

Greater Ipswich Cycling Manifesto

Greater Ipswich is the perfect size, location, geography and climate to become a truly cycling-friendly town. We aspire to be the most cycle friendly town within the country.

We call on Suffolk County Council, Ipswich Borough Council, Babergh, Mid Suffolk, and Suffolk Coastal District Councils, and the New Anglia LEP to commit to achieve this vision. This must include:

1. The creation of a comprehensive network of radial and orbital routes, either segregated or giving cyclists clear priority, and properly maintained and swept and gritted.
2. New developments must include provision for high quality pedestrian and cycle infrastructure within the area and suitable connections with the existing network.
3. New infrastructure should be designed in accordance with design standards such as those highlighted in Cyclenation's [Making Space for Cycling document](#) or the [2014 edition of the London Cycling Design Standards](#) with the intention that it is an attractive option for all those who wish to cycle irrespective of their age or ability and including cargo bikes, tricycles, adapted bikes and mobility scooters.
4. Residential and school areas must be made safe for families through properly enforced 20mph speed limits, and the removal of rat runs and through motor traffic.
5. The Councils must commit to ambitious targets for the percentage of walking and cycling journeys, with timescales and practical implementation plans
6. The Councils must commit to targets to increase the number of children walking and cycling to school, and actively lead in achieving these. Measures to allow walking and cycling to school should include looking at the suitability of the nearby roads for cycling and walking, and making them more cycle and pedestrian friendly if required.
7. Highways and Transportation policy must commit to put into practice the Councils' stated strategies on prioritising walking and cycling. This must include using existing road space for separated cycling space rather than mixing cyclists and pedestrians on shared pavements.
8. Ipswich town centre must continue to be made more convenient for walking and cycling, building on the improvements achieved by the Councils to date. This will include provision of convenient secure cycle parking, and safe convenient routes into and through the centre of the town.
9. Integration between cycle routes and rail, bus, ferry and other public transport links must be a priority so that commuters, residents and visitors are able to easily and safely complete their journeys using sustainable forms of transport.
10. Suffolk Police and the councils must use their powers effectively to address dangerous, antisocial vehicle use, and parking.