

Meeting between CCC and Camden Officers - Minutes

23rd Jan 2017, 10.00 - noon

Present: John Chamberlain, Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris (CCC), Councillor Julian Fulbrook, Dan Tait, Simi Shah (Camden). Apologies: Steve Cardno

1. *Vision for cycling in Camden*

What's next top priority in the GRID and ambition for next four years? We have one excellent N-S and potentially one excellent E-W route. LCC keen to progress Clerkenwell Boulevard. Need to be ready when the new walking and cycling commissioner appointed.

Julian proposes a strategic study of Camden to see what residential access roads could be filtered. Simi will take it to Louise and Jacqueline. She also advised that the relevant ward councillors need to be behind any local project. JC: if this is a public policy, people might get it.

Simi said that a map for post-2016 GRID containing all CCC's suggestions has been submitted to TfL. She mentioned that it is hard to get schemes that impact buses accepted by TfL. Further discussion on Vision deferred for meeting with Louise McBride.

2. *Delancey-Pratt*

Consultation signed off December 2015. Urgent to start implementation. Way ahead?

Obstacles are (a) residents and (b) 31 bus. TfL and Camden will consult on 31 bus going via Greenland Street. Camden now propose to retain both bus stops on Delancey (CCC expressed concern about this) and possibly remove the stop on Pratt Street (CCC would be happy with this). Camden officers meeting Ward members and residents next week(?) Timescale for implementation: aiming for May-June start.

To address pedestrians' concerns it was suggested that a measure is needed to encourage cyclists to give way where cycle tracks are routed behind Bus Stops. CCC would support this. Officers noted that zebras can be used only on bus stop bypasses where there is a kerb on both sides. Simi suggested we look at the surfacing to be used in Enfield. <http://cycleenfield.co.uk/bus-stops/>

3. *Royal College Street northern extension (Darren and Yuksel)*

Slow progress regarding completion of snagging list and signage. Plus work opposite Georgiana Street.

Stage 3 safety audit done 2 weeks ago. Darren responded to Simi during meeting. CCC is very concerned about delay in action to address Baynes Street junction safety. CCC requested another meeting with Darren. The outstanding work in RCS between Pratt and Georgiana Streets needs to be done. See the consultation at:

<https://consultations.wearecamden.org/culture-environment/rcswalkingcycling/>

CCC noted that the signage has not been done. Dan explained the new QW signage scheme. Signs are purple and bigger than LCN+ signs. They can be used on all of our routes where signs can be retained or changed. Camden's schedule including ~100 signs is with TfL but will need signing off by Cllr Jones.

3. *Sequence of responsibility*

We would like Simi to explain how an ideal project moves from plan through design and implementation and subsequent audits/modifications.

Simi - delays do arise in communication. CCC suggested there is a management issue in that projects aren't tracked between design and implementation teams. Simi: plans to introduce a project progression scheme this year. She also noted that when implementation appears to be delayed, we could contact the designer.

4. Quick Wins

Alexis has been very busy but Simi will ask him to progress the 'Except Cyclists' subplate on the Dartmouth Park Road 'No Entries'.

Willingham Terrace: Developers have finished their construction and the land has been reinstated. George will take this up with SC.

Other items on the list to be deferred.

5. Items from Spreadsheet to include the following

CSH CS6 (North-South) n.

We discussed Issues about ped/cyclist conflict at Greville Street. Perhaps switch sides of peds and cyclists.

Dan told us that Camden are only doing sections in the borough that are not managed by Islington. CCC would like a meeting on the design to discuss detail, e.g. crossing of Clerkenwell Rd. CCC to contact Dan to arrange meeting.

GRID

Tavi/Torrington consultation: Decision expected on 22nd February

Natasha is working part-time helping with preparation of the TaviPlace report.

We would like a meeting with Alexis about the design before implementation begins. SS suggested should contact Alexis and Charlotte after report is published.

Midland Road and Brunswick Square. Decision to be confirmed (possibly 24th February)
Hampstead Road. Consultation on buses. Any communication between Camden and TfL?

Simi has met TfL and this alignment is back on the GRID. Andy Helier is looking at Euston circus. TfL are willing to look at cycling facilities and may consult this year.

Red Lion Street. Consultation date?

Hasher Mahnavi will be handling it. Meeting with TfL this week. CCC to contact Hasher after two weeks.

Major projects

Holborn - minor schemes. Urgent to put in Vernon Place safety scheme. Consultation date?

James Abbott has left but Anthony Christofi is still working on the design. Consultation by March. Someone said it would help to escalate????

Hawley Road 2-way. CCC would like to meet officers to discuss

Raymond and Acacia are modelling with cycle contraflow. Idea of closure of Camden High Street north at weekends will change to bus and cycle only.

St Marks Square contraflow. Report and decision?

Draft report is written. Ward members are on side. Majority of consultation responses were in favour. A meeting with residents is planned. Report will be finalised after that.

QW3. Belsize Roundabout. Discussion of CCC's response regarding Fairhazel Gardens and Broadhurst Gardens.

Simi noted that the roundabout design has been altered and that Loudon Rd will no longer become 1-way at the junction. Hasher will send drawings to CCC. CCC thinks there is no merit in continuing with the scheme. Even with Loudoun Road SB only, motor traffic levels in Fairhazel gardens are too high for safe sharing of the road. CCC doesn't want it to signed as a QW.

6. Other projects

Brunswick Square consultation. When will report be published?

24 Feb.

Gospel Oak 2-way: progress?

In progress.

Kentish Town Junctions (Castle Rd, Rochester Road gate) when are consultations expected?

Anglers Lane residents want a left turn at PoW/KTR. This would require moving the pedestrian crossing on Kentish Town Road. CCC expressed their concerns about introducing a left hook danger at this junction. John said that this might be acceptable if cyclists could safely use Castle Road to reach RCS from PoW. Raymond is designing PoW junction and Yo is doing Castle Rd. CCC need to see the latest designs.

The replacement of the gate on Bartholomew Road (promised for December) has been delayed as Dave Stewart referred back to Hasher. JD will contact Hasher as to progress.

Kentish Town Road/Fortess Road

Simi said that the idea of a right turn from Fortess Road is likely to be dropped. Fortess walk is preferable.

Cycle right turn from Castlehaven@PoW have seen TMO when will it be built?

Simi said it will proceed to implementation as soon as the time for the TMO has elapsed. CCC welcomed the additional right turn out of Grafton Road

Chalk Farm. CCC would like to meet officers to discuss

Raymond is doing modelling. CCC to ask for a meeting to see the designs.

7. Date of next meeting

10 am Monday March 27th.