

Cycling in Leeds

- □ Hosts of Tour de France "Grandest" Grand Depart July 2014
- Now home to annual Tour de Yorkshire
- □ Borders some of best cycling in UK, and home to some of the countries largest cycling clubs
- Cycling growth
 - 627 inbound cyclist 2005
 - 1707 inbound cyclists 2015, increase of almost 300%
- ☐ Bikeability delivered to over 5000 school children per year
- □ SkyRide annual traffic free event attracts up to 10,000 people



Infrastructure

- Core Network safe, quiet roads/shared space routes forming a outward web from city centre
- Leeds Cycle Point
- West Yorkshire wide Bike and Go Hire scheme
- □ Cycle Hubs
- Middleton Cycling Hub
- ☐ Triathlon Centre (closed circuit)



City Connect

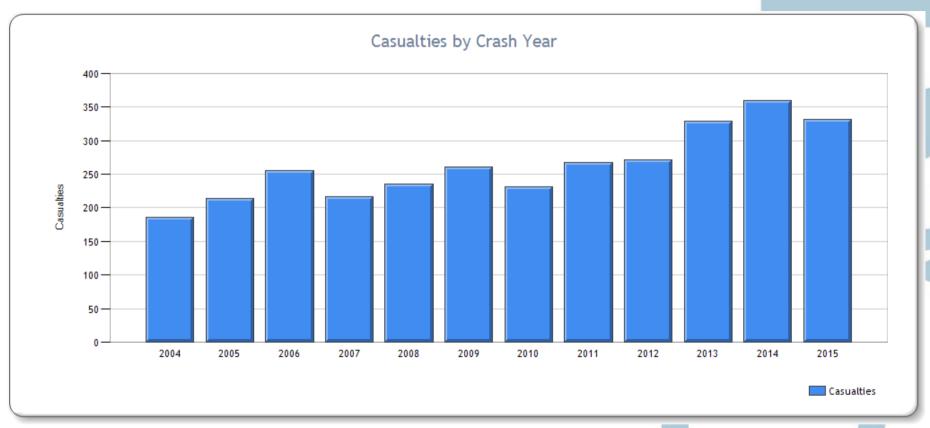
- □ 23km segregated route Seacroft-Bradford via Leeds City Centre
- □ Canal towpaths work
- 20mph schemes along its length
- □ Go:walking





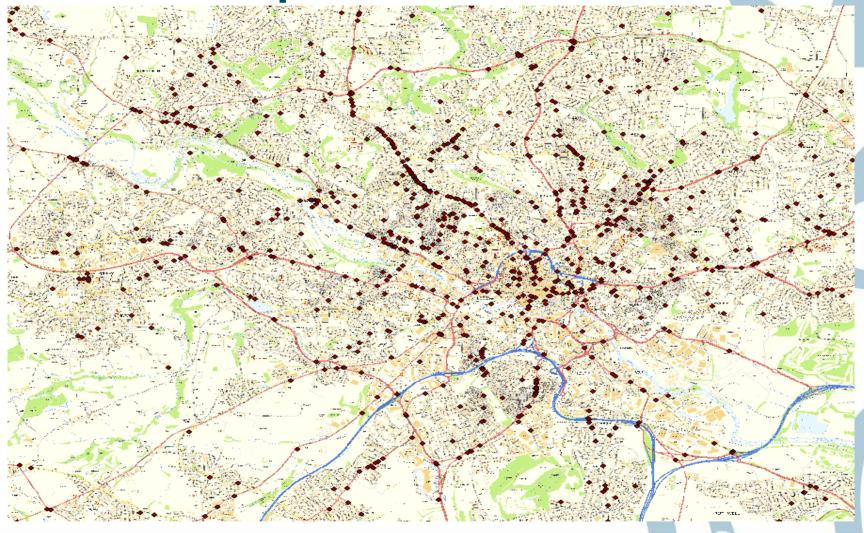
Accident Data







Accident Map







20mph schemes

- Large scale roll out across the city, especially in residential areas
- □Along the length of the City Connect route
- □Improve road safety and increase use of sustainable transport modes
- □ Routes to schools
- □Over 100 schemes already in place
- Mainly soft engineered
- □On going monitoring of speeds



