What can New Zealand learn from Cycling in Europe?





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A Cycle-Friendly Environment is also a Walk-Friendly Environment



New Zealand Cycling: The Good News...

- \$330 million national investment in cycling over 3 years
 - -\$300 million in Auckland over 10 years
 - -\$165 million in Christchurch over 7 years
 - Additional investment in NZ Cycle Trails
- Updated cycle design guidelines
- More cycling promotion/training



But will it be enough to grow cycling?



A lot of focus in NZ on Separated Cycleways



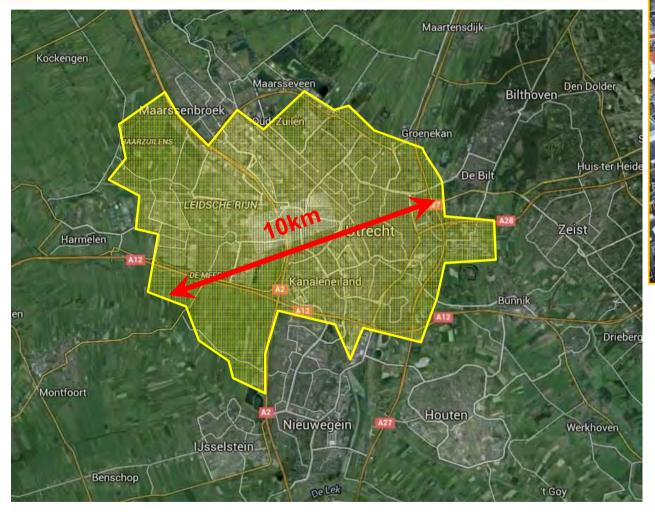


Bristol, UK

On the Ground Learning from Europe



Land Use Planning





Utrecht, NL Pop.330,000



Land Use Planning



Residents reject housing intensification plan for parts of Christchurch











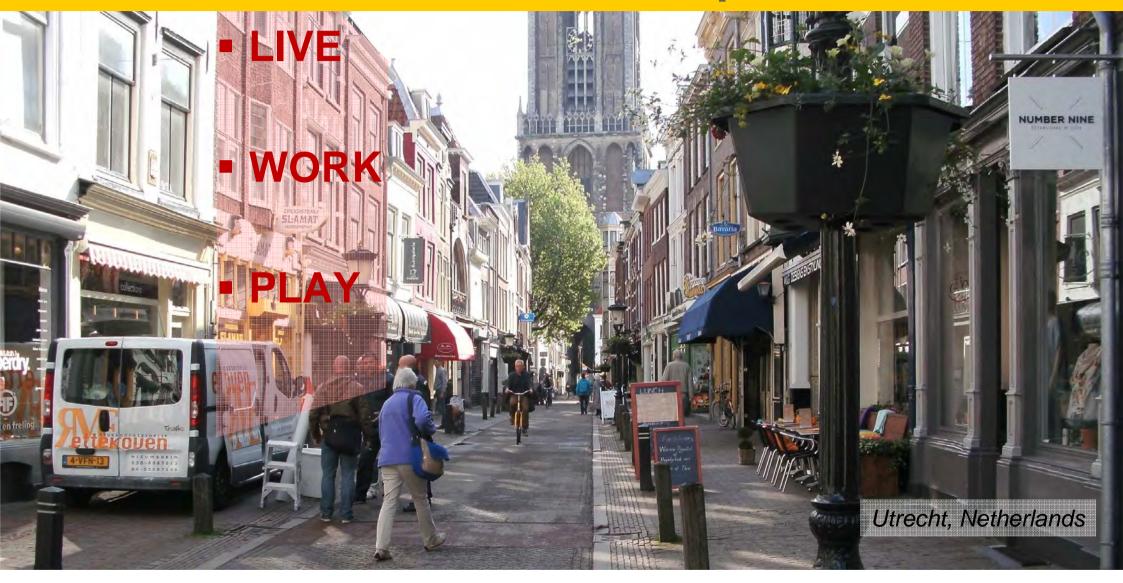


Christchurch residents want a proposal to increase housing density scrapped, saying their property values and

Papanui resident Valerie Sykes said if the residential medium density (RMD) proposal was approved, she could end up with 11-metre high buildings within 1m of her boundary line.

> Christchurch, NZ Pop.360,000

Land Use is the Best Transport Solution





Not Just Downtown



Traffic-Free City Centres



Traffic-Free Doesn't Seem to Harm Business...



