

Strategic Motion 3 (Cross-Party)

Submitted by Councillors Andrew Judge, Janice Howard and Peter Southgate

This Council commends and supports our bid to become a mini Holland and welcomes the fact that the Mayor's Cycling Commissioner has shortlisted Merton's bid along with 7 other outer London Boroughs to compete for £100m proposed investment through this innovative scheme.

Council recognises the need for a well worked out bid, which will have a transformatory impact on cycling in the Borough: the objective being to make cycling a safe and convenient option for all residents capable of taking advantage of it. Council also recognises the need to achieve a balance with other sustainable modes such as walking and public transport, as well as with the use of private motor vehicles that for many individuals and families in the borough the car remains a crucial part of their everyday life. Council therefore resolves to continue to invest in all modes of transport so that our residents are fully empowered when making travel choices.

Council commends our staff for the work they have done to date in putting forward the initial "mini Holland" cycling bid and calls for a programme of further development and consultation to ensure that we present an excellent bid by 29th November with wide support across the community, which is both practical and also meets the Mayor's vision for a "dramatic and transformational" approach to cycling in the capital.

Council invites wide involvement from all parts of the Merton community including all councillors to support the bid and contribute to its development to achieve the Mayor's vision in Merton and revolutionise cycling.

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