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A once-in-a-generation chance for Bromley South

Our concerns are growing about the situation around Bromley South station, especially on Westmoreland Road between Hayes Road and Kentish Way. This already congested area, where traffic on the A21, Westmoreland Road and the town centre merges, is extremely hostile for cyclists. It is a significant barrier to cycle-to-rail or cycle-to-school.

And now the situation seems set to deteriorate, with several major projects nearing completion or awaiting approval: the 20-storey St Mark's Square scheme, a 17-storey block (pictured) on the site of the HG Wells Centre beside Waitrose and the Churchill Gardens project. These schemes will attract more people into this already crowded area, placing further pressure on the roads.

Then there is the SHaW Futures Academy, a 10-storey "vertical school" planned for the corner of Westmoreland Road and Masons Hill. The problem is not the academy itself, but the combined impact of the various high-rise developments on congestion (and pollution) at a time of rapid population growth. Bromley Cyclists

wrote to the council during the consultation period raising these concerns. Transport for London also expressed strong reservations. You can read these letters on our [website](#).

We have urged the council to reject the SHaW plan pending a transport strategy that tackles congestion and enables a shift to cycling in line with the London mayor's Transport Strategy. This planning

decision offers a once-in-a-generation opportunity to do something positive for cycling at this awful location by introducing proper infrastructure to improve safety. If the matter is of concern to you, please attend the Development Control Committee meeting at the Civic Centre, which is likely to be in early October, and make your objections known.

John Wood, Borough coordinator



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Come and join our rides...

Wednesday Weekly Wanders

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm, we meet outside Bromley South station to ride to a different pub, where we enjoy a drink and a chat. Our wanders always finish within four miles of the start to

avoid long rides home along dark, country lanes. They are highly social occasions. Why not come and join us? You can [register](#) on our website, but it's fine to just turn up and ride.

Crossness: A trip back in time

On Sunday 20 August, we cycled back 160 years into a London at the time of the Great Stink to visit the Crossness sewage works. Built by chief engineer Sir Joseph Bazalgette and architect Charles Henry Driver, the building features spectacular ornamental ironwork. It is often referred to as the Cathedral on the Marsh. After lunch, we cycled along the Thames path to the Woolwich Tump, a mound of spoil left from the construction of the Thamesmead Estate that has been turned into a nature reserve. At Greenwich, the ride split, with some taking the Waterlink Way, while others headed back through Blackheath. A great 40-miler.

For more on all the other free rides we are running in coming months, please [visit our website](#) or email rides@bromleycyclists.org

Other news

FREecycle FEEDER RIDE We had around 70 riders and 20 marshals on our ride to the Prudential RideLondon FreeCycle (right) on Saturday 29 July, with most also returning with us. This proved a good ratio, and meant the escorts didn't have to work too hard. The positive feedback has been overwhelming, with much well-deserved praise going to Tracey Parker who led the ride (and did work very hard).

We may move the start of the feeder ride to Cator Park next year. There may also be a case for doing two rides and merging them en route. It is tricky starting at Bromley South with a pick up at Cator Park as there is no natural route between the two avoiding main roads and steep hills. Please email your views on this to info@bromleycyclists.org.



PDS COMMITTEE Bromley Cyclists were represented at the Policy Development and Scrutiny committee on 12 July by Richard Gibbons and Jonathan Coulter. They asked a series of searching questions in relation to the three cycling-related agenda items: the cycle routes from Shortlands to Bromley South, from Green Street Green to Orpington and from Farnborough to Orpington. The first two of these routes arose out of Bromley Cyclists' ward asks in 2012. The committee approved all three projects and work will now commence to produce plans. We are preparing submissions on the approved routes following a day-long tour of the sites by Richard, Jonathan and the borough coordinator on Saturday 15 July. This was an exhausting day, but much was learned.

BROMLEY CYCLE FORUM The forum in July was attended by former membership officer Eve Evans, Jonathan Coulter and the borough coordinator. The list of apologies was long and the list of non-attendees longer. But in some ways this was to our advantage as the discussion remained focused on infrastructure rather than drifting onto more peripheral stuff. As usual, the council officers were keen to tell us about the cycle parking being installed around the borough and the cycling hub being developed for Orpington station (more cycle parking). Officers also confirmed the approval of the three Quietway plans by the PDS committee.

CAN YOU HELP? We're always looking for any assistance members can provide with the wide range of things we do, from rides to campaigning. We are especially interested in any experienced cyclists who can help design or lead occasional rides as well as anyone with knowledge of planning policy. For an absolutely no-commitment discussion, please email info@bromleycyclists.org.

Our public meetings

Bromley Cyclists hold group meetings four times a year. They are open to all. Our next one is at 7pm on Tuesday 12 September at Beccehamian RFC in West Wickham (BR4 9BB). We'd love to see you. See our [website](#) for further details.

Bromley Cyclists' management committee (Core officers in bold):

Borough coordinator	John Wood	Rides coordinator	Tracey Parker
Treasurer	Linda Rampling	Communications & TTI*	Richard Gibbons
Secretary & media officer	Tom Campbell	*Transport, traffic & infrastructure.	Jonathan Coulter
Chair	Derek Mark		

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