

building a better biking borough – part of London Cycling Campaign

East Finchley Festival Sunday 22 June

We had a great time at the East Finchley Festival this year, talking to lots of residents and with Dr Bike present, fixing lots of bikes. Mums for Lungs also joined us. We were visited by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Barry Rawlins, Cllr Alan Schneiderman who leads on Environment and Transport and Cllr Alison Moore who is responsible for Health; they were all interested in working with us to promote cycling.



London Cycling Festival

London Cycling Festival took place on 25 May, and saw cycling being promoted with rides and events across London.

As Barnet Council were not able to support an event in our borough, Barnet Cycling Campaign helped Enfield Cycling Campaign with their event which was supported by Enfield Council. The event was a great success, with about 200 people participating in a family friendly group ride from Enfield Town to Forty Hall, and included

- Dr Bike
- Bike Security Marking
- Safe Cycling Information
- Smoothie Bike
- Cycle Skills Training
- Kids Cycle Obstacle Course

This was a great example of a local LCC group working with their council to promote cycling, and we hope that Barnet Council will follow the example of Enfield in future.

A1000 cycleway – life in the slow lane!

The council has confirmed that the implementation of any improvements to the A1000 cycleway is unlikely to happen before the next local elections in May 2026. Whilst we understand that these things take time, we are disappointed that scheme upgrade, which the council agreed to progress over 2 years ago is taking so long.



Worn markings on the A1000

In the meantime, Barnet Cycling Campaign has completed a survey of current problems with the A1000, such as potholes, poor surfaces, and worn markings, and asked the council to prioritise these whilst we wait for the upgrade – we will be reviewing progress with how these are being addressed shortly.

North Finchley

An outline planning application has been submitted to the council for the regeneration of North Finchley, and the council is also expecting money from TFL to improve bus journeys through the Town Centre. We have had a look at the proposals, which include scrapping the existing one-way gyratory system by restricting access to the north bound part of the High Road past Nether Street to buses, cyclists and pedestrians, and changing the existing south bound carriageway to two-way traffic. In broad terms we support the proposal but will want to see how it will interface with the A1000 cycleway.

In the short term, we think that the implementation of bus lanes through North Finchley High Road would improve the speed and reliability of buses and help provide a safer route for cyclists.

Barnet Loop/ cycleways

In 2023, the council told us that it is developing plans for an 18-mile cycle loop around the borough and plans for a wider cycle network across the borough. So far, a mile of the Barnet Loop has been completed in Colindale, and we understand that the council hopes to make progress on sections from Colindale to West Hendon and through the Dollis Valley Greenway and Barnet Playing Fields over the coming year, and following a meeting with them earlier this month, they will be sending us their draft designs for comment.

The council has also secured some TFL funding for some smaller cycling projects including:

- Oak Hill Park to East Barnet Link
- Link to C58/Southgate
- Arnos Grove to Oakleigh Park Station

These are subject to ward councillor approval so may change.

Transport Strategy

We're expecting the council's long awaited Transport Strategy to be published in July. The council has promised that we will have a chance to comment on it before it is finalised and we are waiting to hear from them with a date for this.

Mass Flyering event 10 June

Local members were out handing flyers encouraging people to join the London Cycling Campaign in East Finchley and Cricklewood during the morning and evening rush hours. We made contact with dozens of cyclists and raised the profile of our campaigning activities.

Round Table meeting with SEB Dance, London Deputy Mayor for Transport in London

Paul Shipway from Barnet Cycling Campaign attended a recent round table discussion with Seb Dance, along with representatives of the council, and other community groups such as Age UK Barnet, Mums for Lungs and the 20's plenty for us campaign.

Seb wanted to know what needs to be done in Barnet to help meet the London Mayor's ambition that 80% of journeys should be made by cycling, walking or public transport. The answer is simple – more investment in cycling and walking infrastructure, and a step change in the pace of change in Barnet, which is way behind the rest of London.

Dare to dream

We're calling on London's mayor to dream bigger and act now to leave a cycling legacy to London...

Cycling is booming. But millions of Londoners who want to cycle still can't – because their streets are still too dangerous; they still feel too vulnerable; or they can't access a bike.

Sadiq Khan still has time tackle these issues and leave a cycling legacy for London, but only if he makes these four major commitments now:

- Start monthly car-free Sundays across London
- Make a bike available for every Londoner
- Make cycling safe for families in outer London
- Give London a low traffic West End

Pledge your support and demand bold action by emailing the mayor today.

[EMAIL THE MAYOR](#)

Getting Involved

We meet on the last Thursday of every month at Trinity Church Hall, Nether Street N12 at 7.00 pm.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 26 June.

For more information, please contact Paul Shipway booneysbikes@hotmail.com