

**Joe Dewar, Labour, Guildford South-East**

**Do you regularly walk or cycle to get to work, the shops, your doctors etc? If not, what is stopping you**

I have a muscular condition that means that this is not always possible, especially given how spread out shopping, my work at Guildford College and my doctors surgery all are - that said, where possible I do walk; the shocking state of the roads and pavements in much of the town does make this something of a challenge however!

**What do you think about the current walking and cycling infrastructure provision in your local area and how can it be improved for all (including those who hard of hearing, partially sighted or us...**

In general, walking and cycling infrastructure in Guildford can be described as poor-to-worse. Too many pavements feel like you're walking over a newly-dug field, and cycle lanes are generally less than ideal - in places both dangerous for cyclists and confusing for motorists, neither of which is good for safe road use.

**How do you see walking and cycling provision contributing to the decongestion and de-pollution strategy**

I am passionate about an idea of Guildford town centre becoming a green heart for our community; this will only be practical if everyone can access it, and in order to achieve this goal a combination of decongestion and de-pollution will be vital. With that in mind, providing new walking and cycling routes as well as improving those we already have, and expanding on public transport links are key areas that I will be looking into and working into future planning from day one of being elected.

**What have you done personally to improve cycling and pedestrian mobility in your area? If you are standing for re-election outline improvements you have put forward or voted for previously.**

At present, without access to either the levers of power or a particularly large platform my efforts to improve mobility have been restricted to supporting and arguing for policies within the local labour party.

**Given the push towards active travel, what could you do to promote more considerate behaviour towards people using bicycles and those walking.**

I feel it is not a question of more considerate behaviour to people using bicycles/walking - rather it is a question of more considerate behaviour in general. By promoting a sense of community around our town centre as well as within the various wards, we can encourage considerate behaviour to everyone. In the more short term - providing sensible cycle lanes and good pavements with road crossings where they are needed can prevent frustration and remove areas of conflict, naturally allowing more considerate behaviour to shine through.

**What is preventing Guildford becoming a cycling city with mini-holland type infrastructure, where the majority of people doing short journeys choose to walk or cycle?**

There are many potential reasons, but largely I feel it comes down to two - firstly, the hill-based nature of the town means that non-motorised transport is never going to be possible for some of our residents due to age or physical concerns. And secondly, short journeys are not always being possible as the places people want to travel are scattered across the city. However - I actually would like to see the concept of Guildford as a city where people cycle or walk for most of their journeys become a reality; in order to do this we would need to implement far stronger public transport options than we currently have, as well as encourage local services in the area immediately around where people live.