



# Lindum Colonia UK Chapter

## Ride-Out Cancellations

### Pre-Amble

Historically cancellations are relatively rare and generally for weather related issues. The purpose of this document is to ensure consistent actions by all the Road Crew in the event of a cancellation.

### Why May A Ride-Out Be Cancelled?

Ride-outs may be cancelled for a variety of reasons:

1. Weather
  - a. The forecast weather for the day
  - b. During the ride
2. Illness of Lead Road Captain
  - a. Prior to the ride
  - b. During the ride
3. An incident on the way to the Ride-Out meeting point
4. An incident during the Ride-Out

*In this document we are looking at issues prior to the ride-out rather than during – which may cause an abandonment of the ride rather than a cancellation – though much of the decision making will be the same.*

### Weather

Weather is the most frequent cause of cancellation of rides and may be as a result of precipitation (rain, sleet, snow, hail), wind or a combination of the two.

It is impossible to lay out definitive parameters for what is acceptable, and what is not, as each Road Captain (and indeed each Chapter Member) will have their own tolerance of weather conditions driven by among other things their previous experience, their own riding level and the type of bike that they ride (size, weight, style, weather protection, types of wheels).

As the Lead Road Captain, you must feel confident in your ability to lead the ride safely in the prevailing conditions. And this confidence will be made up from your own riding ability and experience, and your knowledge of the route that is being followed.

If you are happy to proceed given the forecast conditions, then that is fine. Other members will make their own decisions that they are comfortable with and either turn up for your ride, or not. If your tolerance is very high you may be the only one that makes it to the meeting place! And if that is the case then you are either a rock-hard biker or you need to re-calibrate – you choose!

Ultimately only the Lead Road Captain can decide over the viability of his ride.

### Are there things that you can do?

1. Check, and keep checking the weather forecasts on the days leading up to your ride
  - a. There are a wide number of sources for weather forecasts from the television news (national and local) to the internet and no doubt you all have your favourites.
  - b. Remember that they are forecasts so may prove inaccurate (good or bad), but if you watch the forecasts over several days you will see a trend which is likely to be accurate as low pressures and fronts move across the country
  - c. Consider the forecast both locally but also over the route of your ride



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2. Consider talking to the Head Road Captain, the Director and/or other Road Captains who may have greater experience than you – there is no shame in asking for opinions
3. If your concerns are in respect of your route in the given conditions would a revised route help?

## Illness of the Lead Road Captain

Should you become ill and therefore unable to lead your ride – something that can happen to any of us – it may be necessary to cancel.

Before cancelling speak to the Head Road Captain, or Director if unavailable, to discuss options. It may be possible for another Road Captain step in to lead the planned ride, or members could decide to have an Ad Hoc ride in place of the planned ride.

## Incident on Way to Ride-Out Meeting Point

Should there be an incident on your way to the Ride-Out Meeting Point you may be unable to attend. Should this happen it will likely be too late to prevent other members making their own preparations to be at the Meeting Point in good time.

Before cancelling speak to the Head Road Captain, or Director if unavailable, to discuss options. It may be possible for another Road Captain step in to lead the planned ride, or members could decide to have an Ad Hoc ride in place of the planned ride.

## Cancelling A Ride-Out

All the road Crew invest a significant amount of time and effort, to say nothing of their own money, in devising and planning their ride-outs, and the cancellation of their ride is always going to be a difficult decision and not one made lightly.

1. If the weather forecast looks bad and turns out to be wrong, you may feel your decision was wrong but that is not necessarily the case
2. We all base our decision making upon the best information we have at the time and no-one should be made to feel that they have failed, or be criticised for doing their best
3. Consider alternative routes to and from your destination before an absolute cancellation
4. You should make a cancellation decision as early as possible and always in conjunction with Head Road Captain or the Director
  - a. In the event of their unavailability any other experienced Road Captain will be happy to advise
5. If in the case of a weather cancellation you cannot make your decision the day before, get a “Potential Cancellation” notice onto the Website and the Chapter Facebook Page to warn people and say when a final cancellation will be published
6. If you are unwell, you cannot help that. Similarly, if you are involved in an incident - these things happen. We will do our best to support you and your plans
7. Any cancellation notice issued on the day of the ride should go on the Website and the Chapter Facebook Page as early as possible though it may prove too late to stop some members reaching the meeting place
8. The Head Road Captain or the Webmaster will put notices on the website for you

**It is essential that you inform hosts at the destination and comfort stops that you have cancelled to avoid them wasting resources – and perhaps being reluctant to entertain us again in the future.**