

Minutes of Meeting between CCC and Dave Stewart

Thursday 10th January 2008 at 4 pm

Consultations

Spaniards Road cycle path with Karl Baxter

Karl reported on meeting with Jeremy Wright, Simon Lee and 2 members of Heath Consultative Committee. Main problem - JW wants to retain grass verge and fence even at two ends where the path is too narrow, causing path to be cut short at both ends. CCC rejected such a solution as useless.

We also discussed the details of an alternative to the lay-by for cyclists waiting to cross the road (at Hampstead end). CCC proposed a central refuge island for right turning cyclists, space being made in the road by extending the bus stop to the proposed lay-by.

Action: JD to complete CCC response to deal with both the above in detail. **Done.**

West Hill/South Grove with Karl Baxter

The CRISP Report recommended a junction table, but the proposed design has only a raised zebra, which does not address safety of cyclists at the junction. CCC had already responded, rejecting the proposals (see CCC website). Dave said that Camden will have to re-consult.

Malet Street/Keppel Street with William Okpoho

CCC had referred to a drawing on Camden website, which had bad problems with islands, priorities, and give way lines. This was an obsolete design and a new one was inspected.

Action: William to send correct design to JD. **Done.**

Gaps between islands and kerbs

CCC reported on a discussion with Sam Monck concerning Fortess Rd. Dave advises CCC to inspect officers report, to ask Sam whether puffin has gone in and to find out why implementation is different from consultation. If the result is unsatisfactory (with reference to post implementation speed survey), CCC to follow up with Dave and Sam Monck. The same will apply to the new scheme in Mill Lane.

Action: CCC to get speed survey from Ed Quartey (Jan 08).

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Byng Place redesign

Survey has been done and shows cyclists use the unmarked ped crossing. Karl is to liaise with Sam Monck. (Karl had left by this item).

Action: CCC to follow up.

Highgate Road review of bus and cycle lanes with William Okpoho

The bus lane review effectively produces no changes in Highgate Road (i.e. a rather pointless exercise). We discussed two cycle lanes - a feeder to the ASL south of Gordon House Road and a nearside lane north of the junction - Dave thinks the latter is not useful (too short and reaches a parking space). JD said a short one helps cyclists after crossing the junction.

Action: CCC to reconsider the nearside cycle lane and inform Dave of result.

Action: Dave/William to reconsider the feeder lane.

Hawley Crescent contraflow

Dave said that modelling for pedestrian crossings showed that an additional signal phase would saturate the junction. CCC pointed out that a left turn out of Hawley Crescent into KTR can be done at the same time as an existing phase. (this will not allow cyclists to go ahead into Sainsburys).

Action: Dave to re-visit the modelling because the left turn is 'free'.

Junctions in Kentish Town Road and RCS

CCC reported that Tom Allen had showed CCC a design for KTR/Price Wales and discussed removal of signals at Jeffrey's Street/RCS.

Dave reported that work at KTR/RCS started on Monday.

Endsleigh Street/Gordon Street progress

No feedback.

Action: Dave to follow up.

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Agar Place - result of investigation of 2-way in Randolph Road.

Dave reported that the discussion with Housing about the contraflow in Agar Place had reached stalemate - they don't want to release land. But modelling shows that 2-way is possible in Randolph Road, particularly with signals at RCS. Dave said they will probably have a go at consultation in new financial year but there are challenges from parking and signals. CCC was positive that this is the best solution (the Agar Place solution would not help cyclists coming from Camden Road who have to pass Baynes Street on the cycle track).

Agar Grove speed table appears to be finished. Dave confirmed this.

Royal College/Crowndale. We understand from Joanna that this must wait until April 2008 (signals). Dave confirmed this.,

Bollards to have visibility strips - progress?

Dave said this has not yet been done, but it will be. (Tom Bogdanowicz is chasing it).

SSL

Marchmont Street. Dave reported that there will be a review of the signals at Marchmont Street. CCC stated that eastbound cyclists stop too far back to be sensed to activate the signal.

Judd Street junction. Dave presented a new design in which the cycle track is reduced to one westbound lane west of the junction; eastbound cyclists crossing from an ASL with the main vehicle flow. As agreed previously, there will be no segregated cycle track east of Judd Street. (**Note afterwards** - the aim is to avoid left hook for eastbound cyclists).

Action: Dave to ask Karl to send the design to CCC.

Ampton Street Dave confirmed it is finished.

St Pancras issues

- *link to SSL (Carlos design) - progress?* Dave doesn't know.

Action: CCC to ask Carlos.

- *Camley ASL scraped off - when will it be replaced?*

Dave advised CCC to ask Laurie Baker. LB Camden can't decide whether to

implement a right feeder as requested by cyclists or just gates.

- *safety audit (Carlos again) when will this happen?* Dave advised CCC to ask Laurie Baker who commissioned it.

Agar Camley link

Dave reported that the design is out to consultants and that Cllr Robinson is still trying to stop it.

CRISPs

Link 26+31

Dave reported that Final Report expected soon

Link 29

Dave reported that Draft Report expected soon.

Link 30 (SSL/Route 0)

CCC presented an idea: the Bloomsbury plan is to take away cyclists priority by removing the segregated tracks and the route is already overcrowded.

Instead of doing any more work on the existing route, which is already of a high standard, implement a parallel 'relief route' south of the SSL. E.g along Windmill Street, Store Street, Keppel Street, Montague Place, Russell Square, Guildford Street. This would link with Route 0 at Islington border in Calthorpe Street. It might rejoin Route 0 in Wigmore Street.

This would be a permeability exercise - based mainly on the introduction of contraflow cycling.

Dave pointed out that 2-way in Totenham Court Road and Gower Street would be helpful in this idea. But he said he thought we would have to fight hard to get a new route accepted when LCN+ is supposed to end in 2010.

Action: CCC to discuss the idea at members meeting in February when John will chair and to present to LCN+ team before CRISP.

Audits of completed schemes

KTR/Leighton Road Noted that it still lacks an adequate feeder in Leighton Road in spite of the island being moved over. CCC suggested moving the ASL back.

Euston Rd/Belgrove Street: still no ASL on Euston Road

Hatton Garden. What about contraflow in Greville Street?

Action. CCC to investigate actions on contraflow.

Malden Road/PoW. Lanes reduced in PoW, but junction still very wide.

Clerkenwell Road. Why no mandatory cycle lane (uphill)?

Action. Dave to investigate issue of mandatory cycle lane

Swains Lane Cushions still out, but still in 20 mph zone.

Next Meeting

We agreed that we should attempt to meet quarterly in 2008.