

Councillor statements of support for Levenshulme Bee Network Bid Levenshulme and Burnage ward councillors for Manchester City Council

Dear Sirs,

Please support this application.

This filtered neighbourhood project is led by local communities to make our neighbourhood a safer place for walking and cycling. With our communities at the heart of new cycle and walking streets project it will allow local residents to make the short journeys by foot or bike easier and safe. In addition this approach will create spaces to play and socialise and enable more green areas to be created which will improve the air quality and health of our residents.

If this project is successful it will prioritise the movement of people over the movement of cars encouraging people to walk or cycle by discouraging local car trips.

I wholeheartedly support this project to improve the lives of our residents.

Kind regards

Cllr Dzidra Noor

Councillor Dzidra Noor
Transport for Greater Manchester Committee
Labour Councillor for Levenshulme Ward

I fully support the Levenshulme Beelines bid to create an active neighbourhood. I want to see Levenshulme safer and cleaner for all - particularly pedestrians and cyclists. I think that this bid will be a great help in the progress of improving the streets and environment in our area. It will also help with improving the air quality by encouraging more people to walk and cycle. I am also keen to discourage people from parking their cars on the pavements and I will continue to work with residents in Levenshulme towards this aim.

I hope that our bid is successful.

Councillor Bernard Stone
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (Chair)
Labour Councillor for Levenshulme Ward

I am extremely excited and fully support the Levenshulme Beeways bid. This is a great opportunity to develop a clean and sustainable infrastructure to benefit our residents. This initiative will not only promote health benefits of cycling and walking but will also be a strong commitment towards safe and sustainable neighbourhoods.

I fully support this bid and hope that Levenshulme would succeed in setting a benchmark and lead this initiative for others to follow.

Councillor Basat Sheikh
Personnel Committee
Labour Councillor for Levenshulme Ward

As Councillors in Burnage, we have been really pleased to see the engagement with the Beelines concept with people in Levenshulme, including many people who are now in the Burnage electoral ward, who are driving this project.

The desire for filtered neighbourhoods, protecting smaller residential streets from through traffic, enabling play streets, and reducing the danger to children and others, and would add to quality of life enormously, and using this model to help in reducing congestion and parking and road safety issues around schools, which is a key concern for local residents, and the staff and parents of students.

We are all very aware of the improved health benefits of increased walking and cycling, both through increasing physical activity, and through reducing harmful vehicle emissions. Our society must also change to prevent climate catastrophe, and by committing to becoming a carbon neutral city in twelve years, we have embarked upon a journey which can only be successfully completed by enabling walking and cycling, reducing small car journeys and single passenger journeys.

Our hope is that by developing this project in Burnage, Levenshulme and Gorton, we can begin pushing for positive behaviour change, and enable happier, healthier and more sustainable lives and modes of transport in our neighbourhood and across the city.

We will be keen to expand this project to encompass East-West links to Withington, with areas of employment and key facilities like schools and hospitals as well as leisure facilities used by our residents, and to expand the network of Beelines South to East Didsbury where similar destinations like Parris Wood, with schools, transport hubs and leisure facilities well used by our residents are located in the future.

We are fully committed to working with our Levenshulme colleagues, other local Councillors, and the many residents and community groups who are very excited by these proposals, to ensure a successful delivery, and the development of a model which can be used as a blueprint across the city.

Azra Ali, Ben Clay and Bev Craig, Councillors for Burnage.

Councillor Bev Craig
Executive Member for Adult Health and Wellbeing
Labour Councillor for Burnage Ward

Councillor Ben Clay
Planning and Highways Committee
Labour Councillor for Burnage Ward

Councillor Azra Ali
Neighbourhoods and Environment Scrutiny Committee
Labour Councillor for Burnage Ward

