

NOTES OF MEETING WITH DAVE STEWART, LB CAMDEN
July 28th, 4

LB Camden: Lisa Bailey (for first item only) and Dave Stewart
CCC: Jean Dollimore and James Brander

Route 6 (N-S route)

MALET ST - MONTAGUE ST

Lisa Bailey demonstrated outline plans for two options for each end of the intended cycle route linking Malet St to Montague St along the north side of the British Museum. Both options would involve widening the existing north(west)bound cycle lane for two-directional use, and creating a new southbound cycle lane in the traffic island at the north end of Montague St. The options differed in their exit from Malet St and the exact geometry in Montague St. In both cases, CCC preferred Option B, and these designs will go forward for consultation.

It is intended that this section of the route will be completed this financial year.

ROYAL COLLEGE ST - GEORGIANA ST

Consultation for this junction improvement is now complete, but Dave was surprised by the number of objections. These may be mainly concerned with peripheral issues, like street furniture. Mid-late August expected implementation. It will be implemented without an ASL on Georgiana St (despite Jean's concern), though this will be subject to review (and would need no further consultation).

ST PANCRAS WAY

The cycle route here appears to be going to be dug up for some months *for installation of the new water main*. Dave expressed surprise as he hadn't been informed.

On the question of the buildout at the Agar Grove end of this route, Dave observed that its function is to stop cars going straight ahead into the cycle lane. A bollard in the centre of the lane was considered, but not used because of the risk of cyclists hitting it as they turn into the lane. Dave was not prepared either to put dropped kerbs on the buildout to enable cyclists to cross it (because of pedestrian safety) or replace it with the bollard.

Dave agreed to set in motion the monitoring of this junction, taking into account the operation of the signals and the possible problem caused by the buildout. - but not until the water main work is completed.

Seven Stations Link

EASTWARDS EXTENSION

Dave reported that, due to staffing issues, nobody is now working on the SSL, despite the positive sub-group decision on extending it. He pointed out that this year's money takes the route only to Marchmont St; the further extension to Judd St and Gray's Inn would be next financial year. He intends doing nothing on the ground (except perhaps some associated pavement work) until the traffic signals have been designed.

He was confident of recruiting permanent staff to work on this and the details of Route 6 within the next few days.

GORDON SQUARE

No work had been done on the modifications agreed following the site meeting. The expected new recruit would be expected to work on this too. *Measures to be considered for use are: a new island with signs, signs on the road, raising th level of the cycle track across the junction.*

Dave noted that there is very little liklihood of the left turn filter at the north end of Bedford Way being suppressed, though he did agree to do a traffic study, as Cllr Woodrow had pointed out he should have.

Other schemes

HAVERSTOCK HILL - MAITLAND PARK VILLAS

Dave appeared to have been taken by surprise by this. It seemed that the first he'd heard of it was a message from Jane Roberts asking what it was about. He noted that he did not design the scheme, and certainly would not have engineered it as it has been. Indeed, he opined that there is no safe way of crossing cyclists into Maitland Park Villas from Haverstock Hill (which has always hitherto been the Council's position.)

Annoyingly, he seemed to be trying to pin the design onto CCC, by noting that we had approved the consultation.

We objected to this, commenting that final designs are not our job, and are never put out for consultation. This was conceded, but Dave expressed himself determined to remove the scheme.

ROUTE 39 AND ROUTE 5 CRISPS

No contact appeared to have been established with Dave by the consultants working on either of these LCN+ routes. Dave undertook to contact Buchanan's about the former, but is probably hoping never to hear anything about Route 5.

HUNTLEY ST

Dave was of the opinion that a northbound lane on this street was possible, might be in the Clear Zones programme, and could be considered separately if not. We must keep this in mind for future opportunities.

MILL LANE ACCIDENT

James' view that it was caused by a water leak was greeted with relief by Dave, who gave us Thames Water's emergency number: 0645 200 800. James undertook to report it, having established the exact location.

ACTION JB

Consultations

On the suggestion of Jean Dollimore, it was agreed that all consultations for comment by CCC would be sent electronically .