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**BROMLEY  
CYCLISTS**

**The borough group of the  
LONDON  
CYCLING  
CAMPAIGN**



## Liveable districts at heart of election campaign

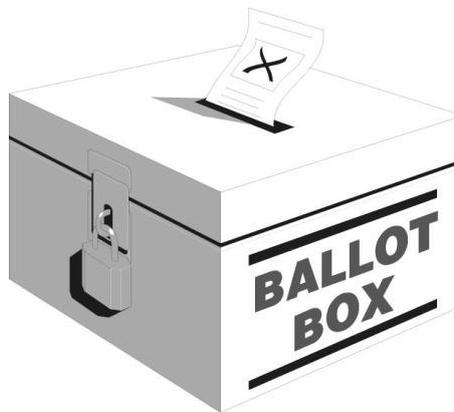
Next year, the London Cycling Campaign's focus for the local council elections in May will be based on Transport for London's Liveable Neighbourhoods programme. It will be a borough-level campaign run alongside the walking charity Living Streets.

The Liveable Neighbourhoods programme is the updated Mini Holland scheme. As part of it, councils will be able to bid over the next four years for annual funding of between £1m and £10m to create an area where people choose to cycle (and walk), and where motor traffic is reduced.

Party leaders will be asked to confirm that if elected they will:

*During their term of office, submit a bid for a safe and high-quality Liveable Neighbourhood in an area with high potential for cycling that provides big wins and takes major steps to*

*prioritise people cycling over using private cars.*



The London Cycling Campaign has set out some conditions for what a high-quality and safe bid will look like. One of these is a minimum score on the new Healthy Streets Check (an on-street review used to assess the performance of a street environment against the Healthy Streets indicators) and provide physically separated space for cycling on busy roads

(those with more than 2,000 "passenger car units" of daily motor vehicle traffic). Although Transport for London is already using the Healthy Streets Check, it is currently only in draft form. Detailed guidance is due to be re-leased later.

At Bromley Council's Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee meeting in October, transport planning manager David Bond said that the council didn't submit a Liveable Neighbourhoods bid this year due to lack of time and resources, but as the £100,000 Local Transport Fund was being withdrawn, they would now be looking at the new funding stream for the future. The committee chairman asked officers to circulate the criteria and guidelines to enable members to consider and suggest uses for the funding.

*John Wood, Borough coordinator*

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## Come and join our free rides...

### Wednesday Weekly Wanders

Every Wednesday at 7.30pm, we meet outside Bromley South station for an easy-paced 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. Why not come and join us? You can [register](#) on our website, but it's fine to just turn up and ride.

### Christmas lights ride returns

Adorn your bike with baubles, break out the tinsel and join us for a lovely, leisurely festive ride. Due to its popularity, we are doing our Christmas lights ride twice this year: on Sunday 10 and 17 December. We will meet in Bromley after lunch and cycle to Tower Bridge via a local Christmas lights show. Once over the Thames, we will visit various illuminated sites, before heading to Trafalgar Square to check out its huge tree. We will then have a warming drink on the South Bank before cycling home. There will be a short refreshment break, probably around Covent Garden. Remember to decorate your bike: the blingiest bicycle will win a prize.

You can either take the train home or join us for the return ride, which may include a pub stop. It will be about 20 to 25 miles one way or 35 to 40 miles return. You must register for the ride ([goo.gl/vG8X5F](http://goo.gl/vG8X5F)) and we'll email you further details.

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



### Other news

**PROJECT PROGRESS** In 2016, the council endorsed two Transport for London "Quietway" cycle routes: one from Greenwich to Kent House, the other from Lower Sydenham to Bromley town centre. These are now at the consultation stage, with detailed design due early next year and construction around the end of 2018. Then, in July, the council approved three more cycle routes, from Bromley South to Shortlands, Locksbottom to Orpington and Green Street Green to Orpington. These are mainly dual use walking/cycling paths, but also include some quiet roads. The council is discussing these with ward members with a view to formal consultation in the next few months and possible construction in the first half of 2018.

The council is also moving forward on cycle parking at two railway stations. At Orpington, there will be both secure (fee-paying) and free parking, probably with over 100 places overall. Plans for about 70 cycle parking spaces at Elmstead Woods were approved last month. This facility is set to offer free parking and CCTV, but not a "secure" parking option. Construction for both "cycle hubs" is scheduled for the spring. For updates on cycling projects, keep an eye on our website and social media.

**PLAN OF ACTION** Tim Rowe has been collecting valuable information on forthcoming high-rise developments in central Bromley, with the aim of identifying possible campaigning leads for the group. His comprehensive analysis covers four projects: the H. G. Wells Centre and St Mark's Square, both near Bromley South station, the Churchill Quarter (aka "Site G") near the Churchill Theatre and "Site A" beside Bromley North station (pictured right).



**CAN YOU HELP?** We're always looking for assistance 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](mailto:info@bromleycyclists.org)

### Our public meetings

Bromley Cyclists hold group meetings four times a year, typically in February, May, August and November. They are open to all. We'd love to see you. See our [website](#) for further details.

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

<b>Borough coordinator</b> & rides coordinator .. <b>John Wood</b>	Chair .....	Derek Mark	
<b>Treasurer</b> .....	<b>Linda Rampling</b>	Communications & TTI* .....	Richard Gibbons
<b>Secretary</b> & media officer .....	<b>Tom Campbell</b>	*Transport, traffic & infrastructure .....	Jonathan Coulter

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