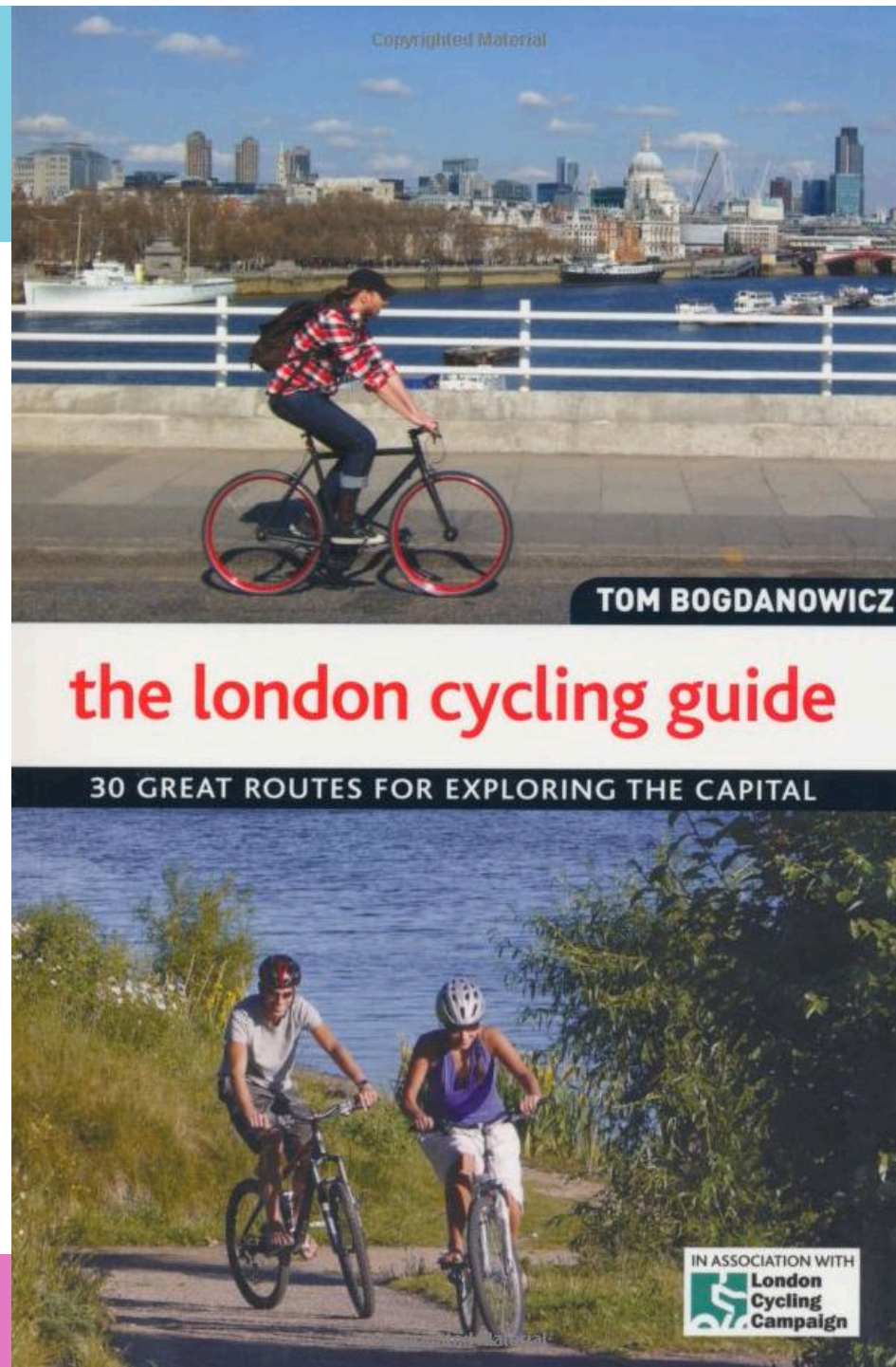


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Just before I hand over to Tom Bogdanowicz, there's one final document to mention:

“The London Cycling Guide: 30 great routes for exploring the capital” by Tom Bogdanowicz!

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*Here's to the next Sutton Cycle Summit...  
...but remember, Dutch cycling  
infrastructure is currently 41 years ahead  
of us.  
We could catch up in just ten years, if we  
had a full commitment to follow their best  
examples now.*

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