

NEWHAM CYCLISTS: CLIMATE SAFE STREETS CAMPAIGN

We're calling on the next leader of Newham Council to make an urgent commitment to deliver #ClimateSafeStreets.

2022's council elections are a vital point in London's zero-carbon journey. Motor vehicles are the largest and most stubborn source of London's emissions, and borough councils control 95% of the city's roads. We need all our councils to act in the next four years and be bold – or it'll be too late to get to zero carbon roads by 2030. That's what's needed for councils to do their bit. That's why we're calling on the council's next leaders to commit to cutting road transport emissions fast and enabling lots more walking & cycling.

NEWHAM AND THE CLIMATE

Newham has declared a climate emergency and is aiming to be "carbon neutral by 2030, and achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050." In practice, their transport plan is more a description of existing ongoing work (mostly initiated as a response to Covid-19) rather than a step change, as evidenced by the lack of specific targets in key areas and lack of specific action in respect of strategic routes, or an investment target for sustainable transport. <u>You can view their Climate Emergency</u> <u>Action Plan here</u>.

In light of Newham Council's current approach towards addressing the climate crisis, we're requesting the following asks of the council's next leader to ensure that their roads are decarbonised by 2030.

NEWHAM CYCLISTS' ASKS

- 1. Borough-wide Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and cycle friendly connections between them.
- 2. Good quality cycle provision for the whole of Romford Road and Barking Road.
- 3. A 20 mph speed limit on all borough roads.
- 4. All schools to benefit from school street treatment.
- 5. Effective enforcement of parking rules across the borough.

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