

Camden Labour strongly supports the excellent proposals for an Active Travel Policy, put forward by the Camden Cycling Campaign and London Living Streets. We can pledge our support to every one of the points you have put across and this absolutely fits with our own commitments.

As you will be aware, Camden Labour recently initiated a Full Council meeting devoted to the issue of getting cleaner air in our streets, so these are some very welcome additional ideas.

Camden Labour made this the first borough in the country to sign up to the World Health Organisation's tough air pollution targets and we recently introduced new powers to combat engine idling. We most definitely want to see ambitious, collective action for cleaner air in our playgrounds, streets and parks. Following up on the very first London 20 mph zone, in Calthorpe Street in the 1970s, we have now been able to introduce 20 mph zones right across the Borough.

In our Camden Labour Manifesto for the 2018 elections we state that we are determined to create the next generation of cycling infrastructure and to take a more radical approach to make Camden a better place for walking, so as to reduce car dependency. For example, Camden Labour are supporting the Camden Highline project, designed to transform the disused railway line between Camden Town and King's Cross.

As well as involving residents we are also gaining support from businesses to support a Clean Air Action Plan, and in particular are determined to reduce air pollution around Camden schools. One initiative already underway is a new School Low Emission Neighbourhood in NW3, investing £350,000 won from the Mayor of London and using new powers to protect children from filthy air.

For further details please check Camden Labour's Manifesto 'Standing together in tough times' <http://www.camden-labour.org.uk/manifesto2018>.

Let me know if you have any further questions. We would be happy to meet and discuss further.

Best wishes,

Georgia

Labour Leader of Camden Council