

PRESS RELEASE

Calls for council to deliver Space for Cycling as Get Sutton Cycling are set to deliver petition signatures

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Hundreds of Sutton residents are calling for Sutton Council to help deliver safe and inviting space for cycling in the borough.

Local campaign group Get Sutton Cycling, the local branch of the London Cycling Campaign, will deliver the 400+ petition signatures to the Council Leader, Ruth Dombey, on 23 July during a special [cycling workshop event](#) that will see the launch of a draft Cycling Strategy for the borough. The petition is asking Sutton Council to deliver the improvements for cycling, specific 'ward asks', identified last year at the launch of the Space for Cycling campaign.

Charles Martin, LCC borough coordinator in Sutton, says:

"Space for Cycling is great for everyone, but currently Sutton has a long way to go before it will become a safe and inviting borough for everyone to cycle. One essential ingredient that could ultimately make cycling the number one choice for some everyday, local journeys, and generate immense quality of life, environmental, health and economic benefits, is a clear, strong, on-going commitment to Space for Cycling. We call on Sutton's councillors to start to make a difference, and open up cycling for the thousands of people in Sutton who would like to cycle, but don't currently feel that it's safe enough for them to do so.

We hope that Ruth Dombey will listen to the voices of local people calling for safe space for cycling and ensure these improvements are delivered as a priority."

The 'ward asks' in Sutton include:

- Making Sutton town centre more accessible by bicycle, with a focus on removing the severance caused by the gyratory system (Sutton Central ward)
- Giving consideration to the trial closure of some residential streets close to the centre of Carshalton village to through traffic in order to increase their viability for cycling (Carshalton Central ward)
- Developing a network of safe routes to five schools situated on busy roads (Beddington South ward)
- Providing a trial of light segregation on heavily trafficked roads that form part of the National Cycle Network and the Avenue Verte (Wallington North)

The petition signatures will be delivered with a new guide, ['Creating Space for Cycling: A guide for councillors'](#), which has been published by London Cycling Campaign to help councils deliver on their promises.

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- The specific cycling improvements identified locally are part of the London-wide Space for Cycling campaign. Local measures for cycling improvements in all of London's 629 electoral wards were formulated after London Cycling Campaign surveyed 4,500 local people in December 2013, and in coordination with LCC's 32 local groups.
- London Cycling Campaign's online mapping tool contains maps, descriptions and location information for local demands for cycling improvements for all 629 wards, and updates on progress where councils have provided information: <http://action.space4cycling.org/>
- Each local demand for cycling improvements falls into one of six categories, which are the key themes of the Space for Cycling campaign:
 1. Protected space on mains roads and at junctions
 2. Removal of through motor traffic
 3. 20mph speed limits
 4. Safe cycle routes to schools
 5. Cycle-friendly town centres
 6. Cycle routes through parks and green spaces
- Documents providing full details of the demands for each of Sutton's 18 wards are available from the website of the London Cycling Campaign's local borough group, Get Sutton Cycling: [Space for Cycling: action points for Sutton](#).

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