

Croydon Advisory Forum on Active, Sustainable and Accessible Transport Agenda



To: Councillor Scott Roche (Chair)
Councillors Lara Fish and Christopher Herman

A meeting of the **Croydon Advisory Forum on Active, Sustainable and Accessible Transport** which you are hereby invited to attend, will be held **Thursday, 14 December 2023 at 6.30 pm. Room 1.01 and 1.02 - Bernard Weatherill House, Mint Walk, Croydon CR0 1EA.**

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Forum.

2. Disclosure of Interests

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and other registrable and non-registrable interests they may have in relation to any item(s) of business on today's agenda.

3. Welcome by the Chair

Chair's Welcome to the Advisory Forum

4. Introductions (Pages 5 - 8)

Members of the Advisory Forum are invited to introduce themselves to the group and briefly describe their areas of interest in relation to the Forum.

5. Terms of Reference (Pages 9 - 12)

To provide the Advisory Forum with an overview of the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Forum, with an opportunity to provide feedback.

6. Proposed focus on 'Active, Sustainable, Accessible Transport Plan / Delivery Plan'

To receive a presentation on the Council's early proposals for an Active, Sustainable, Accessible Transport Plan / Delivery Plan.

7. The Levelling Up Fund Bid

To receive a presentation on The Levelling Up Fund Bid, and to provide early feedback as we move towards delivery.

8. Presentation on current delivery activities and the evidence underpinning

To receive a presentation on Croydon's current Local Implementation Delivery Plan 2022/3 to 2024/5 and Transport for London's 'Guidance on developing Borough Healthy Streets Delivery Plans' and to provide feedback.


9. Questions and Discussion

This will be a 15 minute section to address questions raised in advance of the meeting.

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Name: Marcus Boyle	Biography: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Worked at the Lancet medical journal. Editing and producing the websites.2. Taught Citizenship at Secondary level. Organised students to be "Active Citizens" to campaign for change using petitions, emails to politicians and media coverage. Included a 20mph campaign.3. Cycle Manager at 3 Primary schools. Taught all pupils in Key Stage 2 the Bikeability course. Coached cycling teams and participated in the Hackney Schools League.4. Primary School teacher and School Travel Champion at several schools. Gathered evidence for School Travel Plans. Achieved Gold STARS award at St Anthony's in LB Southwark.5. Engagement coordinator of Local Groups at Living Streets.6. Schools Liaison Officer with TfL and the London Transport Museum. <p>As the Croydon Living Streets representative, our desired outcomes are:</p> <p>We want a borough where walking is the natural choice for everyday local journeys.</p> <p>Our mission is to achieve a better walking environment and inspire people to walk more.</p> <p>https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/get-involved/local-groups/croydon</p> <p>In general, Croydon Living Streets aims for our borough:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To be healthier. By reducing air pollution and the associated diseases. By reducing obesity as a result of more active lifestyles.2. To be safer. By reducing road collisions and the fear of danger on the roads. By increasing the amount of pedestrians on the streets, criminal activity less likely as there are more bystanders.3. To be happier. Exercise is good for physical and mental health and walking increases the social connections in our communities.4. To be economically vibrant. By walking to the local shops and using local shops and services.5. To be desirable to live and work. By making the street environment welcoming, comfortable and attractive. <p>Specific outcomes could be agreed in the forum. They would include discussions about the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Safer routes to school.2. 20mph speed limits.3. Pavement parking.4. Pedestrian crossings.5. Walking to and between the shops, services and transport connections.
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Croydon Ramblers	<p>Croydon Ramblers Group was founded in 1950 and is part of the Ramblers Association. There are 760 subscribing members. The primary function is to organise walks to suit all abilities. Members are drawn from Croydon and the surrounding area.</p> <p>Walks are based in and around Croydon with Kent, Surrey and Sussex are popular walk locations.</p> <p>On average there are 9/10s walks each week with lengths of 1/2 miles to 10/12 miles. Some are circular, others are linear. Access to a walk start varies. Circulars are usually from car parks and arrival by car is normal. The linear walks normally start and finish from rail stations. If suitable bus travel is advised. Car sharing is encouraged.</p> <p>The Group is run by a volunteer Committee of 10, elected at the Annual General meeting. In addition there is support from other volunteers for specific tasks.</p> <p>There are dedicated walks each year notably for local visually impaired people. More recently fund raising walks have been run to support refugees residing locally and a Croydon based food bank.</p> <p>On the social side there are annual get togethers for specific members, eg members who no longer able to go on the walks. Several walking holidays are run, UK based and abroad.</p>
Adrian Douglas	<p>I am a commuting cyclist into central Croydon. I was previously a member of the Cycle Forum. I represent the Bicycle User Group (BUG) for the Mott MacDonald Croydon offices. The BUG is an informal group forming an interface with the office and facilities managers and discussing commuting (and other) cyclist concerns for routes into Croydon. In the summer there are around 50 regular commuting cyclists (and rather less in the winter). The Cycle Forum was useful in keeping our cyclists informed of changes to cycle routes and, I hope, our input was useful to the Council in developing plans and policies. I would hope to feedback to and from the Forum into the offices' local travel plan.</p> <p>My employer, Mott MacDonald are a firm of consulting engineers with expertise in transportation, and take some commissions from the Council. I am not present to give professional advice, that is outwith my personal capabilities as I design coastal defences, and not covered by any agreements between the Council and Mott MacDonald. There will be occasions where there are actual and perceived conflicts of interest which I will raise when I am aware of them.</p> <p>I am also the co-chair of a residents' association in Forestdale (FRA) where I am the main contact with the local councillors for planning and general concerns. In that role I argue that parking concerns would be alleviated by more people walking to the primary schools and shops, and know why the residents do not think this is realistic. I have been a school governor – so if I ask that schools are engaged in an issue it is from my previous experience.</p> <p>Additionally I am an active member of a local political party* – but will let our elected representative carry any political arguments in the Forum.</p>
Charles King MBE	<p>I am chair of the East Surrey Transport Committee representing public transport Users in Croydon, part of Sutton and North East Surrey,</p> <p>I am also Chair of Croydon Disability Forum representing people with disabilities and their travel needs.</p>

