

2015

SPACE FOR CYCLING PETITION



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Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of the Council,
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Dear Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of the Council,

On behalf of the London Cycling Campaign's local borough group, Get Sutton Cycling, I have pleasure in presenting our Space for Cycling Petition.

As you may recall, in 2014, London Cycling Campaign contacted councillors across London to ask for their support for 'Space for Cycling': the campaign to ensure that local streets are made safe and inviting for people of all ages and abilities who want to cycle. One year on, and 10 000 of the London Cycling Campaign's supporters across London, many of whom live and cycle in our borough, have signed the petition calling for Space for Cycling to remain a priority for their council. We have included these names below.

Get Sutton Cycling have been impressed to discover that Sutton's petition has received the highest number of signatures of all 19 outer London boroughs. This is in strong contrast to Sutton having the third lowest level of support by councillors for Space for Cycling across London's 32 boroughs. We are very pleased that 10 councillors in the borough have pledged to support this campaign and to work towards implementing one suggested local cycle improvement in their ward. However, the group are disappointed that 44 have not done so, and we would like to see a bigger commitment to joyful and stress-free cycling from your party in Sutton.

Many boroughs have already benefited from the Mayor's £913m, ten-year, funding programme to improve infrastructure and safety for cyclists. A commitment by your councillors to show support for the principle Space for Cycling themes could help ensure that Sutton does not get left behind. Space for Cycling will not just encourage many more people to cycle. It will enable and entice them to do so too. This, in turn, is likely to bring enormous health benefits, be good for the environment, and great for business.

10 000 people have signed London Cycling Campaign's recent petition calling on you and other Council Leaders across the city to ensure that Space for Cycling is a priority for London. We urge you, as Leader of the Council, to ensure that Space for Cycling is a priority for Sutton too, and ask you to support the efforts of councillors, across all parties, to take this work forward so we can begin to see some more concrete improvements for cycling in our borough.

The full list of cycling improvements for each ward can be found on the Space for Cycling Map <http://action.space4cycling.org/data/borough/70>, and in "[Space for Cycling: action points for Sutton](#)".

Yours sincerely,

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