

Copy of Email Correspondence via National Trust Website concerning Cycling and Integrated Transport

-----Original Message-----

From: sue hall
[mailto:sue@suehall.freemove.co.uk]
Sent: 31 August 2004 14:46
To: Mackenzie, Laura
Subject: sustainable transport

Dear Laura,

I was wondering whether you had a policy or position statement on sustainable transport? I notice your website includes something on sustainable tourism but couldn't find anything further specific to transport.

Thanks for any help you can offer
Sue

-----Original Message-----

From: Mackenzie, Laura
Sent: 31 August 2004 15:01
To: 'sue hall'
Subject: RE: sustainable transport

Dear Sue

More information about our work on sustainable transport is available on our website at <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/conservation/greentransport/index.html>; and on the environment and conservation section at http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/environment/html/env_iss/_fs/fs_envir.htm, including a position statement.

I've also copied this email to a colleague who will be able to let you know if there is anything else available to the public which is not already on our website.

Thanks

Laura

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From: Mackenzie, Laura
<<mailto:Laura.Mackenzie@Nationaltrust.org.uk>>
To: sue hall <<mailto:sue@suehall.freemove.co.uk>>
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2004 3:09 PM
Subject: RE: sustainable transport

Dear Sue

Sorry to email you again, I should have said that the position statement is rather old, but that our website is currently being redone and there will be more information on our work on sustainable transport - both internal and external - when it's up and running, which should be in the next month or so.

My colleague has informed me that, other than Blue Skies, that's all we have available at the moment.

Hope this helps anyway.

Kind regards

Laura

-----Original Message-----

From: sue hall [<mailto:sue@suehall.freemove.co.uk>]

Sent: 31 August 2004 15:30
To: Mackenzie, Laura
Subject: Re: sustainable transport

Laura,

Thanks very much for your 2 emails.

The info on your website is helpful, but I'm actually more interested in cycling (rather than buses) as a form of sustainable transport. Is there any further information about which of your properties promote cycling via cycle routes etc?

Thanks
Sue

From: "Mackenzie, Laura" <Laura.Mackenzie@Nationaltrust.org.uk>
To: "sue hall" <sue@suehall.freemove.co.uk>
Subject: RE: sustainable transport
Date: 01 September 2004 12:42

Hello again Sue

Please find below some further information specifically about cycling.

Kind regards

Laura

Our guiding principles for Cycling are:

1. The National Trust welcomes cyclists on its land and encourages cycling both as an activity and as a means of transport, recognising the benefits to health and that responsible use causes negligible damage to the environment.
2. New opportunities for cyclists should be reviewed regularly within the management planning process and the different needs of touring and off-road cycling recognised.

3. Irresponsible behaviour should be discouraged, eg excessive speed, lack of consideration for others and cycling techniques which cause erosion.

Further details can be found on our Environment & Conservation website:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/environment

<<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/environment>> (click on Access & Recreation, then Recreational Activities at NT Properties, then Cycling)

We have recently completed a four year Cycling Development Project with the Countryside Agency. The final stages of the project included:

- Securing further cycle parking facilities with a Department of Transport Cycle Fund grant at another 20 properties
- Identifying, in conjunction with Sustrans, the links still to be made between the National Cycle Network and nearby NT properties
- Trialing a cycle training scheme, Start Cycling.

A recent audit of our properties shows that nearly all of our top 100 most visited pay-for-entry houses and gardens, including places with more than 50,000 visitors per annum, now have cycle parking facilities. Our Cycle Parking technical guidance has proved extremely useful, both to Trust staff and to external partners:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/environment/html/peo_com/_fspapers/fs_cycle01.htm

Nearly every property entry in our Handbook includes details of how to cycle to the property, and all our website property pages have a "Local cycle routes" link (in the right hand column) to the cycle maps on the Sustrans website:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/placestovisit/

We also encourage our countryside properties to install cycle parking, and many have networks of paths for cycling. We have cycling events taking place on our properties eg on Saturday 25 September we have an all day bike ride following the hidden highways and byways of the South Downs (Tel: 01273 857712 for more details). And we are also involved with this summer's World Heritage Site cycle rides - further details can be found on our website at:

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/thingstodo/events_cyclerides.html
<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/thingstodo/events_cyclerides.html>

I hope this demonstrates our commitment to cycling, both as an activity

on our properties, and as a means of getting to and from our properties.