	<p>I was chair of the now defunct Croydon Council’s Mobility Forum.</p> <p>The desired out comes are to improve public transport in Croydon for all users and improve the access to public transport for those with reduced mobility.</p>
<p>Isabelle Clement MBE</p> 	<p>Isabelle is Director of Wheels for Wellbeing, a Disabled people-led, award-winning charity based in London. Established in 2007, the charity provides Cycling opportunities in South London; it has also become the UK-wide campaigning voice of Disabled people who cycle. Wheels for Wellbeing fights for mobility justice for Disabled people.</p> <p>As an urban commuter handcyclist herself, Isabelle has extensive experience of what it takes to create the right environment so everyone can cycle. She works tirelessly to bring an understanding of Cycling to disability groups and of Disability to cycling groups. She co-created #BeyondTheBicycle, an alliance with parent cyclists and cargo cyclists who encounter many of the same issues as Disabled and older cyclists. She has become a leading influencer in the field of inclusive cycling.</p> <p>Isabelle is also one of the five Non-Executive Directors of Active Travel England (the government’s executive agency responsible for making walking, wheeling and cycling the preferred choice for everyone to get around in England).</p>
<p>Lee Pilbeam</p>	<p>I work as a Ranks Liaison Officer at Transport for London’s ‘Taxi and Private Hire’ department. I have responsibility for all taxi ranks in each London borough south of the Thames. This includes seeking new taxi ranks and managing the taxi ranks currently in situ. All London Taxis (black cabs) are fully accessible and have a wheelchair ramp that must be in working order at all times.</p>
<p>Dr Yusuf Ali Osman</p>	<p>Yusuf is a blind Crondonian born and bred. He is a self-employed Access Consultant who primarily works with theatres and museums to make themselves welcoming to blind and visually impaired visitors. He was previously the chair and then vice-chair of the Croydon Mobility Forum. As a blind traveller he is interested in ensuring that public transport, private higher vehicles and the physical environment are accessible to as many people as possible and believes in working with transport providers and the local authority to achieve this. Yusuf sits on the Access Advisory Panel for Govia Thameslink Railway and is currently a resident representative on the council’s Health and Social Care Scrutiny Subcommittee and Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>

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APPENDIX A: Terms of Reference

The Croydon Advisory Forum on Active, Sustainable and Accessible Transport

1. Advisory Forum Background

The Walking and Cycling Plan for England sets the challenge of ensuring 50% of journeys in England's towns and cities are walked, wheeled or cycled by 2030. The Council's statutory Local Implementation Plan (LIP) sets the equally challenging target of 70% of residents doing at least 2x10 minutes of active travel a day (the amount needed to help stay healthy) by 2041. Currently less than 30% manage 20 minutes of exercise as part of their daily travel routine.

