

Roads policing review: call for evidence

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The MCCF represents the views of cyclists in Maidstone Kent and among its objectives MCCF aims to encourage more people to cycle as a means of transport and leisure.

From feedback from the cycling community and our consultation and discussion we are very clear that the number one impediment for all sections of the community, particularly the large number of less confident or inexperienced experienced cyclists is they don't feel safe on the roads amongst motorists.

There is much progressive policy being implemented in order to make the roads safer for active travellers:

1. 20mph speed limits
2. Requirement to pass cyclists at 1.5m or more
3. The proposed highway code changes to introduce a hierarchy of road users based on vulnerability

But these measures will not make people feel safer or be safer unless they are enforced.

We would therefore call for a general principle that all laws and traffic regulations must be enforced to a level that road users can have a general expectation of compliance.

Further we would request that the review considers that vulnerable road users must be able to report inappropriate behaviour of other road users and have a reasonable expectation that their complaints will be responded to.

Under the headings of enforcement, the following need to be managed effectively using automated camera technology and ANPR.

1. Compliance with speed limits (including 20mph)
2. Compliance restrictions to access for motor vehicles such as pedestrianisation

Under the heading of reporting we would request that police forces efficiently process reports from the public supported by the necessary evidence and follow these through to conviction where appropriate:

1. Close passing
2. Dangerous manoeuvres such as left hook, turning across, failure to yield, ignoring priority
3. Road rage incidents against cyclists

Regards

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