



# Sustrans Manifesto for Northern Ireland

## I Assembly Elections 2022

### Increase investment in safe, healthy, sustainable travel

- Ask 1:** Make Northern Ireland the equal of Scotland and the Republic of Ireland, by dedicating at least **10% of total Transport budget** to walking, wheeling and cycling.
- This would include a **revenue funding** stream for behaviour change work to support programmes across communities, workplaces and schools.
  - Establish strategically-placed **Active Travel Hubs** to enable people to overcome barriers to walking, wheeling and cycling.

- Ask 2:** Make walking and cycling a realistic and safe alternative to the car. Create a capital fund for development and improvement of **urban and rural greenways/ National Cycle Network** across Northern Ireland to ensure it is accessible

[published in 2016].

### Create more liveable neighbourhoods

- Ask 6:** Help local authorities transform towns and **20-Minute Neighbourhoods** a central principle in local planning, transport, health and economic policy. Ensure all new developments and town regeneration schemes prioritise the most vulnerable road users and reduce car dependency to create more vibrant places for people.

- Ask 7:** Legislate for an **Active Travel Act**, similar to Wales, to ensure active travel is embedded in the statutory planning process, that urban and rural greenway development is a statutory duty of local authorities and fund the Act (as outlined Ask 2).

### Enable our children to travel by foot or cycle safely

- Ask 4:** Ensure every child who can and wants to is able to safely walk and cycle to school.
- by maintaining and expanding the Active
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  - improvements needed around schools.
  - pupils (9 & 10 year olds) to give them the skills to cycle safely and
  - provide secure cycle and scooter parking at schools.

- Ask 5:** Create a programme for **School Streets** embedded within neighbourhoods that provide

### Tackling climate change and air pollution

- Ask 10:** Implement a **Climate Change Act** like the rest of the UK regions and ensure we are on track to reach Net Zero emissions by 2050 if not sooner.

- Ask 11:** Legislate for a **Clean Air Act** to mitigate against the harmful pollutants we are all breathing – transport being the second largest source of air pollution in Northern Ireland.