

11th April 2023

Dear Agent

Cycling UK (www.cyclinguk.org) is the UK's cycling charity, enabling and inspiring more people to cycle more often since 1878. Representatives of the local group, Cycling UK Stevenage, meet regularly with officers from Stevenage Borough Council to discuss issues of relevance to people who cycle or who would like to cycle around the town.

As we approach the Stevenage Borough Council elections on 4th May, we would like to address the following 3 questions to each of the candidates in your party that are standing in the various wards to consider. I would be grateful if you could pass them on to the relevant candidates.

We will share the answers that we receive by Wednesday 25th April on our website on Thursday 26th April. www.cyclinguk.org/group/page/stevenage-cycle-campaign-cycling-uk

Question 1

Recent census data shows that over 20% of households in Stevenage do not have a car or van. In some areas closest to the Town Centre this percentage is considerably higher. What would you do to ensure that cycling is a feasible choice for everyday journeys in Stevenage?

www.ons.gov.uk/census/maps/choropleth/housing/number-of-cars-or-vans/number-of-cars-3a/no-cars-or-vans-in-household

Question 2

Stevenage Borough Council have had cycle hangars for use in residential areas available since 2021 but only 2 are in place so far. What would you do to ensure that more cycle hangars are installed to allow people to store cycles securely near their homes?

www.stevenage.gov.uk/leisure-culture-and-wellbeing/sport-and-leisure-services/cycling/lockable-bike-shelters

Question 3

Stevenage Borough Council is our planning authority. How will you ensure that decisions taken are in line with national guidance on the promotion of active travel?

A copy of this letter will be sent by email to the local contact point for your party where it is available online. If you would like to receive a copy direct, please contact me at the email address below.

We look forward to hearing from the candidates.

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