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Party

Liberal Democrats

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Ward / Parish or PCC Candidate Position

Guildford West division

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

I walk to my local shops and the doctors' surgery. I work from home most of the time but have to drive to the county council offices in Reigate because of the distance.

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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 using wheelchairs, prams, cargo bikes, tricycles and handbikes etc)?

I think the situation could be improved for pedestrians and cyclists if 20mph limits could be introduced in residential roads. I would also like to see a pelican crossing outside St Josephs Catholic Primary School in Aldershot Road which would make it safer for children, parents and staff to cross the road, encouraging less car use. Parking on pavements is an issue in some areas but some roads are so narrow that cars parked on both sides of the road would make it impassable. I am pleased that the route across Bannisters Field is being so well used and would like to see the safer routes for cyclists extended across Guildford. I freely admit that I am not an expert and find it useful to talk to cyclists about their experiences.

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

We do need to change the working and driving activities in Guildford. I hope that people will work from home more although I realise that there will be some jobs where that won't work and others where trips to offices are necessary for at least part of the week. There is a bit of a chicken and egg situation where people won't cycle or walk unless they feel safe to do so and we need more people to cycle or walk to reduce congestion and make the roads safer.

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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.

I campaigned for the route across Bannisters Field as the beginning of a cross-Guildford route. I have also promoted the extension of that route. I have tried to achieve safer crossing places on local roads and also a reduced speed limit so that cyclists and walkers feel safer.

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

Please see my answers above.

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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?

I can't add much to what has already been said although there are parts of my division where the roads are so steep that cycling unaided is not possible for a lot of people so maybe promoting more electric bikes would help.