Managing the Growth of Cycling in the Surrey Hills

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Key Facts

Covers a quarter of Surrey, all in Metropolitan Green Belt

1.5 million people live within 10km

24% of AONB is open access land
Chalk downland
Heathland
One of England’s most wooded landscapes
An historic environment
30 million visitors?
Extensive bridleway network
Mecca for cycling
Economic asset

An `Elite Residential Enclave’

43.1% of dwellings having `Company Director’ registered

Residents often don’t want to share!
The Olympic Legacy
Leisure cycling

- Massive increase
- Group cycle rides
- Road user

Management

- Awareness – “Share with Care”
- NO WHITE CENTRE LINES
- Police patrols
Sportifs:

- Commercial and charitable events
- No control
- High frequency

Management:
- New legislation
- Protocols
- Funding
Mountain biking

- User conflict
- Proliferation
- Liability

Management:
- Trail creation
- Infrastructure
- Engage business and vols
- User payback