

Quarterly Meeting between CCC and Camden Officers - Minutes

13th March 2014, 10am - noon

Present: John Fitcher (JF), Paul Braithwaite(PB), Georg Coulouris(GC), Jean Dollimore(JD, minutes). Raymond Cheng (RC) and Darren Barton (DB) for part. *Apologies:* John Chamberlain.

1. Actions outstanding from December meeting:

1b. SE Corner Russell Square.

RC reported that TfL has provided a TRANSYT model of the junction and that he has to run the model to evaluate the effects of:

- i) an early cut off for northbound traffic
- ii) the removal of one northbound vehicle lane

In either case, the means of approach for southbound cyclists needs to be designed.

Work Program for projects

JF noted that RC is the only officer who can build traffic models and that he is also tied up with the two Kentish Town projects and the issue of Warren Street bollards.

Action: JF will send us time frames.

Bartholomew Area Rat Runs

Officers will attend the BARA meeting on 31st March and CCC will be invited. JF suggested that CCC should get Tom Platt of Living Streets involved for the later public meeting.

GC presented spider maps showing the inward and journeys possible to/from points within the area e.g. the middle of Patshull Road and Gaisford Road under the proposed 'No Entries'. These maps were generated automatically by the use of an open source route finding algorithm applied to a modified version of the OSM database.

Action: CCC to contact Tom Platt.

Castlehaven - Anglers Lane

This move for cyclists will be decided when results of wide area traffic modelling become available. JF noted that Camden has a user hierarchy whereas Boris abolished TfL's one.

1d. Signage schedules John Chamberlain has sent the list for Camley St and several issues on the N-S and E-W routes to Dave Stewart.

Action. JF to check with Dave Stewart .

2. Items outstanding from West End Project

2a. Howland and Maple Streets - do we want to have them 2-way?

JD noted that CCC will look to low traffic volumes as a way forward. Also that we favour a crossing Howland-Capper. JF said again that this would be difficult.

CCC agreed to park this issue until the east-west (Torrington-Tavistock) study is published.

Action: Natasha Brown to supply current traffic volumes

2b. Torrington Place - should it change to one-way cycle tracks on both sides

We all agreed that there should be a pair of one way tracks, one on each side of the road.

Camden to decide the cross over point. CCC prefers Byng Place.

2c. Prince's Circus - issue of Endell Street junction

Action: Andy Helyer to send drawings to CCC

2d. TCR north of Grafton Way

JF showed the drawing: wide (4.5 m) bus lane between Grafton Way and Warren Street.

Segregated cycle lane north of Warren Street.

GC noted that if Warren Street closure fails, WS will be used as a rat run to avoid the no left turn at Euston Road. JF agreed and said it would probably be necessary to remove the no left turn restriction at ER in that case. CCC noted that would produce a major left hook issue. Camden will try to delay WS decision and have public meeting.

2e Hours of operation for TCR.

Plan is no entry at S. end 8am-7pm. JF argued that this would not be detrimental - traffic levels may be low. JF asked CCC to attend Bloomsbury AAG meeting on 17th October but it clashes with CCC monthly meeting.

3. Quick Wins

We now have a web page about these: <http://camdencyclists.org.uk/camden/campaigns/quick-wins> where we plan to keep a record of progress with photos.

Action: *Kevin De Leeuw to send progress list to CCC*

Action: CCC to publish news item on website as soon as five or so have been put in place.

4a. Royal College Street extensions, Camden Road crossing

DB presented a proposal for the junction with Camden Road that had been modelled and will work. There will be three stages:

Stage 1: traffic on Camden Road east and westbound – with a left turn into RCS (N) + pedestrians crossing over the south side of RCS

Stage 2: Cyclists on RCS northbound (and right) and southbound (and left) with pedestrians crossing over the west side of Camden Road

Stage 3: Other traffic northbound, left and right from a single lane in RCS

We asked about timings (e.g. 7 secs for Stage 2) but the totals didn't seem to add up.

Action: *DB to send details to CCC as well as consultation drawings*

JD noted that CCC is still unhappy about the transition for cyclists to the one way RCS at the northern end either via Wilmot Place or College Gardens.

Note: the RCS and some other consultations are likely to be delayed by purdah.

4b. Tavistock Place/Torrington Place

JF will arrange a meeting in the summer to discuss survey results and possible approaches.

The scheme will be designed in October.

4c. Delancey-Pratt

JF: the modelling result will be provided together with the wide area modelling study of Camden Town and Kentish Town.

JD noted that in her reply to an email from Timothy MacKay, she had said that CCC objects to replacing the eastern lane of Camden High Street with parking/loading as this would probably prevent having a contraflow cycle lane in the future.

JF: Noted TfL's better junctions study at Grays Inn Road/York Way (interim measure under consultation). And Swiss Cottage about which he is briefing Phil Jones.

4d. Mornington Crescent-Lidlington Place-Oakley Square

JF: the first crossing could be done by TfL any time and should have been done.

Action: *CCC to contact Andrew Gilligan and Andrew Dismore.*

5. Progress on other projects

- St Marks Square.

JF proposed and all agreed that the design should solve the problem of access on and off the ramp to the canal towpath, leaving issues of St Marks Bridge to a later date.

- Pancras Road/Midland Road junction

JF: as CCC knows, the ELH solution cannot work on the road under the CTRL bridge because it is not wide enough (JD does try not to suggest ELH in unrealistic situations, but in calculating the width had forgotten that the island in the middle of the road cannot be moved!). And ELH really only works well if all arms of a T-Junction can work together.

Action: *DB to set up workshop involving John Dales and CCC to come without preconceptions.*

6. New projects coming up?

New projects requiring vision:

Clerkenwell Boulevard (with workshop arranged for early April)

Parkway/Delancey/Prince Albert Road/Albany Street/ Park Village East/ Gloucester Gate junction - the most difficult one in Camden

Tufnell Park five way junction. New officer Ben Knowles to be involved in TPCS.

7. Cycle Parking

JF noted that all cycle parking issues should be addressed to Kevin.

Action: *CCC to send question about on carriageway parking consultations to Kevin. also to spin off once more the others (St Pancras Car Park, ad-hoc, bikehangars)*

8. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 24th June at 10 am.