...Even for Small Towns



Traffic Restrictions - Advantage to Cycling



Traffic Restrictions – can be simple



Munich, Germany

Network Completeness



Zwolle, Netherlands



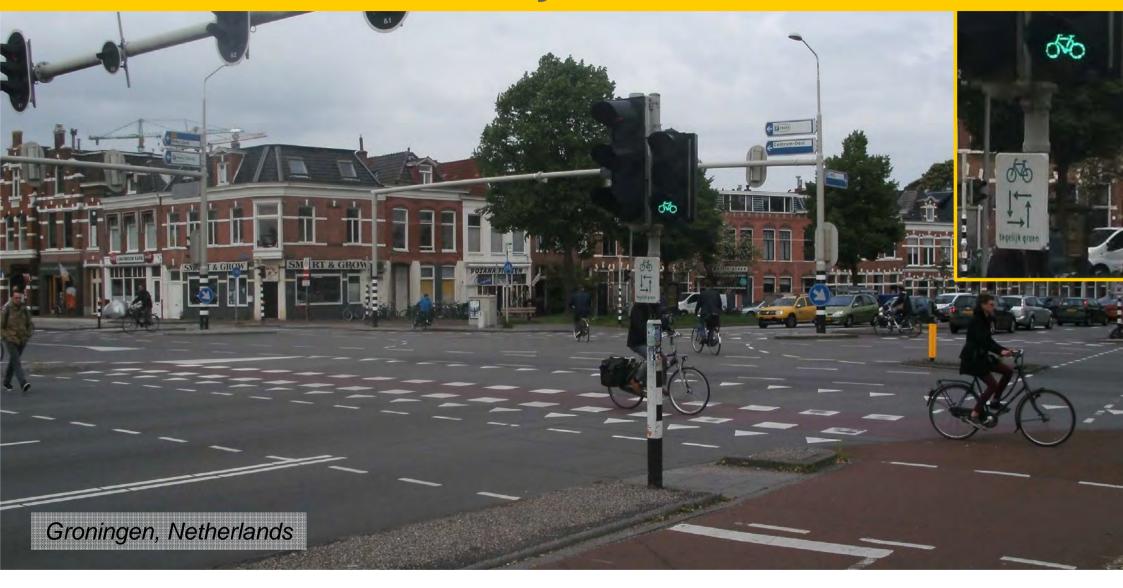


Join the Dots





...But don't over-worry about Potential Risks!



Is this too much of a Risk?



Integration with Public Transport



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Netherlands Inter-city Trains

Integration with Public Transport







Continuous Improvement



There are even problems in Heaven...



Groningen, Netherlands



Cargo Bikes and Others



















Mandatory Helmet-Wearing?



Some Do, Some Don't...



"But we're not like Europe..."



...But People work around things

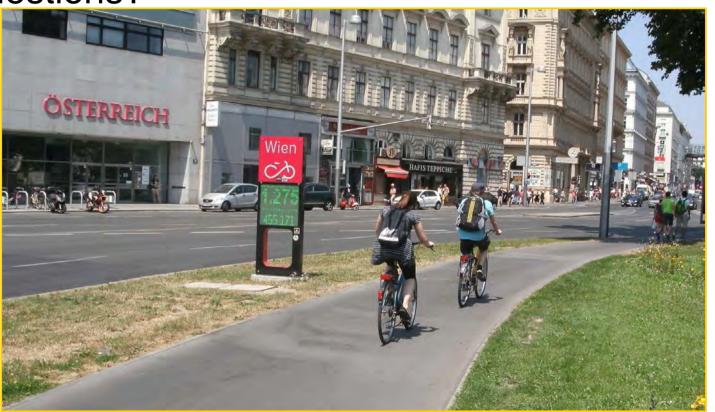


Takeaway Actions

- Good Land Use Planning is Critical Start Now
- Implement Lower Speed Areas
- Create Traffic-Free Areas and Traffic Restrictions
- Strive for Network Completeness
- Prioritise Safety over Efficiency (without smothering...)
- Integrate Seamlessly with Public Transport
- Look for Continuous Improvement over Time
- Encourage a Wider Range of Utility Bikes in NZ
- (In Time) Re-think the Mandatory Helmet Issue (more details in our paper)

Thank you!

Any questions?



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