

Cyclist.ie Overview for 2020

[Cyclist.ie](#) is the network of cycle advocacy campaign groups all around Ireland. Our vision is that cycling becomes a normal part of transport and of everyday life. We are the Irish member of the [European Cyclists' Federation \(ECF\)](#).

We have been campaigning for greater investment in cycling through our [pre-election engagements](#) and [Pre-budget submissions](#). We were delighted to see that our work has paid off, and the 2020 [Programme for Government](#) is extremely ambitious for cycling including a commitment that 20% of transport spending will go on cycling and walking projects.

Covid-19 has of course also been a game changer, and [Cyclist.ie](#) engaged closely with Local Authorities to encourage them to reallocate space for cycling. We are making great gains on this and we launched a major statement on [Cycling in Rural Ireland](#), which will be of interest to many Cycling Ireland members. We followed this up with a very positive meeting with Minister Eamon Ryan. We continue to make submissions on planning consultations that will affect cyclists countrywide.

Overall our advocacy network has grown steadily in 2020, with approx 25 campaign groups working hard across the country to make cycling safe for all ages and abilities - See <http://cyclist.ie/map/>.

[Cyclist.ie](#) Strategic Objectives for 2021

[Cyclist.ie](#) is currently working on its new strategy. The draft list of objectives below will be debated more fully by members before being formally adopted:

Our campaigning objectives will focus on:

- Shaping public opinion on everyday cycling and active travel
- Ensuring that 10% of the government's transport capital expenditure is spent on cycling schemes as per the Programme for Government
- Ensuring that the Department of Transport's new Sustainable Mobility Policy [is suitably ambitious as regards Active Travel](#), and that it includes a special focus on Rural Cycling.
- Ensuring that the Regional Transport Strategies are revisited / revised so that cycling is at the centre of their visions
- Ensuring that the government's cycling design guidance / standards are revised, and that all new infrastructure is of a high quality
- Advocating for road traffic legislation to be revised so as to improve the safety of cycling

Our organisational objectives are:

- To adopt and begin to implement our new five year strategy
- To support our (approx) 25 local campaign groups to become stronger advocacy bodies at a local level
- To develop stronger alliances with Cycling Ireland and An Taisce, and to engage more closely with the European Cyclists' Federation regarding EU level transport and road safety legislative processes.