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The Leicester Cycling Campaign Group (LCCG) wish to register their strong disappointment in the removal of temporary cycle lanes by Leicester City Council.

For the last 18 months we have been fully behind the council in the transformation they made to cycling with their pop-up cycle lanes. They rightly made headlines across the country and the world in being one of the first to do this.

There was a promise to build 10 miles of lane in 10 weeks. They kept and improved on their promises.

LCCG encouraged the council at all points. We had members at every cycling meeting during the pandemic. We issued an open letter to confirm our delight in the programme and to encourage them to go further.

We were promised that most of the lanes would stay and become permanent. Now a lot of them have gone, maybe for ever.

It is far easier to replace temporary infrastructure with permanent structures than to remove the temporary works completely and then rebuild at a later stage.

We are especially upset with Hinckley Road. We were disappointed to learn that the sections of bus lane cycle lane were to be removed. However, we were happy that the shopping area cut-ins on Hinckley Road and King Richards Road would remain. We are shocked that this promise was overturned, and the cut-ins were removed without notice.

The rollout to the bike share is continuing and we applaud that. However, many of the people using them are new to cycling and these cycle lanes were protecting them.

We feel very disappointed and are concerned that we may lose even more cycling infrastructure over the coming weeks. We are aware that other cycling groups are equally unhappy with the Council's recent actions

LCCG asks that the council immediately produce plans to bring back the lost cycle lanes and improve the maintenance of the remaining lanes to increase the safety of Leicester cyclists.