



 **Siôn Simon**
Labour's candidate for West Midlands Mayor



It's time for a cycle revolution in the West Midlands

I have bold ambitions for cycling in the region, in comparison to Tory Transport Secretary Chris Grayling who has declared, "cyclists are not road users".

I'll develop a proper integrated cycling strategy across the WMCA to better utilise our canals and achieve full cycle integration on public transport – including better way-finding, night-time cycling networks, bike racks on public transport and at public buildings, improved integration of cycle routes and facilities to rail and Metro stops.

Siôn's five-point plan for cyclists will include:

- Signing the Cycle Charter, which aims to have 5% of all journeys taken by bike by 2023
- Improved use of canal tow paths and full cycle integration on public transport
- Better way-finding and night-time cycling networks
- Safer cycling and walking with more 20mph zones
- Building on success of Labour Police and Crime Commissioner in reducing 'close pass' overtaking by drivers

"If we take back control of transport powers from London, then we can make a difference for cyclists. That's good for the health of the region, it cuts carbon, and crucially it helps transform the quality of air. "

"When [thousands] of people die needlessly each year from unclean air, we can't stand by and do nothing. We have to act, and act with ambition."

