

## Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Cycle Infrastructure



Ref No: **EIR-2021-0699**

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**I am writing to inquire about cycle paths in Southampton.**

**1) Please can you provide a comprehensive list and/or map(s) of cycle paths in Southampton? Please include in this all:**

- on road cycle paths with physical separation (i.e. curbed, bollards)
- on road cycle paths without physical separation (i.e. only painted lines)
- any access routes only suitable to bicycles (i.e. through Low Traffic Neighborhoods)
- segregated shared use paths (i.e. divided paths suitable for pedestrians and cycles)
- non-segregated shared use paths (i.e. paths suitable for pedestrians and cycles)
- temporary cycle lanes (i.e. those introduced under emergency TRO)
- (- any other kind of cycle infrastructure that has not been listed above. That is, anything that is not the main carriageway that a bike may ride on)

**1a) Please indicate the type of path (i.e. through the use of different colours and key)**

**1b) Please indicate if a path may not be suitable for road bikes (i.e. a gravel track)**

**1c) Please include paths of any length with specific attention to the start and end points**

Response:

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by Southampton City Council.

This is because the Council does not hold a “comprehensive” list or map showing the information you require, and would have to undertake a physical review of the facilities available in order to provide a “comprehensive” list. The relevant service are have advised that they have intention of undertaking a physical review, when resources are available to do so.

It is worth noting that the Council hold a number records in regards to Cycle facilities, however, they do not meet the scope of your request as they are not part of a comprehensive list or map containing the information required – the Council would not be in a position to confirm that these records cover all facilities in Southampton without undertaking the physical review, mentioned above. If you wish to make a separate request for these records, the Council would be happy to process this a new request for information under the terms of the Environmental information Regulations 2004.

However, the Council may consider such a request to be “manifestly unreasonable” under Reg 12(4)(b), as it is clear that it would be required to undertake manual reviews of records in order to identify the information requested. For each record, it is likely that an hours’ worth of staff time would be required in order extract the details you have requested, and there over 200 records which will require manual review. This could therefore cause unjustified burden on Council staff, at a time where resources are already under strain due to the pandemic.

However, if you do wish to make a request for any records that the Council does hold in regards to cycle facilities, the Council will consider this in full as a new request.

**2) Can the above requested information be made accessible to the public online, in a usable format, to aid in route planning?**

Response:

N/A - Please see Q1 above

**3) What is Southampton Council’s policy/standard procedure for the use of corduroy tactile paving around non-segregated shared use paths? Are they to be used at the borders between a footpath and a non-segregated shared path?**

Response:

There is no policy as such. The Council follows the guidance in LTN1/20

**3a) What is the basis for its application in this manner/what guidance is followed? Please be as specific as possible (using point number/page number) rather than referring to (for example) ‘Guidance on the use of Tactile Paving Surfaces’ in general.**

Response:

As per guidance in LTN1/20. Please see link below for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycle-infrastructure-design-ltn-120>

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