

Cardiff Cycle City - Justice for Cyclists Campaign

Response from:

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The Green Party believes that our roads should be accessible and safe for all users. Creating a transport infrastructure that enables and encourages more cycle and pedestrian travel must be a priority.

Beyond the physical infrastructure we need to work towards systematically reducing sources of danger on our roads. These dangers and the perception of risk act as a serious deterrent to many cyclists.

We believe that the justice system has a crucial role to play in creating a safer road transport system for cyclists. Greens would change the culture of road justice and civil compensation with a road danger reduction approach. A greater duty of care should be expected of drivers in reducing injury and intimidation of vulnerable road users. Motor vehicle drivers should be presumed liable for injuries to pedestrians and cyclists. If the casualty has contributed to the collision, compensation may be reduced, but not when the victim is a child, elderly (70+) or impaired.

The Green Party agrees with the All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group's report that the current justice system is seriously failing cyclists and that changes are needed that would both prevent harm and danger in the first place, and equally important ensure justice when road traffic laws are broken. As an elected representative, I would strongly support and campaign for all fourteen of the recommendations in the 'Cycling and Justice System' report.

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