

Labour: Richard Quigley

In terms of your 3 points you raise, to answer as one, the funding for cycling schemes and local councils to have the resources to implement them need to be increased. The problem is, cyclists don't shout as loud as motorists, as far as the government or councils are concerned, so resources get diverted to traffic schemes. Working with yourselves, I'd push for maintenance to be part of the road maintenance. Planning should consider cycle journeys as part of any planning and overall, a coherent plan for cycling should be adopted.

Labour: Emily Brothers

Thank you for getting in touch with me about the neglect of the Island's provision for cyclists.

I note your frustration and concern regarding the sorry state the cycle paths have fallen into. Maintaining cycleways is extremely important for cyclists' safety both on those routes and in encouraging cyclists off the increasingly busy roads. A decent walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure would help commuters, leisure use and our drive towards zero carbon emissions, helping with the climate crisis which is something I am passionate about.

As you will be aware, council funding has been cut drastically over the last 14 years of Tory austerity. We do not have enough funds to do everything that needs doing and the IW council has to prioritise spending. However, in the last four years some funding was received by the IW council for assessment and the creation of LCWIPs in five areas (1).

Now funding is needed in order to implement them all.

As an MP I would not have jurisdiction over local council decisions on policy. However, I will be fighting for fairer funding that reflects our unique situation as an island and the extra costs that this brings.

To read more about my future plan, please see my website and social media links below.

I will be attending hustings and 'meet the candidate' sessions. I look forward to meeting and hopefully chatting with you and other residents on the campaign trail.