

Cycling Advocacy Report February 2022

West Midlands Combined Authority

Adam Tranter has been appointed to the post of Cycling and Walking Commissioner. [Job description](#). He has given up his unpaid role as Coventry's "Cycling mayor". Hopefully the appointment will be a significant step forward for the WMCA, as now it has a post more like the Active Travel commissioners in [London](#) and [Greater Manchester](#).

Coventry: Nitrogen Dioxide emissions on Holyhead Road

Coventry Council's plan to reduce vehicle emissions includes

1. Coundon Cycleway
2. Removal of right turns at the Barras Lane / Holyhead Road junction
3. Changes to junction 7 of the Ring Road (J7) and Spon End to increase capacity. The idea being to encourage motorists to use Allesley Old Road instead of Holyhead Road.

My response to the consultation is on the [website](#)

Coventry Transport Strategy

Main positives are the inclusion of the following in the Draft Implementation Plan:

- More restrictions on car travel within the Ring Road Zone to ensure the zone is primarily for pedestrians.
- Improved cycle connections between the University of Warwick and neighbouring residential areas, railways stations and the city centre
- Two new cycleways connecting the planned Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) at Eastern Green to the city centre and to Tile Hill Railway Station
- New cycleways connecting the planned SUE in Keresley to the city centre and to Allesley/ Lyons Park

The major issue is what funds will come from the Department of Transport in the (five-year) City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement.

Highway Code changes

Some of the advice developed by the Bikeability cycle training programme has been incorporated into the Highway Code, to inform other road users of the recommended road position when cycling. In some quarters this has provoked outrage.