

Active Travel Forum

Barriers to active travel in Glasgow

Strategic & joined up approaches

- Dis-jointed working across council departments (GCC)
- Lack of planning for safe active travel to and from and around schools (GCC)
- Bureaucracy, indifference, planning, roads, fast link, m74
- Disconnected networks (GCC)
- Lack of diversity in cycling decision making

Car use

- Convenience of car
- Car centric spending
- Cheap cost of car ownership
- Size and power of average cars
- Active travel still in transport discussion as opposed to health and people friendly places
- Crashing of pedestrians and skidding of motor traffic
- Bike lash

Enforcement

- Lack of enforcement on vehicle access (where cars shouldn't be and speed limits (GCC)
- Lack of 20mph implementation (GCC)
- Lack of appreciation of city 20mph speed limit
- Vehicle driver assumption of right of way corners
- Pollution (GCC)
- Mixed use of lanes of bus, taxi and cycle, not waiting next to cars giving out fumes (GCC)

Parking

- Cheap free parking in city centre (GCC)
- Lack of enforcement on illegal parking/pavement driving (GCC)
- Uncontrollable kerb side parking

Public attitudes

- Peoples lack of collective sense of responsibility common good/bond
- Need an active travel champions everyday journeys not just sport/leisure (GCC)
- Minority groups often struggle to access affordable bikes
- Stigma around cycling so many people see it as impractical and dangerous
- Fear of insecurity (we need friends to help people get out and feel safe)
- Fear yourself and others children etc.
- Misinformation about what we have just now

Public transport

- Insufficient cross town buses (GCC)
- High prices for public transport (GCC)

GCC – plays a role here although not necessarily the lead or exclusive

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Environmental

- Uncut hedges overflowing the pavements (GCC)
- Redundant street furniture and clutter (GCC)
- Kerbs, railings, poles, bins, sand bagged signs (GCC)

Infrastructure

- Good design often hard to work by
- Lack of safe infrastructure (GCC)
- Junction treatment for pedestrians and cyclists
- Low priority of pavements and cycle lanes for treatment during winter (GCC)
- Pot holes that reappear in the same place on roads & paths each year (GCC)
- Lack of gritting on cycle paths and most pavements (GCC)
- Current road conditions – potholes, flush kerbs etc. (GCC)
- Poor maintenance of existing infrastructure (GCC)
- Poor roads and footway maintenance (GCC)
- Accessibility to canal and city centre (GCC)
- Road surface (GCC)
- Signage (GCC)
- Traffic