Radio Campaigns/Look Out/City Connect

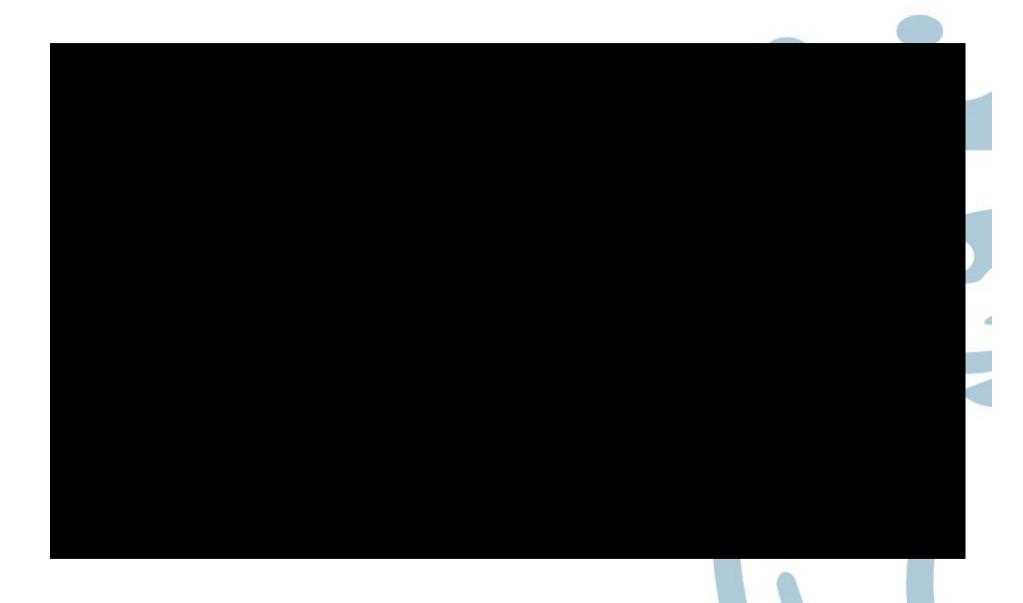




DfTs Don't Get Caught Campaign

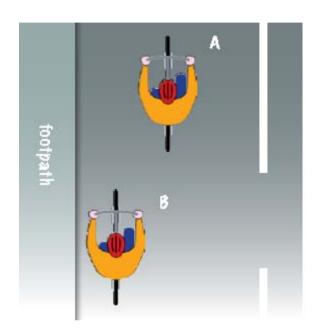
- □A campaign to warn cyclist of the dangers of large vehicles and left turns
- □2015, 100 cyclists killed on the roads, 20% involved HGV
- □94% of fatal accidents occur near front left of the HGV
- □DfT research showed a lack of awareness of how dangerous front left of vehicle was
- ■Main target 25-44 living in Manchester and London
- where HGV/Cyclists casualties highest
- □Dramatises how awful being caught between HGV and left turn is







Understanding Cyclists - Positioning





- Primary Position (taking the lane)
 - taking up a position in the centre of the lane,
 - safest place to be offering high visibility to other road users and discouraging overtaking
 - Used when approaching junctions, and places unsafe for overtaking



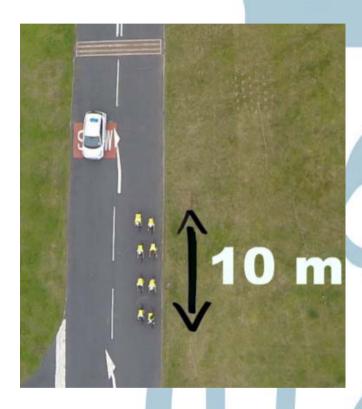
- Secondary Position
 - No closer than 0.5m from kerb
 - Used when passing by others is safe



Understanding Cyclists - Riding Two abreast

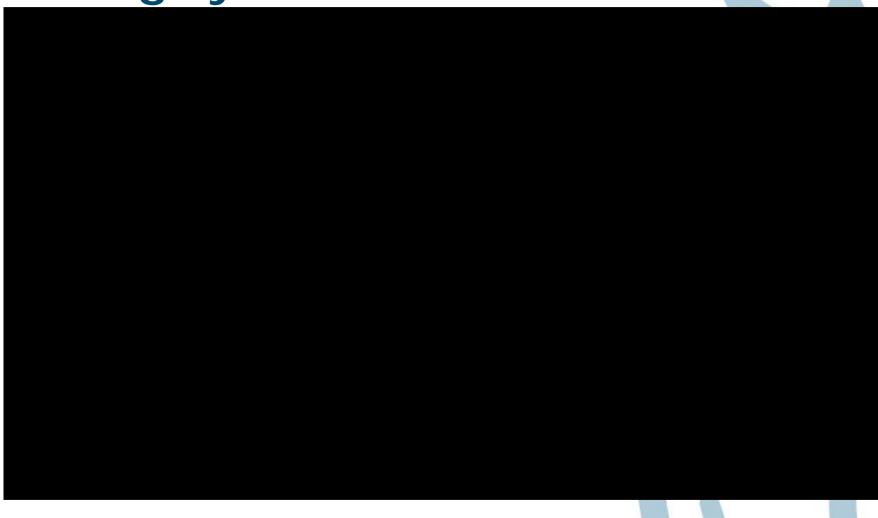
"Cyclists should never cycle more than two abreast, and ride in single file on narrow or busy roads" Rule 66 Highway Code

- Quicker and safer to pass a group two abreast then a strung out line
- 8 riders in one line could take up20m





Passing cyclists







Driver CPC/Safe Urban Driving Courses

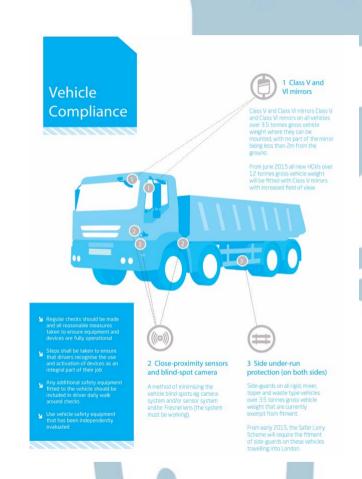
- □ Vulnerable road users fall into section 2 of the syllabus
 - 3.1 Make drivers aware of the risks of the road and accidents at work
- Opportunities to build in practical cycling elements to training
- Make this a contractual requirement through procurement



CLOCS/Freight Association Standards

- Construction Logistics
 - ■Warning signage
 - □Side run protection
 - ■Blind spot minimisation
 - □ Vehicle manoeuvring warnings

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Raising Awareness

- Using your fleet to deliver messages
- Vehicle stickers
 - Speed limits
 - Distance
 - Seat belts
 - Mobile Phones
- Cycle specific
 - Exchanging Places events
 - Cycle specific messaging
 - Keep clear when turning left etc
- Work with schools and partners



Blind spot
Take care



