

Council Elections 2022 – Living Streets encourage action on active travel

Living Streets, the charity for everyday walking is urging candidates in the 2022 elections to make walking and wheeling safer and easier, to help enable more people to choose cleaner and healthier ways to travel.

[In 'A Manifesto for Walking'](#), Living Streets calls on candidates to pledge to:

- End pedestrian deaths and injuries on roads
- Tackle air pollution
- Make school streets safe
- Cut the clutter and make walking easier for everyone.

A Manifesto for Walking sets out key asks of candidates, including a default 20mph limit in built-up areas, more car-free areas, and clutter-free pavements.

Latest figures show that pedestrians in Scotland accounted for 37 per cent of fatalities and 34 per cent of serious injuries on built-up roads. Whilst particulate air pollution alone causes almost 2,100 early deaths in Scotland every year.

Roberta Fusco, Interim Director of Policy and Communications, Living Streets said: “People walking and wheeling cause the

least amount of road danger or pollution but are often left paying the price on our streets in terms of deaths on our roads and exposure to toxic air. It doesn't have to be this way.

“By standing up for pedestrians, candidates can tackle road danger, air pollution and health problems, creating places where people can move and breathe easily.”

Living Streets is urging voters to call on their local candidates to improve streets for walking. A Manifesto for Walking 2022 can be downloaded from [livingstreets.org.uk/elections](https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/elections)

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/media/7039/manifesto-2022-scotland-councils.pdf>

