

## **Sue Hackman, Labour Party, Guildford East for SCC**

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

Yes.

**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...**

- 1) The National Cycle Routes are, of course, welcome
- 2) The cycle lanes that exist are downright dangerous in some places. London Rd is a good example. In Burpham, schoolkids are inches from traffic which is sometimes fast, puts out particulates when it brakes, and CO2 emission into young lungs. They need to be separated from traffic.
- 3) The cycle lanes are not protected by kerbside planting (see Prof Kumar's important research on pollution and protection) or even separated by from HGVs and cars. Kerbside planting is cheap, attractive and effective.
- 4) Walking paths are roadside - that's stupid. Sutherland Park in my division (which is otherwise exemplary) could have paths inside its perimeters instead of forcing pedestrians out of the park and onto kerbs where heavy traffic queues.
- 5) Green spaces are so lovely but they are green ghettos. We need more foliage along pedestrian and cycle paths where people walk to get to real places rather than just green values. They are often located in lovely leafy places, when what we actually need are more green walkways, more quiet safe cycle lanes through and along our estates to take people to popular locations such as hops and schools..

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

1. They get reduce dependency on CO2 emissions and carcinogenic particulates from tyres (which even electric vehicles use).
2. They take cars off the road
3. They support everyday healthy exercise
4. They are much much cheaper than cars

**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 have mapped the hedgeless roads in Burpham, and also the degraded brambles that constitute the only hedges along London Rd.

I invited Prof Kumar to run a half day workshop for the local Residents' Association.

I have written an article for 'Burpham Pages' this month about the need to protect cyclists and pedestrians by rethinking the location of cycle/pedestrian routes and planting on the useful side of the pathway.

I am trustee of the Guildford Bike Project (SLLP) in Park Barn which coaches the long-term unemployed to repair old bikes and put them back on the road, selling them cheaply in Woodbridge Hill to encourage cycle use.

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

Separate cycle lanes would eliminate a lot of the heat between cars and cycles.

Build more paths through parks and new green spaces, not along roads

Establish preferred safe, healthy walkways between schools and their main catchments (To be honest, in Burpham and Merrow, parents drive their kids to school because crossing and cycling is fraught with danger.)

We need an electric car infrastructure more than we need the passionate speeches about the cars themselves.

I'm fed up of the speeches; they feel more like flag-waving to me. We need to get on with it. I would inject some urgency into this taxing and difficult aspect of provision: 2030 is already looking like a perilous goal to me.

**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?**

Lack of political will.

Lack of cheap bikes.

Psychological dependency on cars.

You also need to think about the disabled and elderly who can't just pop on a bike: public transport needs to be so much better.