

# Council Elections 2018 Ask

from Camden Cycling Campaign and London Living Streets

Active travel is a key element in improving Camden's atrocious air quality and at a personal level can reduce a person's risk of obesity and many chronic diseases as well as improving their mental health and well-being. Our ask has three parts:

- Vastly improve conditions for walking and cycling throughout the borough so that people will choose to change the way they travel.
  - One third of all car trips in Camden to be replaced by a walking or a cycling trip by 2022 and half by 2026.<sup>1</sup>
- Adopt a policy that will result within 8 years in a borough-wide cycling network that is safe<sup>2</sup>, comfortable and accessible to all<sup>3</sup>.
  - So that at least 50% of people who would like to cycle in Camden will take it up, wherever they live and whatever their age or ability.
  - The network will be suitable for 12 year olds to use for independent travel.
- Develop and submit at least one Liveable Neighbourhood bid<sup>4</sup> for an area in Camden that has high potential for walking and cycling<sup>5</sup>. Each Liveable Neighbourhood will:
  - incorporate practical steps that enable people to choose walking and cycling over private cars for their everyday journeys in the area;
  - improve the experience of walking and cycling by creating healthy streets that are more attractive to people on foot;
  - Link in to the Central London Walking network<sup>6</sup>;
  - Reduce the number of car trips through the area.

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<sup>1</sup> 70% of car trips in Camden are <5 km; those < 2km could be walked (or cycled); 41% of car trips are 2-5km and could be cycled.

<sup>2</sup> A safe network will consist of main roads with segregated tracks and residential roads with motor traffic reduced by filtering to an acceptable level.

<sup>3</sup> To be accessible, the links in the network must be no more than 400m apart.

<sup>4</sup> 'Liveable Neighbourhoods' will improve the public's experience of walking, cycling and using public transport and increase opportunities to use streets as public spaces and for play, and to encourage fewer trips by car. (Mayor's Transport Strategy 2018 p26, Proposal 1 - see <https://goo.gl/ZSJ19G>)

<sup>5</sup> These areas can be identified from TfL's Strategic Cycling Analysis. (<https://goo.gl/tfEc1R>)

<sup>6</sup> This can be identified from London Living Streets' strategic aims. (<http://bit.ly/2lrYcva>)