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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

I regularly cycle, i have a bike with two bright yellow panniers that i use to carry everything i need for work. I use reusable shopping bags and use my panniers to bring my shopping home in. It's important to me to protect our biodiversity, so by travelling in the cleanest way possible i feel i am making a difference. I think it also encourages other people to cycle when they see more cyclists on the roads.

We have an electric vehicle that we also use.

We also have a diesel car that we are currently in the process of transferring over to another EV vehicle, as we have really been pleased with the EV and it's performance.

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...

Within my role as Director of an arts space I have worked with Attitude Is Everything, a charity that improves Deaf and disabled people's access to live music. Having learnt so much from our collaboration, and also having a family member that is disabled, we are aware of how challenging it can be navigating travel if you have additional accessibility requirements.

If those needs aren't met by local infrastructure, it can have damaging effects on that persons mental health. When any planning is being done, inclusivity and accessibility for everyone must be a priority.

For those spaces that aren't new, then solutions and suggestions on how to adapt must be considered and implemented.

Attitude really is everything, and we have found at work that there is a lot that can be done that makes a space safe & accessible for people to use.

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

Guildford at it's best could be a town that accommodates & promotes cyclists and pedestrians. With better public transport links there would be less cars and more people.

We could encourage more inclusive green spaces, protect biodiversity and provide safe spaces for people to relax which would mean they would stay in the town for longer as well.

The main source of emissions in our town is from motor vehicles and therefore the focus must be on reducing these, this in turn would have a positive effect on the above mentioned strategy.

Funding has been allocated and i would like to see it used efficiently and quickly. Public consultation and positive messaging would encourage people to engage with this process. In the CERC report in 2019 Friary & St Nicolas presented with high levels of pollution, pollution is linked to a number of adverse health impacts. The 2020 Air Quality Annual Status Report prepared by GBC showed that 'monitoring has also highlighted potential roadside exceedance on main roads within the Guildford gyratory system.

There are changes that can be made that will be a central part of Guildford's Covid-19 recovery response.

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 my place of work we have installed a bike rack for those who travel into work. We encourage artists and customers to be considerate when planning their routes to and from events. We have installed ramps to provide wheelchair access. If i am elected i will push for action that will include steps mentioned in the following answer.

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

Most cities and towns are disproportionately skewed towards motorists, we need to readdress this balance and act quickly.

Informing people that by cycling or walking they could shorten their journey time would be a positive step, it takes me a lot less time to cycle to work than it would if i was in my car!

By cycling and walking people will be saving money and it's so much healthier for people and their families. You also get to take in so much more of the surroundings when you aren't in a car.

Bike- and walk-to-work days encourage people to look at alternative travel options, this could also be incentivised with local hospitality offering discounts for those who take these mode of transport to and from work.

There are also Cycle-to-work programmes that encourage and assist with the upfront cost of purchasing a bike.

We currently work with the repair cafe in Guildford, so it would be great to have a bike day once a month for people to have their bikes looked over or repaired for free as a community service.

We need more places that are safe and secure for people to lock up their bikes, and more incentives to leave the car at home. More EV points as well.

More signage asking motorists to be considerate of cyclists and pedestrians would raise awareness and possibly encourage people to get on their bikes!

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?

As a cyclist, a resident and a business owner in Guildford, this is my first time standing for council. I too have those questions, and many more i am ready to ask. Consulting with community groups and the public has proven effective regarding implementing and influencing infrastructure and traffic management in other cities and countries to benefit the locality. I would like to know what the barriers are that are preventing our progress.