

European transport policy ignores 100 million citizens

Dear Mr Simpson

There are 35 million citizens cycling every day. There are more than 100 million Europeans that cycle regularly. Yet cycling is in danger of being left out of important European transport funding and policy.

In December 2011, the European Parliament showed that it saw potential for significant growth in cycling and that it was a priority case for European investment by recommending that the European Cycle Route Network, EuroVelo and associated cycling facilities should be included in the Trans-European Transportation Network (Ten-T) strategic transport network.

CTC, the UK's national cycling charity and ECF feel that, despite last year's supportive recommendations, the European institutions are now ignoring, forgetting and failing the millions of European citizens cycling in Europe. As a democratically elected body, European Parliament must listen to its citizens.

I call on you, as a UK representative and Chair of the Transport Committee to respect 100 million European citizens and the actions of the parliament by restoring cycling to its appropriate place in the Ten-T guidelines.

If you do not, you are disrespecting the needs of 100 million citizens and the huge potential for economic growth, carbon reduction and reduced congestion that investing in cycling can bring. In the vote on the 18th of December, please vote the amendments with the following content:

- Integrate EuroVelo, the European cycle route network, into the Trans European Transportation Network (TEN-T)
- Improve, develop the road infrastructure / conditions of cycle routes that run along the TEN-T Corridors
- Implement safe (grade separate) intersections when TEN-T infrastructure corridors cross local, regional, national cycle routes.

Yours sincerely,

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