

## **Motion – Liberal Democrat**

Submitted by Councillors Iain Dysart and Mary-Jane Jeanes

"This Council seeks to encourage cycling and walking to improve residents' health and wellbeing. It acknowledges the excellent work done by officers in the preparation of Merton's Expression of Interest for the Mayor's "Cycling Mini-Hollands in Outer London" Fund.

This Council notes that cyclists, users of mobility scooters and pedestrians with children in double buggies have complained about some of the chicane barriers on our Public Rights of Way. The complaints are that the barriers are so close together that bicycles and buggies have to be lifted over them and that those using mobility scooters cannot negotiate the chicanes, for example the chicane barrier between Fairway and Coppice Close in West Barnes.

This Council resolves to:-

- 1) Ask Cabinet to initiate an audit of all our Public Rights of Way to ascertain how many chicane and other barriers are preventing cyclists, mobility scooter users and those with buggies from using the Public Rights of Way;
- 2) consider allocating funds in the next Budget (2014/5) to alter all such over-restrictive barriers so that they can be used by all cyclists, mobility scooter users and pedestrians with small children;
- 3) Ask officers to ensure that any new barriers erected in the borough are installed to minimum dimensions to avoid repeating and perpetuating these problems".

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