



Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum

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Dear Party Leader / Candidate

The Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum, a registered charity, has been representing the interests of cyclists in the Borough of Maidstone for several years. The Forum's aims are to improve cycling conditions in Maidstone, encourage people to take up cycling as part of a healthy lifestyle, enable cycling as a practical environmentally friendly alternative to cars for short journeys and to reduce traffic congestion.

As a party leader for candidate(s) / independent candidate for election to the Borough Council, MCCF would be very interested to learn of your views in relation to the Walking and Cycling Strategy as published by MBC. We would also appreciate you forwarding this letter to your candidates so that they have an opportunity to make a personal response.

In particular:

Q1 Would you support the allocation of community infrastructure levy and section 106 money to implement Council approved cycle strategy?

Q2 Would you be willing to work with MCCF to promote cycling and help the Council to meet its strategic aims of reducing traffic congestion and improving public health (through tackling air pollution and creating opportunities for people to exercise rather than using sedentary forms of travel)?

Q3 Are you aware of the current poor provision for cyclists wishing to cycle east to west Maidstone and the difficulties for walkers and cyclists with the Maidstone Bridges Gyratory?

Q4 Will you be supporting the recommendations made by Sustrans in their Audit of the Maidstone Walking & Cycling Strategy and review of the existing Walking/Cycling corridors (Sutton Road & Hermitage Lane) which has been commissioned by Maidstone Borough Council and funded by Kent County Council?

Q5 MCCF has welcomed the investment made to deliver the Medway Towpath. Will you support them in their proposals to Maidstone Borough Council and Kent County Council to improve access to the towpath in Maidstone town centre and the links between the two sections as the Maidstone section of the towpath is currently very inadequate?

Q6 Are there any other comments you would like to make in response to our questions of you?

Our members and the general public will be very interested to learn of your response and so we will be publishing it on 28th April on our website www.maidstonecycling.uk

Please can you email your response to info@maidstonecycling.uk or post it to:

MCCF c/o Little Eastleigh, Grove Green Road, Weaving, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5JX

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention,

The Trustees and Board

Maidstone Cycle Campaign Forum (Registered Charity 1172691)