
STRATEGIC PLANNING & TRANSPORT STATEMENT

Next Bike Update

Next Bike mechanics have been very busy getting new bikes into circulation, as work to install additional rental locations continues. Around 300 new bikes were introduced in September. The number of contracted bikes is now around 900 and ride levels continue to be high at around 6000-7000 rides per week.

Mechanics have also been working hard to retrofit modifications to the existing bike fleet to make bikes more secure and less vulnerable to theft and vandalism. Next Bike are working closely with the police to help them to deal with theft and vandalism issue. The police have been actively targeting stolen bikes and retrieving them. Reported vandalism incidents have decreased markedly over the last month.

Over recent weeks, Next Bike users have reported difficulties with bikes being unavailable for hire. This has been due to problems with the mobile phone network which supports the Next Bike operating system. The Next Bike team is doing everything within its control to resolve the issue.

Segregated Cycleways

Construction of the Senghennydd segregated cycleway is nearly complete. This will be a significant milestone for the City as we look to construct five of these routes over the next few years, changing the way we prioritise transport modes. The completion of the lining and signing will enable the Council to take enforcement action against vehicles found parking on the cycleway.

LDP

Following on from the publication of the Strategic Site monitoring documents on the website earlier in the year, we are currently working on a twice-yearly update to help keep everyone informed of the progress that is being made on these sites with regard to planning applications, housing completions and supporting infrastructure provision. In addition to the monitoring documents, you will also find my feedback to some of the questions that I am asked most frequently about the Local Development Plan.

The link to this information is as follows:

<https://www.cardiff.gov.uk/ENG/resident/Planning/Local-Development-Plan/major-development-monitoring/Pages/default.aspx>

Cardiff University Climate Change & Urban Mobility Event

I was pleased to attend the above event and listen to a number of high-level talks from experts from around the UK and beyond. The event was chaired by Professor Kevin Morgan and the topics included presentations on Public Health, Behaviour Change, and lessons from London, Stuttgart, Stockholm and York.

I would like to thank the University for continuing to ensure meaningful policy debate, and in particular David Eggleton from Cardiff Civic Society who helped arrange the event.

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