

24th October 2024

To: The Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Attendance at a 'Planning and Promotion of Cycling in Denmark Study Trip' November 4th-7th

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The Active Travel Unit are organising a cycling study trip to Denmark to review cycling networks within Copenhagen and surrounding areas from November 4th-7th inclusive.

The purpose of this trip is to get an insight into how the cycle network has developed in Denmark and for the delegation to physically see various types of infrastructure and how it works with pedestrians, buses and cars.

Denmark considers cycling and walking as the most important modes of transport in the city and are building a network of major bicycle routes, connecting the city to the region. One of the main themes in the Traffic and Mobility Plan for the capital region of Denmark is to progress developments in the fields of traffic and mobility, which is what Active Travel aim to mirror in Limerick.

This visit will:-

- Highlight the cycle/walking network
- Deepen the depth of knowledge in relation to cycling/walking amenities.
- Allow for exploration of future project collaboration opportunities.
- Share best practices

This trip is an excellent opportunity to build relationships and tap into the excellent manner in which pedestrians, cyclists and public transport is prioritised.

The cost of the trip will be approximately €1500 per person. The price includes flights, accommodation, transfers, meals, bicycle rental and public transport during the study trip.

This will be fully funded by NTA and paid for from within the Active Travel budget.

In accordance with Section 142 (5) of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended the approval of the Council is hereby sought for the attendance of Councillors to partake on this cycling tour (Sample itinerary attached).

The above request for 6 No. Councillors to attend was originally approved at the September Meeting of Limerick City and County Council, which was held on Monday, 23rd September, 2024 however the No. of Councillors now attending has increased to 7 No.

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Brian Kennedy,

Director of Services, Transportation & Mobility

Planning and Promotion of Cycling in Denmark

Study Trip November 4-6, 2024

DRAFT Day Program

Monday, November 4, 2024

20:00 Meeting you at Comfort Hotel, [Vesterbrogade 23/29](#) in the conference room.

Thomas Krag, former CEO of Danish Cyclists' Federation: **Introduction to Cycling in Denmark.**

Jens Erik Larsen, expert in bicycle route planning and signposting: **Cycle route planning and signposting in Denmark and abroad including the history of EuroVelo.**

We invite you for a drink afterwards.

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

08:15 Pick-up e-bikes at Comfort Hotel. We take some time to adjust the bikes.

08:45-10:25 **Bicycle trip 1** (11 km) in central Copenhagen, passing Nørrebrogade (among Europe's busiest bicycle streets), visiting the "traffic island" of Nørrebro, the bicycle street Nordre Frihavnsgade and other high-level bicycle facilities.

10:30-11:15 **Andreas Røhl: Transport as a means to creating liveable cities**, Gehl Architects, [Vesterbrogade 24](#).

11:13 -12:00 **Bicycle trip 2** (3 km) visiting a bicycle street, passing a crossing with a diagonal cycle lane, passing the iconic Cykelslangen (The Bicycle Snake) and Bryggebroen.

12:00-13:00 **Lunch** (covered by the study trip) in Bryggens Spisehus, [Islands Brygge 18](#).

13:00-15:00 **Bicycle trip 3** (11 km) following parts of the signposted route Havneringen, University of Copenhagen, Inderhavnsbroen ending at Nordre Toldbod.

15:00-16:00 Marie Kåstrup and Sidsel Birk Hjuler on **Copenhagen's cycle planning and bicycle superhighways. Urban Cycle Creators**, [Nordre Toldbod 27](#), 1259 København K.

16:00-17:00 **Bicycle trip 4** passing The Little Mermaid and back to Comfort Hotel.

19:00 **Evening meal** (covered by the study trip) (location to be selected).

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

8:30-10:30 **Bicycle trip 5** from hotel along cycle superhighway C95 to the town hall of Furesø Municipality, [Stiager 2](#), 3500 Værløse (19 km - maybe partly by train).

10:30-11:00 Short introduction to the state of cycling in Furesø Municipality by **Carina Botoft**, Municipality of Furesø.

11:00-11:45 **Bicycle trip 6** from the town hall to Farum, 4 km north of Værløse. We will see bicycle parking facilities, other bicycle superhighways and various examples of bicycle infrastructure.

11:45-12:45 Lunch (covered by the study trip).

12:45-13:30 Train back to Copenhagen with bikes on train.

13:30-14:00 **Bicycle trip 7** to Danish Road Directorate, [Carsten Niebuhrs Gade 43](#), 1577 København V.

14:00-15:00 **Anne Eriksson**, Traffic Safety Engineer at the Danish Road Directorate: Promoting cycling and cycle safety from the national level.

15:00-15:15 **Bicycle trip 8** back to the hotel for a drink and **evaluation** of the study trip.

16:00 **End** of program

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The Organizers

Jens Erik Larsen, M.Sc, has since the late 1970'ies worked as a consultant with bicycle route planning. He is co-founder of Foreningen Frie Fugle (company registration number [DK29268843](#)) and has been part of the Danish Road Directorate expert group on bicycle signpost standardization as well as the EuroVelo Council. Jens Erik has made several bicycle maps and bicycle route plans including signposting. He is also an experienced study trip organizer, and has guided numerous cycle trips in Denmark and abroad.

Thomas Krag, M.Sc., was director of Danish Cyclists' Federation 1986-2000 and started his campaigning career as a volunteer 10 years earlier. Since year 2000 Thomas Krag has been in charge of Thomas Krag Mobility Advice, a consultancy with expertise in mobility and transport behavior (company registration number [DK25226631](#)). Thomas Krag has been part of the organization of several national and international bicycle conferences and is also an experienced study trip organizer. Thomas Krag Mobility Advice is member of the Cycling Embassy of Denmark.
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