



Cycle Chesterfield

To whom it may concern

Cycle Chesterfield exists to promote, encourage and campaign for local cycling opportunities. Cycle Chesterfield started in the mid 1990s as Chesterfield Cycle Campaign and has been encouraging people to ride bikes and campaigning for better facilities ever since.

As such, the group is passionate about encouraging people of all ages to ride bikes, whether for commuting to work or places of education, for shopping and leisure journeys or for pleasure.

Young people are the regular bike users of the future and we want to encourage all young people to have the confidence and skills to handle riding a bike and to enjoy biking in all of its recreational and sporting forms.

We recognise the important role that the BMX Club based at Ringwood Park plays in terms of providing constructive activity and bike riding training for young people, helping to reduce anti-social behaviour and giving an exciting activity to engage children and young people in the evenings, holidays and at weekends. We know that the club attracts a high following of young people from the local area and beyond but that the track is in desperate need of improvement if it is to achieve its potential. The Club has exciting and ambitious plans to host local, regional and national BMX racing events. We would fully support such initiatives and would aim to promote any future programme of events and activities to our members and the wider community. A high quality BMX track at Ringwood Park would be a major community resource for Chesterfield, and in particular for the areas of Brimington and Staveley, and would attract income from visitors at high profile racing events.

The Trans Pennine Trail alongside Chesterfield Canal linking Chesterfield town centre to Rother Valley Country Park via Staveley is one of the key infrastructure routes that we promote and runs fairly close to the Ringwood Park BMX facility.

We therefore offer the support of Cycle Chesterfield to the Ringwood BMX Club funding bid to improve the Ringwood Park BMX track. We hope that funders will offer the team who run the Ringwood BMX Club the resources they require to achieve its potential.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF CYCLE CHESTERFIELD

Additional note: Cycle Chesterfield has over 200 registered members from across the local area. We work closely with Cycling UK, Sustrans, Inclusive Pedals CIC and other cycling groups across the East Midlands.

We undertake research and lobbying in order to improve local cycling infrastructure. Our purpose is to make cycling more enjoyable and accessible for all local people. We produce a cycle infrastructure map for Chesterfield Borough. We hold regular meetings and publish a quarterly newsletter to promote bike issues, locally and nationally. We offer volunteer led bike rides and bike related events including an annual Cycling Festival in June to coincide with National Bike Week.