

"Members may be aware from the press or via Cycling UK that there is currently something HQ are calling '**The Bike Lane Backlash.**' and this month's club magazine issue 'Cycle' highlights the issue in an article by Adrian Wills. He reports, 'Up and down the country, councils are tearing up pop-up cycle lanes in fits of fury fuelled by the anger of local residents and motorists who say they've had enough of the inconvenience and chaos they're causing.' Cycling UK feel, 'The danger is that the vocal minority are already frightening councils into backtracking before they get a chance.. 'It's up to us all to make sure they know they have widespread support. Recent surveys show three times as many people support active travel measures than oppose them. Four separate national surveys have demonstrated widespread support for further concrete measures to support cycling and active travel. Matt Mallinder, Cycling UK director states, 'It's time to fight back. Let your local council know how much you appreciate what they've done, even if it's not perfect..'"

**Cycling UK feel the best we can all do to counter the backlash to the bike lanes is to write to our councillors and MPs** to let them know how important they are for our safety and to encourage people to leave their cars at home for those shorter journeys. This is especially vital as local elections are looming.