

Open Letter to All Bikers in Greater Manchester

Pathways to Progress Campaign for Greater Manchester 2015-2016

My name is Steve Blayz Blay and I am the Area Rep for Salford. I would like to ask you all for your support for the campaigns we are undertaking within Greater Manchester on your behalf.

I am addressing this letter to both clubs and individuals that live in Salford, Manchester, Tameside, Oldham, Rochdale, Bolton, Wigan, Trafford, Stockport and Bury.

The Pathways to Progress Document previously shown in this magazine has been presented to the Leaders of the above councils and as I write this we are beginning to get some stock answers back that do not represent direct answers to any of the questions posed.

So what's new? I hear you ask. You I say. You can make the difference between being fined or not, for using bus lanes, you are the difference between someone getting hurt or not by the increased introduction of light segregation for cycle lanes (Armadillos Etc.). Only you know best where to park your bike securely in your town and if more parking is needed you know where. You live in areas where new developments are planned, new roads are designed, and changes to existing road structures are being undertaken, you can be a part of those plans to make them safe for us bikers. And finally, you know best where the hazards are in your area and with your help we can get them fixed, changed and made better by tapping into a single point of contact for your local council.

So What do I want you to do? Nothing much, just be yourselves, every time you are out and about and you see something that bothers you, take a note, take a picture, if you hear of a new obstruction going down on the road let me know, be as detailed as possible, if someone you know knows of or hears of someone who has come a cropper because of an armadillo, let me know, give them my details, salford-rep@mag-uk.org, if you know someone on your local council who is willing to be that point of contact, let me know,

Let me put the questions about more secure bike parking if you want it.

I am making my way around your Local Transport Officers regarding motorbikes & scooters being allowed in bus lanes.

Lastly, if you feel that you want to do more to protect our lifestyle but don't know where to start, or who to ask, you can't go far wrong by reading the Pathways to Progress document and if you agree with its' aims, talk to me about how you can help introduce it into our local towns.

If you feel you want to join the growing group of area reps within the Northwest region, ask any rep or speak to our regional rep north-west-region-rep@mag-uk.org