

Minutes of Meeting between CCC and Dave Stewart

Thursday 8th May 2008 at 4 pm

Present - Dave Stewart, John Chamberlain, Jean Dollimore and Karl Baxter (some of the time)

Consultations

Fitzroy Howland local safety scheme (was Ed Quartey, but now Simi Shah)

CCC had replied with a suggestion of an Early Green phase for cyclists; Dave said that this scheme is being held up until a similar scheme with cyclists signal at Maple Street has been evaluated.

West Hill/South Grove (Karl Baxter)

Consultation expected at end May 08. There will be two phases (1 - the LCN+ scheme; 2 - a scheme for a viewing area for cycling in the Olympics 2012).

LCN+ Work schedule for 2008-9

Dave provided the following provisional work schedules

Link 27

Euston Rd/Gordon St/Melton Street junction - construction of ASL i Melton Street.

KTR/RCS junction currently under construction.

Data sheets for Hampstead Road, Camden Road, Camden Street are TfL responsibility. JD had asked David Braine for progress. He said TfL has commissioned Buchanans to model traffic impact of the proposals. JD also complained about delay on crossing of Hampstead Road and Dave said he will also be leaning on TfL.

CCC requested that the quiet route along Arlington Road be signed north bound from Mornington Crescent to Hawley Road. Dave agreed.

Hawley Contraflow (now abandoned - see below)

South Grove in progress (see above). Highgate Road completed (see below). Gordon/Endsleigh in progress (see below).

Noted that TCR/Howland Street work done.

Link 28

York Way/Hungerford junction and Camden Park Road signal review supervised by William Okpoho

Agar Place/Randolph Road in progress (see below)

Bedford Way, Bury Place - track resurfacing by Asset Management

Euston Rd crossing - emphasising of elephants feet and yellow box held up by TfL - Owen Bentley.

Marchmont ASL and signal Review will be transferred to Link 30.

Byng Place and Malet St. entry stuck (see below).

Data sheets for Bury Place and Newton Street.

Gt Queen Street will wait for Clear Zone developments.

Link 29

Started Data sheet 2F - York Way between Copenhagen and Wharf.

Camley ASL May 08.

CCC expressed concern that some data sheets differ from those in safety audit. Dave stated he will use data sheets from Safety Audit when they differ from the ones in the Link 29 CRISP Report. Dave pointed out that was Brian Deagan who objected to making the latter consistent with the former.

Dave to find out who to write to about Pancras Road but advises us not to worry about 'snagging list'. (see below)

Link 26

Data Sheet 2A-1. Provide access to quieter, more residential alignment via Briardale Gardens.

Data Sheet 3-B. Swiss Terrace in 2009-10

Data Sheet Y-2. Alternative route from Eton Avenue via Elsworth Road to Avenue Road bypassing the gyratory.

Link 31

TfL is being slow on authorising alignment

Kilburn/Quex and Kilburn Springfield Lane depend on signal work

Kilburn High Road - will liaise with Brent

Data Sheet 1-F. Springfield Lane/Kilburn Priory (William will get in touch soon)

Data Sheet 1-G -1. Greville Road to Carlton Hill: ASLs.

Link 27 Progress

- Byng Place redesign

No progress here. Bloomsbury Vision Blight.

- Endsleigh Street/Gordon Street progress

Dave Jenkins will be consulting in June. TfL has approved the ban on the left turn from Euston road into Gordon Street which is part of this scheme.

- Hawley Crescent contraflow

Modelling shows that an extra signal phase cannot be added. If northbound cyclists turn left into KTR while southbound vehicles turn right into Hawley Crescent, they will conflict with pedestrians crossing west half of KTR. CCC agreed reluctantly to drop this one. The northbound route for Link 27 will follow Chalk Farm Road, over the canal bridge into Castlehaven Road.

- Highgate Road review of bus and cycle lanes.

