

Council Assembly – 26 November 2014

Community views – Traffic and transport

The following points were collected from residents in advance of the last Council Assembly on Transport, which took place on 16 October 2013

QUESTION: Do you make cycling a part of your transport - what would encourage you to walk and cycle more?

- I would love to cycle, but I won't do so until I see better infrastructure, with less accidents happening to cyclists.
- There really seems to be some thought about the cyclists in their transport strategy. I use the Old Kent Road as part of my route to work, and I feel safe enough, but it could do with more infrastructure around that area for cyclists. I keep up to date with the latest news and developments for cycling, including the cycling proficiency training, through the social media. The forum I use includes the Southwark Cyclists group.
- I come from High Barnet to work in Guy's, so do not use my cycle or walk as much as I should; I have to use the gym to exercise. I need to think more about my carbon footprint, besides recycling, which by the way, I think can be quite taxing for the elderly.
- I used to cycle, but had a few minor accidents. I will wait until the roads are safer before I start cycling again.
- I cycle daily to go to work, but I have not seen much information about safer cycling and I am not part of any network.
- Not as part of my daily transport but I cycle during the weekends to move around in areas close to my house, I don't have any information about cycling facilities.

- The cost of transport has certainly affected me as I have come off benefits to take up full-time education. I have a tight budget for bus fares and walk whenever I can.
- I and people from my college who live in my area, are now walking to avoid one leg of our bus journey, to save on fares to commute to college.
- I am on benefits so I pay half price for buses, but some other people who are working have to pay more for bus fares, and a couple of them ride bikes instead. But you know it's not everyone that can afford to buy a bike and they are expensive!
- Well my earnings never increase, but transport fares always increase, they are very high now. And sometimes on the Northern Line there is a signal failure, and so it affects my work because the manager will not want to listen to such excuses – the tube is expensive and unreliable. The tubes need to be more frequent. The bus is not easy either, so we are forced to walk or to cycle. It's not easy, but that is life.
- The cost of transport, as with the cost of living in general affects a lot of people who have not got a job. I don't use a car as it's expensive but travel on public transport and walk. More people are turning to using bikes because it's cheaper.
- I would like to be able to afford travelling on public transport like the buses [as I used to] but the increased cost of transport is negatively affecting me. Now I always ride my bike.
- I like cycling for fitness, and for convenience's sake. As a former tube worker, I have always found bus and trams heavily used. With fares doubling, I think I'll continue cycling, although it would depend on where the jobs are re-located.
- I'm learning to walk a lot and often walk to Camberwell, because of the high cost of transport. More people are now using public transport because of the [good] network, with Peckham bus garage and Peckham train station. I would really like to see [another] local tube station.