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Westminster Cycling Campaign is the local group of the London Cycling Campaign. Our group is open to any London Cycling Campaign member who lives, works, studies or cycles in the City of Westminster. We aim to encourage people to cycle, improve conditions for cycling and raise the profile of cycling in Westminster. The majority of our 250 members are Westminster residents. When we write to our local councillors, we are writing to Westminster's councillors. All members are welcome to contribute as much or as little time as they wish. You're welcome to just come to our meetings to listen to what's happening.

East-West Cycle Superhighway 3

Tower Hill – Victoria Embankment – Parliament Square – St James's Park – Green Park – Hyde Park – Lancaster Gate – Westbourne Terrace (Paddington)

South Carriage Drive now open – Colin Wing reports



After many months of works and disruption, the cycle track has finally opened along the South Carriage Drive of Hyde Park.

Until now, east-west cyclists have been using the segregated path alongside Rotten Row. This has been inadequate for present-day volumes of cyclists – and their speed has been considered a danger. By contrast, the track along South Carriage Drive is designed for high volumes of cyclists - and for higher speeds. The Royal Parks will be retaining the Rotten Row path essentially as a leisure route for cyclists.

Work is in progress on the link between the South and West Carriage Drives, though cyclists can still interchange between the two open sections of route.

The section along Constitution Hill is not yet open but appears to be complete apart from final surfacing. Work recently started on the junction of Birdcage Walk with Horseguards Road and Storey's Gate. This will continue for several months and require the closure of the different arms of the junction at different times.

Lancaster Gate gyratory and Westbourne Terrace now open – Dave Cripps reports



"I have just walked the whole of the Lancaster Gate part of East-West Cycle Superhighway 3 in both directions. I can confirm that it is fully open and that the new traffic lights are all working and that the new white lines and bicycle symbols have been painted.

On Westbourne Terrace, in particular, old road markings are still present on the Superhighway e.g. redundant double lines and bus stops. Also, the cycling surface is not uniform – it is perfectly fine to cycle on but there very visible patches in the tarmac in lots of places."

Air Pollution – Rupert Gardner reports

In an effort to reduce the amount of polluted air in Central London, Westminster Council is to become the first council in the UK to charge extra to park diesel cars. A trial period from April will result in drivers of diesel powered cars and vans to pay an additional 50% to park on the streets in Marylebone.

Westminster Council says that the extra money raised through the trial of the scheme will be spent on boosting sustainable transport. If the scheme succeeds in changing people's behaviour it could be rolled out to other parts of the borough.

The Mayor of London spoke on television on 12 February 2017 that he is very keen to start a diesel scrappage scheme in order to lower the levels of nitrogen dioxide that are poisoning Londoners.

Meetings and events

We have six meetings each year. We learn more by discussing opinions and proposals together, so please join us to have your say on the issues that affect you. We organise events such as cycle rides and Dr Bike

events with cycle mechanics, maps and leaflets. Please see the LCC website's events list, which we use to record and advertise our events. Details may change after this newsletter goes to print, so please visit the website or call 020 7828 1500 to check. <http://westminstercyclists.org.uk/showevents.htm>



[Westminster Cycling Campaign meeting](#)

Monday 27 March 2017 7pm - 9pm

Join us to find out about the latest cycling issues in Westminster, raise issues that affect you, and have your say. Includes Annual Meeting 2017.

Location: The Sir John Balcombe, 21 Balcombe Street, Marylebone NW1 6HE – in the quiet downstairs room. Food, alcoholic and soft drinks will be available.



[The Country Estates of Enfield](#)

Saturday 1 April 2017 9:45am - 4:30pm

Follow the fashionable set of the 16th-19th centuries through their country estates, now transformed into country parks. Approximately 22 km / 14 miles. Ride starts from Turkey Street station (Zone 6) at 10:20. 09:45 train from Liverpool Street. Return from Enfield Town (Zone 5).

[The Women's Tour – Stage 5](#) in central London on Sunday 11 June 2017 – <http://www.womenstour.co.uk>



[Open Garden Squares Weekend Ride 1](#)

Saturday 17 June 2017 10:30am - 5pm

Discover some of London's secret gardens, opening specially this weekend. We will visit gardens in the City of London and St James's areas. Meet at 10:15 for a 10:30 start from near the main (west) entrance to St Paul's Cathedral. The ride is free but a £15 ticket, available on the day, is required to visit the gardens.



[Open Garden Squares Weekend Ride 2](#)

Sunday 18 June 2017 10:15am - 5pm

The ride will start from Russell Square Gardens (near the café) at 10:15. We will visit gardens in Camden and Islington. The ride is free but a £10 ticket, available on the day, is required to visit the gardens.

[Consultations](#)

We work with authorities including Westminster City Council, Transport for London, the Royal Parks and the Canal & River Trust. Please see Cyclescape, which we use to invite comments, debate opinions and record our consultation responses. <http://westminster.cyclescape.org>

We are currently discussing our response to the Council's six month [experimental traffic order allowing civil enforcement against engine idling of parked vehicles](#). Details of how it will work are still emerging.

Other news articles and discussions

Please see our Twitter account to keep up to date with the latest local news and discussions – see examples below. You don't need your own account to view it. https://twitter.com/Westminster_LCC



Ilbert St bike hangar should be installed in March thanks to planning committee: Cllrs Angela Harvey, @iainbott, @louisehy & @JasonPimlico.



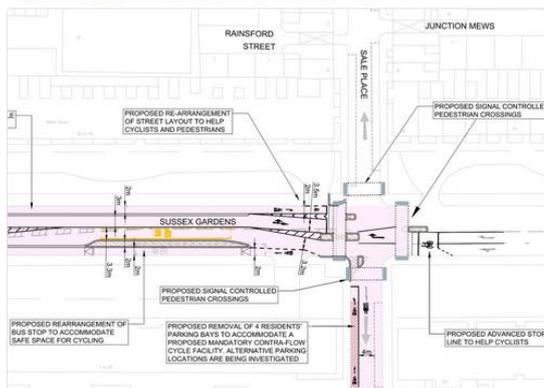
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