At the same time, the Council through the Mayor's Business Plan aims to:

- Support the regeneration of Croydon's town and district centres, seeking inward investment and grants
- Lead action to reduce carbon emissions in Croydon
- Make Croydon safer and more inviting for all Croydon residents and visitors
- Become a council which listens to, respects and works in partnership with Croydon's diverse communities and businesses
- Work with partners and the VCFS to promote independence, health and wellbeing and keep vulnerable adults safe
- Strengthen collaboration and joint working with partner organisations and the voluntary, community and faith sectors

2. Advisory Forum Purpose

2.1 The Advisory Forum is to provide challenge, encouragement, and advice to the Cabinet Member for Streets and Environment. It is to be a positive, proactive arena for the exchange of views, ideas and information on programmes, plans and proposals supporting or influencing active, sustainable, safe and accessible movement. This includes focusing on the strategic issues and experiences of those affected or potentially affected by proposed and implemented change.

2.2 The Advisory Forum aims to support the Council's equalities objectives and inform and aid the development of plans and programmes helping people of all ages and abilities to move more actively, sustainably and safely within Croydon, with a particular focus on delivering the regeneration of its town and district centres through enhanced access and movement.

3. Advisory Forum Focus

3.1 The Advisory Forum will be focussed at the strategic, plan making and programme levels. Its focus will be the preparation of an inclusive, active and sustainable movement strategy for Croydon and its complementary LIP programme to deliver its objectives. The Advisory Forum will also consider strategies, plans and programmes of bodies and organisations external to the Council with the potential to influence active, sustainable, safe and active movement in Croydon.

4. Advisory Forum Reporting

4.1 The Advisory Forum:

- is not a decision-making body
- has no direct reporting lines to the Executive Mayor, the Council or any Committee.
- acts as a both a sounding-board and advice-giving arena, where proposals are offered and information is provided for discussion, along with feedback and advice being expressed to the Cabinet Member for Streets and Environment and Council officers in attendance.

5. Advisory Forum Positions and Composition

Positions

5.1 The Advisory Forum is chaired the Cabinet Member for Streets and Environment. The Vice-Chair is the Deputy Cabinet Member for Customer Service. The Forum is clerked by a Council Democratic Services officer.

Composition

5.2 The Advisory Forum will include a further Croydon Councillor who is a member of the largest political group of which the Mayor is not a member and appointed by the Council at its Annual Meeting.

5.3 Council officers from the Sustainable Communities, Regeneration & Economic Recovery Department and Public Health Directorate are invited to attend.

5.4 Organisations external to the Council representing the following interests are invited to be represented on the Advisory Forum:

- Walking
- Cycling
- Groups with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010, in particular:
 - Age (children, young people and older people)
 - Gender (women)
 - Race
 - Sexual orientation
 - Disability
- Transport planning, funding, operation, promotion and use including:
 - Transport for London
 - Buses
 - Trams
 - National Rail
 - Taxis
 - Car Sharing and Car Clubs
 - Electric Vehicle Charging
- Voluntary, community sectors
- Business sector
- Health
- Sustainability

5.5 A balanced membership of the Advisory Forum will be sought to avoid dominance by any single interest group or coalition of like interests. As such, up to two representatives for each of the above interests will be sought, at the discretion of the Chair.

5.6 Representatives from other Council directorates, organisations and individuals may be invited to attend and/or present at the discretion of the Chair. Membership of the Advisory Forum will be reviewed as necessary, at the discretion of the Chair.

6. Ground Rules

6.1 Those participating in the Advisory Forum will respect different interests, views and opinions of one another and have regard for varying needs and demands across the borough. Participants commit to a constructive, inclusive and consensual approach to all areas of discussion. Wherever a consensus view on topics shall be sought and where this is not possible, the nature of the differing views will be made clear and recorded.

7. Advisory Forum Meetings

Frequency

7.1 The Advisory Forum will meet quarterly and in person in public.

Agendas, Notes and Forward Plan of Business

7.2 The Agenda will be set by the Chair, in consultation with the Advisory Forum, and circulated published 1 week in advance of the meeting. Action notes will be and published afterwards.

7.3 A Forward Plan of Business will be maintained by the Clerk, set by the Chair in consultation with the Advisory Forum

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