

Appendix 3 – Summary of responses to Cycling Strategy and Design Guide engagement

Cycling Strategy responses

During the engagement we received 46 responses consisting of 163 comments across 4 key themes. A summary of these comments and the response to each point raised is below.

Theme of comments received	Total	Officer commentary	Response
1. Infrastructure	76		
a. Protected/safe routes	25	Already covered in actions 2 and 3	No Amendments Proposed
b. Continuous routes	11	Already covered in actions 2 and 3	No Amendments Proposed
c. Expanded, strategic network	7	Already covered in actions 2 and 3	No Amendments Proposed
d. Ped/Cycle physical segregation	5	Wording in the Design Guide needs strengthening	Design Guide Amended
e. Better signage/mapping	6	Already covered in Strategy (Action 2 & Section 5.9)	No Amendments Proposed
f. Block off rat runs	2	Wording in Strategy (Action 2) needs strengthening	Strategy Amended to included filtered permeability (5.9 ii)
g. Routes to neighbouring authorities	1	Already covered by Tube Map	No Amendments Proposed
h. Improved design guidance/designer training	2	Addressed through the creation of the Design Guide. Staff already have relevant experience / designer training.	No Amendments Proposed. We will continue to ensure staff have up to date design training and work with partner organisations to share best practice.
i. More schemes in new developments	5	Covered by Design Guide; Supplementary Planning Document LDD12; Local Plan strategic sites	No Amendments Proposed
j. Improve route maintenance	9	Already covered in the Strategy(Section 5.21)	No Amendments Proposed
k. More parking enforcement on cycleways	3	Already covered in design guide	No Amendments Proposed

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2. Facilities	34		
a. Bikes on Metro	6	Already covered in the Strategy(Action 3 and Section 5.14)	No Amendments Proposed
b. Parking in retail centres/other destinations	19	Covered in LDD12, however wording requires strengthening in the Strategy(Action 2)	Strategy Amended to include communal cycling facilities (5.9 iii)
c. Changing facilities in schools and workplaces	2	Covered in LDD12, however wording requires strengthening in the Strategy(Action 2)	Strategy Amended to include changing facilities (5.9 iii)
d. A Cycle Hub (commuter support/culture boosting)	2	Covered in LDD12, however wording requires strengthening in the Strategy(Action 2)	Strategy Amended to include cycle hubs (5.9 iii)
e. Cycle Hire (incl e-bikes)	4	Additional section required	Strategy Amended to include Public bike hire schemes (5.12)
f. Off-road skills circuit	1	Already covered in the Strategy(Action 1)	No Amendments Proposed
3. Training and Support	28		
a. Child skills courses	7	Already covered in the Strategy (section 5.3)	No Amendments Proposed
b. Adult skills courses	5	Already covered in the Strategy (section 5.3)	No Amendments Proposed
c. Mechanical skills courses	2	Already covered in the Strategy (section 5.3)	No Amendments Proposed
d. Engage with employers/schools	5	Wording requires strengthening in the Strategy(section 5.5)	Strategy Amended to include Go Smarter North Tyneside work with employers/schools (5.4 – 5.5)
e. Cycling clubs/rides/events	2	Already covered in the Strategy (Action 1)	No Amendments Proposed
f. Responsible cycling training/enforcement	5	Already covered in the Strategy (section 5.3)	No Amendments Proposed
g. Mandatory skills/equipment levels	1	Legal requirements are set at national level.	No Amendments Proposed
h. Re-cycling centres/loan schemes	1	Wording requires strengthening in the Strategy(section 5.5)	Strategy Amended to include recycle or loan schemes (5.5)

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4. Engagement and Communication	25		
a. Appoint a political champion	3	To be explored as part of Action 4	No Amendments Proposed
b. Communication plan for regular scheme updates	1	Updates to be provided in Transport Strategy Annual Information Report	No Amendments Proposed
c. Better ongoing consultation with user groups	2	Current arrangements under review and captured in the Strategy (Action 4)	No Amendments Proposed
d. What are the funding plans	3	Updates to be provided in Transport Strategy Annual Information Report and on Council website	No Amendments Proposed
e. Include pedestrians in the strategy	1	The North Tyneside Transport Strategy and Network Management Plan cover all road users including pedestrians.	No Amendments Proposed
f. Change legal hierarchy for collision blame	1	Legal requirements are set at national level.	No Amendments Proposed
g. Enforce against dangerous driver behaviour	4	Enforcement of driver behaviour is the responsibility of Northumbria Police.	No Amendments Proposed
h. Use a local role model for social media campaign	1	To be explored as part of the Strategy (Action 4)	No Amendments Proposed
i. Tackle cycle theft	4	Initiatives covered in the Strategy (Action 1). Enforcement against theft is the responsibility of Northumbria Police.	No Amendments Proposed
j. Develop cycle tourism	3	Already covered in the Strategy (Action 1)	No Amendments Proposed
k. Focus on increase amongst minorities (young, old, female)	2	Already covered in the Strategy (Action 1 & 2)	No Amendments Proposed

Cycling Design Guide responses

During the engagement we received 4 responses consisting of 13 comments across 2 key themes. A summary of these comments and the response to each point raised is below.

Theme of comments received	Total	Officer commentary	Response
1. Text and Layout	7		
a. Lane width table is unclear	1	Agree - Cross sections have been produced for each form of infrastructure and can be found within Appendix D	Design Guide Amended
b. Cover photo needs to show protected space	1	Agree - Cover photo changed	Design Guide Amended
c. Use 'Cycle' not 'Bicycle' to cover a variety of machines	2	Agree - Cycle has now been used throughout document	Design Guide Amended
d. Give and Go / Cycle Bypass image is not ideal	1	Accept debris is located within Cycle Lane. However, the photo shows a cycle bypass at a traffic calming location with good alignment. In addition, parking restrictions are also in place to keep the bypass clear from parked vehicles	No Amendments Proposed
e. Remove photo of non-floating vehicle parking lane	1	Agree - Photo has been removed as suggested	Design Guide Amended
f. Integrate Innovation Section throughout document	1	Agree - Innovation is now integrated throughout document	Design Guide Amended
2. Designs and Principles	6		
a. On carriageway 'lanes' only when speeds are slow	1	Agree - Included within document	Design Guide Amended
b. Motor vehicle carriageway should not be 3.2-3.9m	1	Carriageway width of 3.25 is only for motorised vehicles. The 3.25m will be alongside any cycle provision.	No Amendments Proposed
c. Central islands need to be 3m	1	2.5m islands agreed with following consultation. At locations with high cycle flows crossing will be upgraded	No Amendments Proposed
d. Types of preferred segregation need outlining	1	Agree - Types of segregation between cycle track and footway is now covered	Design Guide Amended

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e. Corner radii recommendations need narrowing	1	NTC will agree to reduced junction radii in appropriate locations	Design Guide Amended
f. Sheffield stand spacing should be increased to 1.2m	1	Agree - amended within document	Design Guide Amended
g. Dropped transition points need to be fully flush	1	0 - 6mm is agreed height of kerbs on dropped crossings due to drainage requirements	No Amendments Proposed
h. Covered cycle parking is often preferable to a standard hoop	1	Already covered within LDD 12	No Amendments Proposed
i. Types of preferred tactile paving need outlining	1	Agree - Tactile paving section has been included within document	Design Guide Amended