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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: The Kent County Council (Public Bridleway EB12, Dover) Public Path Creation and Definitive Map and Statement Modification Order 2012

I am writing on behalf of Spokes East Kent Cycle Campaign. We campaign on behalf of over 450 of our members for better cycle provision both in East Kent and beyond. Many of our members have had deep involvement with the development of Kent's existing cycle facilities and we've worked with many of KCC's officers and the district/borough officers for many decades.

Spokes aims to increase cycling levels. We wish people to choose cycling as their preferred mode of transport by making the conditions allow that choice. This can be achieved by recognising that cyclists have an equal right to the use of the highway network, recognising that cyclists are more vulnerable than motorised traffic and taking action to reduce this vulnerability, e.g. reducing speed limits, offering motor-traffic-free alternatives for cyclists, or better educating motorists on how to drive more safely. We believe that it is important to recognise that cycling should be correctly seen as an everyday means of transport, as opposed to the widespread perception that it is purely a leisure activity.

Spokes have previously provided consultation feedback of support for this proposal; we fully support the enactment of this public bridleway creation. A number of local schools will benefit from this bridleway creation allowing students and staff to easily cycle and walk to school. The wider community will also benefit from a traffic-free connection to aid their journeys towards Dover town centre.

We commend Kent County Council for their ongoing efforts to encourage cycling as a sustainable form of transport.

Yours sincerely,

Gregory Williams
Spokes East Kent Cycle Campaign

SPOKES OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage cycling and publicise its benefits for the community and for individuals.
2. To ensure that local authority and government policies actively encourage cycling and make full provision for it as part of an overall transport strategy through which all members of the public can enjoy cheap, safe and environmentally sound travel for work and leisure.

SPOKES East Kent is affiliated to the Cyclists' Touring Club and CycleNation.