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Wirral's lamentable road safety 'plan'

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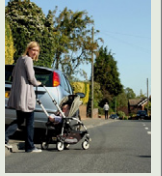
Visionary London rejects any casualties

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Merseyside Police hit pavement parkers

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Liverpool councillors forced to face road safety record

A DOZEN people stood outside Liverpool Town Hall at the July meeting of Liverpool Council to demonstrate their concerns about the city's abysmal road safety record.

They handed leaflets to councillors as they entered the building spelling out exactly why Liverpool Council needs to act now to improve its abysmal performance:

- **Liverpool is the worst metropolitan borough for pedestrian casualties.** Over the last 5 years there have been 23 pedestrian deaths and a further 478 serious pedestrian injuries. ([https://](https://wacm.org.uk/53.html)

Council meeting leaflet on shameful road stats

wacm.org.uk/53.html)

- **Liverpool is also the worst metropolitan borough for cyclist casualties.** 201 cyclists were killed or seriously injured on Liverpool's roads between 2012 - 2016 (<https://wacm.org.uk/54.html>)

- **Liverpool has no road**



safety plan. Alongside these facts, sits Liverpool's status as one of

the worst councils for both air quality and deaths from inactivity.

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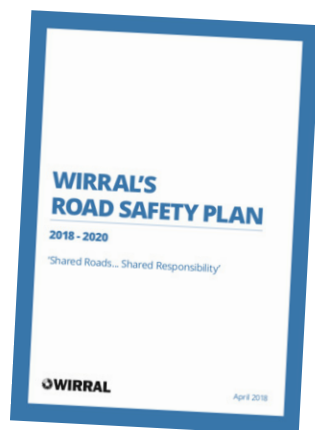
WIRRAL is one of the worst of the metropolitan boroughs for the rate of serious road injuries - it is consistently in the bottom third (metropolitan boroughs are councils in the metropolitan counties i.e. Merseyside, Greater Manchester, West Midlands, and so on).

This June, Wirral Council published its road safety "plan"...

- It was two years behind the commitment given in the Wirral Plan.
- Despite being headed "Road Safety Plan", the document contains no significant new actions. This is quite extraordinary given that the 2017 regional target

was a reduction of one third in serious road casualties by 2020.

- Wirral Council's top transport priority is to "keep traffic moving safely and efficiently". It seems that the choice has been made to prioritise keeping traffic speed up rather than address the appalling level of deaths and serious injuries.



At the launch, the council's newsletter Wirral View reported that "the new plan, announced by the Council this week, aims to work with residents... to keep the number of accidents and deaths on our roads reducing."

This statement is particularly surprising, given there was no consultation during the production of the document.

RoadPeace remembrance of Diana, Princess of Wales and all crash victims

Liverpool - Friday 31st August at 2pm

Every year, on the anniversary of her death, a service of remembrance is held in Liverpool to remember Diana, Princess of Wales, and the lives of all others who are killed on the roads. The service takes place in The Lady Chapel at the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, and is followed by refreshments.

Heartening progress in London as “Vision Zero” is launched

IN CONTRAST to Wirral’s latest road safety “plan”, in July Transport for London announced details of its “Vision Zero” approach to road safety. The aim is to eliminate deaths and serious injuries from London’s roads by 2041, with an intermediate target of a 65% reduction by 2022. London has already achieved a 40% reduction in serious road casualties in the last 8 years (in Merseyside, serious casualties have not fallen).

The “Vision Zero” approach starts from the premise that no death or serious injury on London’s roads is acceptable or inevitable. The components of the plan include 20 mph speed limits on all major roads in central London and other town centres and high-risk roads, new safety standards for HGVs and buses, work on the most dangerous junctions, and increased enforcement.

Read more at <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/boldest-ever-plan-to-eliminate-deaths-on-the-roads>



Progress in Manchester

EARLIER this year, Greater Manchester published its Made to Move report setting out 15 steps to transforming walking and cycling in the region.

In June, a further report was published setting out details of how this will be achieved. In a first phase, there will be 1,000 miles of routes including 75 miles of Dutch-style segregated cycle lanes. Funding of £160m will come from the Transforming Cities Fund. With many cities around the world changing the emphasis to safer walking and cycling, Manchester says it is determined not to be left behind.

Read more at <https://www.tfgm.com/press-release/beelines>



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A new federation of pedestrian groups could challenge incompetence

SINCE the national Pedestrians Association was converted into a charity in 2001, the UK has had no independent national voice representing pedestrians...

Wirral and Liverpool Pedestrian Associations are exploring the possibility of setting up a Federation of Pedestrian Groups that

will speak up about the uncaring incompetence of many of the UK agencies that should be protecting pedestrians - the most vulnerable group of road users.

There has been enough interest in the idea around the country to explore the possible options regarding structure.

Sign up for your own newsletter...

This newsletter is distributed to Merseyside police, politicians and road safety volunteers. If you would like to be included, sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T5QXRJN>



Merseyside Police tackling pavement parking

PARKING a motor vehicle on a pavement is illegal except where signs

permit it or in an emergency. Many streets in Merseyside are blighted by vehicles parked partially or even completely on the pavements, causing problems for many people especially those with disabilities.

Merseyside Police have recognised the problem and are starting to tackle it. They have updated their website with clear information on the law (see panel); they are

working with pedestrian and other community groups to remind motorists of the law via flyers and posters; and they have been issuing Fixed Penalty Notices for problem vehicles. In a Day of Action, they recently issued 22 Notices for pavement obstruction.

The campaign to combat pavement parking has been energised by the death of a four-year-old girl in Neston. She was run over while on her way to playgroup when a van was driven on to a pavement to park.

Read more at <https://wacm.org.uk/84.html>.

Parking on pavements

It is an offence to drive on to a pavement and an offence to cause obstruction to other road users, including pedestrians.

Vehicles causing obstruction may be issued with a fixed penalty notice and in some cases removed at the owner's expense.

(Source: Merseyside Police)