

SUTTON

Just 15% of councillors in Sutton currently support Space for Cycling

Petition message to Cllr Ruth Dombey, Leader of Sutton Council

Please make Sutton's streets safe and inviting cycling: support Space for Cycling

We call on you to urge more of Sutton's councillors to pledge their support for Space for Cycling, and join over 850 other councillors committed to safer cycling across London. We also ask you to support the efforts of councillors, across all parties, to take this work forward so we can begin to see some concrete improvements for cycling in Sutton.

We are delighted that Sutton aims to become London's most sustainable suburb, and that boosting use of sustainable transport continues to be one of the key commitments under the Council's *One Planet Sutton* programme (Draft Sustainable Transport Strategy, October 2014). In support of this, we would like to see a bigger commitment to joyful and stress-free cycling from your party in Sutton, and urge you, as Leader of the Council, to ensure that your council works to improve our streets to make them feel safe and inviting for cycling (and to rise to the challenges that are required to bring this about).

Earlier this year, the London Cycling Campaign contacted all elected councillors to ask for their support for Space for Cycling, and to work towards implementing one suggested local cycle improvement in their ward as identified by the London Borough Group 'Get Sutton Cycling'. As a result, 8 out of 54 councillors in Sutton have so far pledged to support this initiative. The Deputy Leader of the Council has also indicated that the Environment and Neighbourhood Committee will shortly produce a report outlining the Council's strategic position on cycling in the borough.

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

Please ensure that implementing Space for Cycling is a priority for your council.

The full list of cycling improvements for each ward can be found here: <http://action.space4cycling.org/data/borough/70>.

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