

## Support offerings...

Living adjacent to the intended development in Mengham Fields I have already suggested to Bellway Homes that they could incorporate a cycling route through the development. I have also suggested they might use their time 'on site' to help with improving the path from south of Beech Grove through to My Lords Lane.

I would be interesting in progressing the upgrading of the Hayling Billy Trail.

I regularly ride the roads paths on and off the island so can give real feedback and practically test any solutions.

## Comments...

Cycle Hayling are doing a great job. Keep it up

Get signs erected to make motorists aware of cyclists at hazard areas.

Keep up the great work! It would be really good to be able to go off the island and return by either east or western routes without having to be exposed to traffic

I agree the Billy Trail surface improvement is essential to allow usage by more bikes/cyclists and on more days per year. The hedges should also be trimmed at the northern end to improve visibility on the bends there. I have seen several collisions and near misses there. A cheap project I would think, and possibly a volunteer one rather than cash.

Just gratitude to you for all the hard work you are doing to improve cycle routes.

I have prioritised what is important for me but all would improve cycling on the island. All are beneficial and if funding becomes available we should go for any/all of them. None should be written off.

I have arranged my order of preference due to the fact that I home educate my children and don't have a car and currently the only way to get to either North Hayling or South Hayling is to risk our lives even when we use the pavement! Cycling to Havant is off limits as it is impossible to take 3 kids on bikes up to Yew Tree Road and across to West Lane. The council ought to be making it more accessible to families as this would ease the flow of traffic on and off the Island?! Even a crossing at Yew Tree Road would help, it would be a start. I refuse to enslave myself into the false belief that I need to have a car in order to survive my life. I believe in health, freedom and happiness, working with nature, working for the good of all and not just to support those who wish to indulge in the rat race. I have contemplated organising a group of families to cycle from Mill Rytte to the Yew Tree by way of protesting and holding up the traffic during busy times, however, I don't think I'd like to risk our lives in order to make the point. However if this could be organised in a safe way then I shall gladly be a part of it! I look forward to the progress, thanks.

I see quite a lot of comments about signs for cyclists around the island. Whilst important, I sometimes wonder if the spending on these \"nice to have\" items (often thousands of pounds) should be given a lower priority while many of the routes and paths are in desperate need of further investment. Let's not worry too much about the cherry before we have the cake, I suppose.

Ferry Road is not ideal for family cycling with youngsters, but there is potential for an off road cycleway along most of its length. A good safe route from the ferry connecting with the Billy Line would be a significant attraction for visitors and residents alike. I think this should definitely be added to your list of candidate projects.

Thanks for all your hard work and inventive ways of encouraging public involvement

The north/south route is always going to be problematic. I have a road bike and I find it difficult to ride on loose surface conditions for any length of time, this limits me to cycling on and off the island via the yew tree and through Northney and over the bridge. I'm not sure there is a simple solution for road cyclists.

Although the N/S route is important we should also consider an E/W route for holiday makers. I think there is plenty of space along the seafront for dedicated cycle lanes.

On a grander scale could we be encouraging cycling with our own cycle hire scheme. Nothing as grand as Boris bikes but is it feasible to have a community lead cycle hire scheme?

I think you are doing a good job of outlining the need, and the possible solutions. However, the continued intransigence of some property owners will, in my view, only be overcome with the active help of the County council and HBC; and the continued reluctance of the CC to engage with residents like yourselves is to be deplored.

The need for good cycle tracks as a green measure must be pressed hard - is a case made yet?

I am by no means a regular cyclist on HI - I live in Gosport - but I know the island relatively well. My view is a simple one: without a secure and safe means for cyclists to get off and onto Hayling and not having to resort to the dreadful 'painted footpath' on the bridge, any other cycling project carries little credibility. Reducing traffic speed on the bridge, building speed humps or maybe introducing a one way traffic sign controlled road on and off might also benefit cyclists

The footpath/cycle link between Saltmarsh Lane (via Denhill Close) to the Billy Trail is not passable following any wet weather. It is just a muddy path. Bikes get stuck in the mud. This means that this important link is not usable for most of the year. A hard surface is urgently needed. Trying to carry a heavy mountain bike through the mud is no fun. This mud makes the link useless for commuters so they use West Lane instead.

Campaigning for either an on-road or off-road cycle route along the main Havant Road (A2023) which is the main cycling commuter route.

I would love to see a solid surface on the Billy Trail, apart from being so much better for cyclists in all weathers it would make it useful for disabled people in wheelchairs or on their buggies, at present I could not entertain pushing my neighbour there. Good luck with all that you are doing.

I have been a cyclist, man and boy for 30yrs on the island and I would suggest the two main routes in my view that need improvement are, the south end of the hayling billy track, could do with better drainage and more recently the replacement of the erosion from the winter storms. It takes weeks for the path to dry out after it's rained and I always get caked in mud going this route. The second route would be the Beech Grove to Salterns lane footpath 102. We used to walk this route as couldn't at that time get our bikes through the swing gate. We used to take our life in our hands when riding the road way to Mengham middle school from Sandy Point, going under a bus or large van was a constant fear and near true experience on more than one occasion. I can appreciate that a north to south cycle path from the Yew Tree down to the Mill Rythe school would be a great improvement for those cyclists that live in the north of the island too. Again in my view, no need to worry about a second dedicated cycle bridge now the path has been widened. An area that's not been mentioned is from Beachlands to the ferry. That road is very narrow and could do with a dedicated cycle path. Please note; I think the work the Cycle Hayling team is doing is most excellent.

Keep up the good work please!

Just to second the comment that there is no route off the island suitable for Road bikes.

I'm a member of I-team.cc cycle club and currently cycle West Lane and the main Havant Road followed by the northern end of the billy trail to Havant station. I have ridden the Hayling length if the billy trail on 28 mm Road tyres even last summer, but you couldn't do that now. Too much shingle and muddy holes.

Keep up the good work.

Only that sometimes it is better not to do anything rather than do the wrong thing. I refer to the recent repairs to the Billy Trail which don't seem to me to very satisfactory but have cost money which could have been used to at least part fund other projects. May I also ask if the Billy Trail is to be repaired where there is a portion which has fallen away which is about level with "Little Wood" on West Lane?

It could be made possible to have a cycle path round the edge of the golf course, as a continuation of the beachfront - the Golf Course own all this land. It would add a great path for us all to ride.

The surface of billy trail determines the kind of bike can be used. At the moment as for most of winter it needs knobbly tyres and is quite a workout through all the mud. For a few months it's dry and hard and that's when a variety of types of bikes and riders can use it. The more of a general purpose surface and consistency if surface it has, the more riders it will attract.

It still freaks me out that the route across bridge is going to be a single lane footpath with no railing between road and cycle. Also, the bridge has two sides, which seems obvious to me that separating pedestrians and cyclists to each their own side might be a good solution.

How about some road markings detailing cycle lanes at some of huge busier parts of the island.

Cycling along the seafront, the cars often get too close to cyclists. They use the road because the paths are fragmented so there is no continuous cycle path. All it needs is for the dots to be joined up so that the usable paths are joined.

A safe route for cyclists (and pedestrians) along Ferry Road. This would help link the Billy track to Portsmouth via the Ferry.

More thinking on shared cycle/pedestrian routes.

- The following things would make life a bike a bit easier ...
- Improved signage on new bridge separating cyclists from pedestrians.
- Removal of 'Cyclists Dismount' signs, and improve/provide easy access routes for re-joining main carriageway.