

## **Minutes of Meeting between CCC and Camden Officers**

21 August 2012 at 2:30 pm

*Present:* John Fitcher (JF, chair), Cllr Phil Jones (PJ), Simon Piper (SP), Jacqueline Saunders(JS), Dave Stewart(DS), Brian Deegan(BD) Cllr Paul Braithwaite (PB), John Chamberlain (JC), Jean Dollimore (JD, minutes). For part of the meeting: Franco Cioffi(FC) and Andrew Helyer (AH).

### **1. Updates from May meeting:**

#### ***Danger at Crogsland Road crossing***

AH report: TfL agreed to 'look at' installing a secondary signal head. JC emphasised that timing of signals is irrelevant and that the problem occurs regularly. AH to get back to TfL with time frame. Action AH

#### ***SE Corner Russell Square***

DS report: TfL has already been told about an early stop NB, but a better solution has been devised, the signal out of Guilford Street could be 'in a wave' with the signal at the SE corner (instead of with the signal on Russell Square N of Guilford Street). That is, effectively there will be an 'early release' for the move from Guilford Street and the right turn at the SE corner (with the effect of a 'late release' on NB traffic on Southampton Row). DS will inform CCC when this is achieved. Action DS

#### ***St Pancras/Kings Cross***

SP report: Secure parking is now installed in the NCP car park at St Pancras, but discussions continue regarding access, the barriers have not yet been reduced in length so the unsatisfactory coach road is still in use.

Camden is trying to retain the temporary parking on Kings Boulevard.

TfL has agreed to install some parking at the Euston Road edge of the Piazza (where railing is to come out).

JC asked about permitting cyclists to turn right from Goodsway (Eastbound) into York Way. AH: will try to include this in the next scheme from the developer at that location.

### **2. Projects**

#### ***CCC report on segregation presented by JC***

In May, CCC were asked to formulate a policy on segregation; this arose because we were asked whether we preferred two-way cycling or the retention of segregation in Howland and Maple Streets.

A CCC working party developed the policy and it was discussed at the CCC meeting on 20th August. It is still a draft.

The draft document is at <http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/info/policy/ccc-draft-policy-on-segregated-tracks>

#### ***Tottenham Court Road updates/Gower St and cycling access to UCL***

FC stated that for TCR, further details will not be available until the completion of a new modelling exercise. JF said we will have separate meetings on TCR and CCC welcome this as the topic has dominated past meetings.

CCC asked whether UCL's cycling issues on Gower Street between Grafton Way and Tavistock Place were being considered. BD pointed out that permeability issues were important. JF confirmed that they have discussions with the provost of UCL and that a two-lane 20 mph Gower Street will be an improvement.

### ***Permeability in Fitzrovia***

JD presented CCC's informal audit (see <http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/fitzrovia-improvements>). It welcomes the additional permeability in Whitfield Street and Charlotte-Fitzroy Street as well as the 20 mph speed limit and in-road cycle parking. Officers replied to the following questions:

- when will the changes be made in Warren Street ? *TfL has accepted and will go to board for decision on 24th August.*
- the one way traffic sign on Whitfield Street at Goodge Street should show 'Two Way cycling': *to be fixed imminently*
- Windmill Street should allow two way cycling between Charlotte Street and Whitfield Street: *should be looked at*
- Tottenham Street should provide two-way cycling: *Raymond Cheng says it is too narrow.*
- Charlotte Street should be 20 all the way and Percy Street as well: *Westminster refused, so the limit changes at the border,*

### ***Royal College Street proposals***

It was noted that CCC's policy on segregation states:

*The proposed replacement for southbound cyclists on Royal College Street (a track or lane on the east side of the street) would have to be excellent (as good as the current track) before we would support replacing the current two-way track on the west side.*

BD reminded us of his report on the casualty statistics that he had shown us at an earlier meeting: there are 6 incidents at Pratt Street and 3 (including 2 KSIs at Plender). He presented a new set of drawings which include SB contraflow cycling on the east side. But he proposes that cyclists would cross from Georgiana Street to the western track and then cross back to the east side before Pratt Street. CCC stated that this was totally unacceptable. JF asked BD to look at changing the lights at Georgiana Street to make the left turn possible.

### ***Implementation of West Hampstead cycle permeability***

This should be complete by the end of September.

### 3. General Issues

#### ***Borough Wide 20 mph zone***

PJ stated that officers are preparing a report but the action will be politically led. He asked CCC to state their position. CCC stated they had wanted this for years and recommended all roads in the borough except for TLRN. But since Camden High Street is already 20 mph, there is a case for Camden Street (it's NB twin) and for Hampstead Road which links it to TCR.

#### ***Cycling collision figures (KSIs)***

PJ noted that JD had asked in email whether Camden has detailed statistics on KSIs. JS confirmed that these figures **are** available. (I don't think we heard actual figures for KSIs/fatals in Camden for 2012). It was noted that Barclays cycle hire riders have lower casualty rates than others.

#### ***Provision for cyclists in major projects***

JD explained that this refers to Parkway and the east side of Russell Square where cyclists don't have room to get to the ASL (no feeder lanes). She admitted that CCC had not foreseen this problem when shown drawings for Russell Square.

JF raised the issue of consultation at Britannia junction. JD noted that CCC had, for reasons unknown, not been consulted either formally or at the stage of design. PB pointed out that cyclists in Parkway coming down the outside (i.e. south side) would be in a poor position to turn towards Kentish Town or Camden Road. JF stated that there's no room for a feeder and rejected the idea of one lane for motors and one for cyclists.

#### ***Ramped access between Camley Street and towpath at oblique bridge***

BD stated that they are waiting for confirmation of Sn 106 funds and will then start on design.

### 4. Other Minor Issues

***Fall off hazards: Bernard Street @ Russell Square and Bedford Square at @ Gower St.*** These will be fixed soon

Action DS

***White warning marks on Bartholomew Road beam.***

It was agreed that these should be done.

Action DS

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

Agreed date is 21st November 2012, 10am