



Cycling and Railways

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Scotland and Cycling



Increasing demand



- Since 2006, demand for rail travel has increased by over 30% with around 96 million ScotRail passenger journeys last year.
- Cycle Tourism, “bike – packing”, leisure cycling all being actively promoted and numbers of participants increasing.
- Scotland’s Great Trails, NW500, Etape-Caledonian, Loch Ness, Pedal for Scotland all showing growth in cyclists.



Statistics



- How much of the National Cycle Network is in Rural areas ? **80%**
- Rural Areas have greater access to Bicycles than urban areas. **42% vs 31%**
- What percentage of adults have ridden a bike in last month ? **12%**
- Which Scottish Local Authority has highest percentage of regular cyclists ? **Highland**

What is best for Scotland ?



- Appropriate and affordable
- Economic Benefits are shared –
 - Health,
 - Tourism
 - Local economy
 - Transport
- Meeting future demand -
 - Warmer climate
 - Electric bikes

Programme for Government



- In Sept 2017 SG committed to :-
“.... take forward work on introducing dedicated carriages for cycles and other outdoor sports equipment on rural routes in the north and west.”



Best Practice ?



The Solution ?

