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Thanks for letting me know! V helpful.

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Thanks [REDACTED] I don't think it's quite right to say that it was complete in October. The route's actually been there for ages as it was one of the first (blue paint only, no upgrades to make it safer) cycle routes under Boris. We made changes in 2020 to make it safer and are currently making improvements to the scheme:

<https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/12064/widgets/34147/documents/47601>

So could maybe just add that we're making improvements to the scheme?

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Hey guys,

Planning to go back to the request below about cycle safety with the following but can I just double check that CS7 was only complete in October? If that's true then I'll go back saying there can't be any meaningful data yet.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Will Norman, the Walking and Cycling Commissioner said: "London's growing network of cycleways has helped enable huge growth in cycling, with an average of more than 1.25m cycle trips being made daily.

"Evidence strongly suggests that protected cycle paths reduce collisions and make cycling safer [1] and TfL's own data shows that the risk of someone being killed or injured while cycling is reduced where TfL and boroughs have built cycleways [2]

Alongside protected cycle lanes on main roads, TfL are also delivering numerous other measures as part of their programme to make our streets safer including slower speeds, safer junctions, police enforcement, traffic reduction and low traffic cycleways.

Notes to editors:

[1] This academic study found that protected cycle infrastructure reduced odds of injury by 40-65% in the morning commute:

<https://findingspress.org/article/18226-cycling-injury-risk-in-london-impacts-of-road-characteristics-and-infrastructure>

[2] <https://content.tfl.gov.uk/cycling-action-plan.pdf> - p22

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Dear Press Office team,

My name is ██████████ and I'm a journalist for the SW Londoner.

I'm writing an article on the increase in fatal and serious cycling collisions by 33% between 2017 and 2022.

I'm writing to see if you would like to respond to the following claims:

One of my interviewees has said that bike lanes are to blame for the increased fatal and serious collision rates in London.

This is backed up by the data that demonstrates how during the three years before CS7 was created in July 2020, there were 18 serious cycle injuries (an injury often with life-changing consequences, such as loss of an arm or leg, involving a stay in hospital) on the group of junctions in Tooting, but three years after the cycle lane went in, there were 35 serious cycle injuries.

He also says: "In my opinion, we are being seduced by the cycling lobby that say all you need to do is put bike lanes in and that is not proving to be safer.

"Historically, it has been proven that if we want to improve cyclists' safety, then we need slower speed limits, traffic reduction, police road enforcement, cycle training and targeted interventions, such as the introduction of measures to the locations that need to be made safer by engineers.

"80% of serious injuries occur at junctions, so the best use of any money they have is to spend it on engineering improvements at junctions."

Please respond by 5pm today.

Best wishes

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