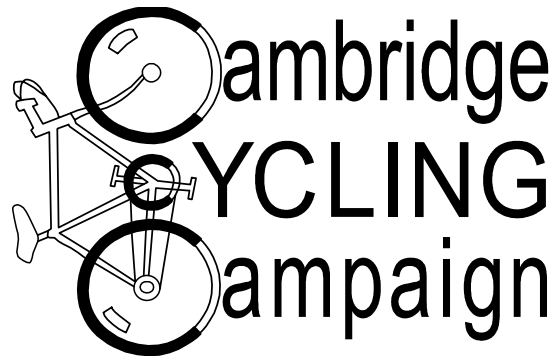


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Dear Brian,

**Cycle lane maintenance standards: gullies in cycle lanes**

In both the 2000 version of the 'Network Management Plan' and the 2004 version of the 'Highway Maintenance Network Management and Policies and Standards', reference is made to 'Gullies in Cycle Lanes'.

As shown in the diagram to the right, these can be a considerable hazard for cyclists.

According to the 2000 version of the Network Management Plan,



*(4.16) Road gully gratings shall be of the flat type and be laid flat within 10mm of the road surface. Where other types of grating exist, a programme of replacement will be effected.*

The Highway Maintenance Network Management and Policies and Standards (2004)<sup>1</sup> states:

*(5.8) Road gully gratings shall be the flat type and be laid within 10mm of the road surface. Where gratings levels greater than 10mm exist, a programme of replacement will be effected.*

We ask what progress has been made on these issues, and how many 'curved gullies' have been identified, and how many have been changed? We also ask how many have been checked to ensure that they are laid to within 10mm of the road surface?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/network/>

Should you be having difficulty identifying the locations of such gullies or misalignment of same in cycle lanes, we could no doubt, if requested, get our members to report the locations of such obstructions to cyclists.

We also ask whether you can give us some estimate of the time to complete this task, given that a commitment to the work was given in 2000?

We have been reminded of this task, as the Cambridgeshire County Council Standards for maintenance of cycle lanes are now included as an example of 'best practice' in National Guidance by the UK Roads Board. See section 10.6.4 of the Well-maintained Highways: Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management<sup>2</sup>.



*Best-practice*

Yours sincerely,  
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.ukroadsliaisongroup.org/pdfs/p03\\_well\\_maintained\\_highways.pdf](http://www.ukroadsliaisongroup.org/pdfs/p03_well_maintained_highways.pdf)