



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1506  
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Carolyn Thomas MS  
Chair - Petitions committee

12 June 2025

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 02 May regarding Petition P-06-1506 We call for an end to further public funding for cycle paths and cycle Infrastructure in Wales.

Our spending plans have been shaped to prioritise public services, ensuring they continue to deliver for the people of Wales with investment being targeted towards delivering on the Welsh Government's priorities. The Final Budget 2025-26 delivers on our priorities for a healthier Wales, jobs and green growth, opportunity for every family and connecting communities.

The funding we allocate to local authorities from the Active Travel Fund is for schemes that improve walking, wheeling and cycling routes and facilities across Wales. Details of historic allocations can be found here: [Local authority transport grants: what we have funded | GOV.WALES](#).

Most schemes that have been funded benefit walking and wheeling as well as cycling; in fact, there were more schemes focussed solely on walking and wheeling than schemes that were focused solely on cycling. Walking is not a niche activity – over half of adults make walking or wheeling trips of more than 10 minutes at least weekly. We also want more children to be able to walk, wheel, scoot or cycle to school to arrive healthier, happier and ready to learn. Nearly every public transport journey starts and ends with a walking / wheeling leg, but our walking routes are far from ideal. This is why I am requiring local authorities to prioritise the majority of their core allocation from the Active Travel Fund on making immediate improvements like dropped kerbs, new crossings, installation of benches, better signage and removal of barriers.

The total funding of £3,879,376.26 that Sustrans received over the three years referred to in the petition was made up of elements of revenue grant to run the E-move scheme, support Active Travel School Plan development and resources and the healthy workplaces programme. The two former purposes have now concluded. It also includes capital funding,

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which mostly supports local authorities to help them to make improvements under the Paths for Everyone programme to routes in their areas. The funding also includes payments for the Active Journeys programme which is a contract that Sustrans has tendered for and won on a competitive basis.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

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