Qucik guide to Campaning that everyone can do

First off let me say that I think it's fantastic you want to get into campaigning for safer cycling. Ideally, we need everybody who cycles to do this if we are going to genuinely get our Councils and authorities to understand our needs, the dangers, and what they need to do to put the situation right.

I am all for writing and engaging with agencies on all mediums possible including our MP's, Police, Road Safety Partnerships, and local authorities. Fair warning though, it can feel very futile at times when you get back bland replies, or even no replies! but I always think that's just cause for trying again later.

For details for Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) you can go to the LCC website and check out their Highways pages - this includes contact details and if there's a real serious issue (major pothole, very dangerous junctions, lights out etc) a contact form that results in you getting a reference number which you can file and check on.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/transport-and-roads/>

If in NE Lincs: <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/roads-parking-transport/>

If in N Lincs: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/>

In terms of making contact with the police, again there isn't a direct contact that's better than any other, but it’s well worth making contact with the local police in your area if it’s a local infrastructure concern, and especially with regards to safe cycling to Schools, shops etc. Or if more county wide then write to the Lincolnshire Police and Crime Commissioner or to the Chief of Police, so again it gets raised at the highest level and filtered down: [https://lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk](https://lincolnshire-pcc.gov.uk/).

If it’s in relation to a specific dangerous driving aspect then there is a link to specific info on this page: [https://www.lincs.police.uk](https://www.lincs.police.uk/)

I also advise writing or cc'ing Lincolnshire's Road Safety Partnerships into your letters as they need also to know the real costs and concerns at an individual level, and that advising helmets and hi-viz is not a road safety solution.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lincolnshire-road-safety-partnership/>

N Lincs: <https://www.northlincs.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/road-safety/road-safety-education-and-training/>

NE Lincs: <https://www.nelincs.gov.uk/roads-parking-transport/traffic-and-road-safety/road-safety-advice/>

We honestly can't have too many people writing in so if you know anybody else then encourage them to write too!

Next up is to look for where there are consultations happening - for instance Lincoln is about to go into a new Lincoln Transport Strategy which we need to watch and respond to where we can, again these can generally be found listed on the LCC, NKDC, or Local Council websites.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/local-democracy/your-comments-and-feedback/current-engagement-and-consultations/> for highways etc.

But each area council/authority will also have their own.

I flag these, as well as national campaigns or consultations, when I find them on my own Facebook and twitter pages. [www.facebook.com/melaniecycles](http://www.facebook.com/melaniecycles)

[www.twitter.com/Melaniecycles](http://www.twitter.com/Melaniecycles)

We also try to highlight them on the campaigns page of [www.cyclinguklincs.co.uk](http://www.cyclinguklincs.co.uk/)   [www.cyclinguklincs.co.uk/campaign](http://www.cyclinguklincs.co.uk/campaign)

That's a quick rough run through.

Next up - and mayhap as importantly - are you a member of Cycling UK?

Because if so, there is whole Campaigner section on the website, and a local Campaigner network that you can sign up to that really can help us make inroads into campaigning and offer lots of help and advice on the doing of it. That's how I started out, and we always need more across the areas to really make an impact.

<https://www.cyclinguk.org/cycle-campaigning>

Please do ask me any questions, I'd love to get a real campaigners network going in the area and county.

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