

York Hospitals Foundation Trust – Summary of Views From Staff That Cycle

1. The views are from a very wide cross section of all the staff that cycle to work at the hospital.
2. There is great support for the purchase of the special vehicle for use in winter and the fact that greater attention is going to be paid to the maintenance of cycle ways at other times is warmly welcomed.
3. A wide cross-section of staff think that the Council did well under very difficult circumstances, but that a little more attention to certain areas would pay dividends, although some thought it was an impossible task anyway.
4. There is likely to be support for the Council trying to keep a reasonable network of routes open and advertise and concentrate activities on them. Already some staff use different routes in winter because they recognise that they are more trafficked and therefore likely to be safer.
5. The summary lists lots of locations where a more targeted approach would be welcomed.
6. Better efforts to clear snow from cycle lanes as well as the adjacent busy sections of highway where it is particularly narrow would be appreciated. At the moment there seems to be a tendency to use the cycle lane as the place to deposit cleared snow.
7. Certain sections of joint cycleway and pedestrian route and some shared bridges are considered of high importance to both groups of users and would benefit from greater attention. For example, there are quite strongly held views that Bridge Lane between Bootham Park Hospital and York Hospital was not dealt with effectively despite being on listed sections. In addition, the adjacent footbridge over the Scarborough railway line appears to be missed off.
8. There appears to be some doubt – confirmed in the printed list – that the new sections of cycleway along Water End to Clifton Green were not treated effectively.
9. The opportunity given by the request for winter maintenance feedback has resulted in a few other cycling related suggestions, some of which are separated out at the end of the note.