

Minutes of Meeting between CCC and Camden Officers

21 November 2012 at 11 am

Present: Louise Bond (LB, part), Simi Shah(SS, chair), Jacqueline Saunders(JS), Dave Stewart(DS), Cllr Paul Braithwaite (PB), John Chamberlain (JC), Jean Dollimore (JD, minutes).

Items 3, 4 and 5 were dealt with first by Louise Bond. Notes below.

1. Updates from August meeting

1a. Danger at Crogsland Road crossing

SS report: TfL offered to adjust signal timings. A new TfL signal engineer visited site at PM peak, but observed no blocking. JC explained yet again that the problem is that drivers in front of the signal see a green ahead. SS said she understands and had asked for a secondary signal. TfL promised to continue to monitor and SS had asked again for a secondary signal; DS added that this would require a second stop line. We discussed removing the cycle signals (suggested by PB); JS pointed out that they prioritise cyclists (a concern in the LIP), JC and JD said this would be unacceptable. JC offered to meet TfL engineer on site.

Action SS

1b. SE Corner Russell Square

DS report: this is ongoing; there has been no progress. He recommends that the signal out of Guilford Street should be 'in a wave' with the signal at the SE corner. That is, there will be an 'early release' for the move from Guilford Street and the right turn at the SE corner. Whether or not this is done, there will be a right turn phase at the corner. DS will invite CCC to a site meeting.

Action DS

1c. St Pancras/Kings Cross

JD reported issues with Ed Dawson of Highspeed1 about entry to the cycle parking in the car park and his refusal to increase the free parking while the secure paid parking is under used. Kate Blucher is negotiating on behalf Camden Council and keeping CCC informed.

King's Cross Estate are putting yellow stickers on bikes parked other than on stands threatening to remove them, though there is inadequate cycle parking across the area. JC agreed to take this up with Argent.

1d. Fall off hazards: Bernard Street @ Russell Square has been done.

DS report: Bedford Square at @ Gower St to be fixed soon. *Action DS*

1e. White warning marks on Bartholomew Road beam. This has been done.

2. Projects

2a: permeability in West Hampstead:

JD presented the main points in the informal audit at:

<http://www.camdencyclists.org.uk/newsitems/ccc/west-hampstead-contraflo>

This includes requests for improvement in legibility:

Entry treatments at 'No Entry' end of the road

There should be two 'No Entry' signs with 'Except Cycles' subplates. In addition, there should be a short section of cycle lane, a logo and an arrow pointing into the street. There is no entry treatment at the eastern end of Greencroft Gardens; all of the others require an arrow to be added.

Exit treatments

There should be two 'Two-way cycling' signs (960.2) – one on each side of the road facing the general traffic entering the road. In addition, there should be a short section of cycle lane and where appropriate, a give way marking and triangle. Such treatment is missing at most of the junctions.

Road humps

Small triangles were painted on most of the road humps on the side where contraflow cyclists approach. However, the big triangles on the other side had not been removed. We didn't do a systematic survey, so all of the road humps should be checked and the wrong triangles burnt off.

Road markings

Unfortunately, some of the old 'No Entry' signs and 'left turn arrows' have been left in place. These should be systematically taken out. They are misleading.

Indications of contraflow cycling between junctions

Some motorists appeared not to be aware that contraflow cycling is permitted. This suggests that further indications are needed. Either: (1) repeat the 'Two-way cycling' signs between the junctions: more of these appear to be needed, particularly in Greencroft Gardens. (2) mark more logos on the road surface. Drivers should not be expected to infer the permitted direction of cycling from the orientation of logo markings – we would therefore like Camden to consider the use of accompanying arrows to clarify the logos and elsewhere in contraflow schemes.

The rejected measures

We would still very much like the Council to reconsider the three short stretches of road where contraflow cycling was originally proposed, but then withdrawn, i.e. the western end of Broadhurst Gardens, the eastern end of Canfield Gardens and the eastern end of Gascony Avenue.

SS said she will meet with Costa Kakouratos and Elliott Della to discuss these points and CK will reply.

Action SS.

2b: Cobden junction

SS showed us an outline drawing. It showed nothing for cyclists apart from ASLs. The island is removed and

Camden High Street reduced to a single 3 lane road with extra footway on the east side. PB fears a pinch point near Eversholt Street. SS noted that Andrew Helyer (AH) had failed to provide a route for cyclists between Mornington Crescent and Crowndale Road. AH will arrange meeting with CCC and provide details.

2c: Tottenham Court Road: SS *reported* that Isabel Dedring says Camden's scheme is not sufficiently radical. SS is considering buses+cycles only and getting architects in. A new design will appear in January.

3. Camden Road/St Pancras Way. LB has been chasing Nigel Hardy regarding letters written on 23rd October. We should get a reply tomorrow (20th November). The original letter to stakeholders from TfL was not a consultation; it was not shown to Camden before sending out. The work on the ASLs will start on 26th November and the pedestrian improvements in the (next) Spring.

4. Swiss Cottage Gyratory

JD had raised the issue that LB Camden does not see the junction designs assessed by TfL's DRG as part of TfL's junction review (although they are shown to selected members of LCC) . At the DRG meeting in July, TfL were told to discuss their plans for Swiss Cottage with Camden. LB has told TfL that Camden wishes to see designs for Camden junctions. LB will contact the BCOG rep on the DRG.

5. Safe Schools route around Tufnell Park JC reported that there had been a meeting with Brian Deegan to consider potential improvements on a route between schools in the Tufnell Park area. LB said she will study the proposals and discuss them with LB Islington.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Agreed date is 20th February 2013, 10am