Highgate Road reduced to single lane on approach to Gordon House Rd and northbound feeder installed at ASL: CCC confirm this is very beneficial. CCC agreed no cycle lane for northbound cyclists north of signals (a 1.5 m cycle lane would leave the northbound vehicle lane at 2.6-2.7m and some wider vehicles would need to overlap the cycle lane if put in).

Link 28 Progress

Agar Place - result of investigation of 2-way in Randolph Road. Signal work at junction Agar Grove/St Pancras Way

Study shows Randolph 2-way could work without signals. Dave said both alternatives have risks at consultation, so he will offer two options.

Karl Baxter will prepare consultation (in 2 months).

Royal College/Crowndale.

Started design, needs signals work. Hopefully consult in Q2.

Blockage at bottom of Newton Street

Maria had forwarded an unhelpful response from Brian Foxton. JD to investigate current access and report back to Dave.

Diversion at entry to Mabledon Place

A hoarding closes the contraflow cycle lane and diversion shown on entry from Euston Rd. JC pointed out that a lane round the hoarding could be marked (e.g. with bollards) and that the current situation where cyclists are told to stay on the Euston Road is unhelpful and potentially dangerous.. Dave promised to check the situation. CCC emphasised that closure of cycle lanes should be a last resort, and that better efforts should be made to protect the needs of cyclists, such as re-assigning road space to make a temporary cycle lane.

Bollards to have visibility strips - Done in Torrington Place.

SSL

Marchmont St - junction review to be done as part of Link 30 CRISP.

Grays Inn Road/Ampton St signals

Cyclist had complained that westbound, the right turning vehicles emerging from Sidmouth St do not give way. Dave said this junction will be reviewed in Link 30 CRISP.

East of Judd St- to be improved in 2009-10.

Judd junction Karl in charge. The infrastructure is built. TfL should test it at end of May.

Improvements at junction Tottenham Court Road (study Nov 2006-Feb 2007)

This work was carried out by William Okpoho but resurfacing still needs doing.

St Pancras issues

- link to SSL - Karl Baxter in charge. Signage complete - Regent Sq cut through currently being implemented (resurfacing, tactiles and some filling of gaps in setts). Cromer Street anti vehicle slabs: Dave and Karl had met Nirmal on site - Karl presented a design with a proper cycle gap on both sides which CCC approved in principle. Karl also carrying out improvements in St Chads Street.

- Camley ASL scraped off - CCC reported that Sam Monck said at WCRSAG that it would be replaced by end of May. Dave said it will be done as specified in Safety Audit. .

- safety audit published - CCC asked Dave to expedite urgent items. Dave doubted work could be included under snagging lists as the design would perhaps have been prepared by CTRL and presented to Camden for approval. CTRL would therefore argue that they implemented works from approved drawings albeit from the distant past. But he agreed to find out who Tom Bogdanowicz could write to about the issue.

Other progress issues

- Agar Camley Link

The bridge parapet doesn't belong to Network Rail so it looks as though the link can exit into Agar Grove. Soil surveys under progress. There is no problem with the 'red box' because it is narrow.

- Spaniards Road cycle path

Karl said work had started with laying blocks and edging and that it will take a month to complete. He showed us detailed drawings of the two ends where the track becomes one way because the grass verges cannot be cut back (on the insistence of Heath and Hampstead Soc.)

CRISPs

Link 30

Dates for CRIM: Carlos will contact us soon.

Audits of completed schemes

CCC carried out an audit of schemes on Link 28 between Camden Park Road and the bottom of Malet Street. (see separate page).

There was some concern with details related to the Montague Place contraflow, but otherwise the work was good. Dave suggested that we have a site meeting at Malet Street/Montague Place to discuss what should be done.

Dave also agreed to progress additional signage close to the junction of Montague Place and Russell Square.

Enclosed:

Audit report; Note on Montague/Malet junction; Note on Signage; Photo of Polygon/Ossulston Street

JD 13th May 2008

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Link 28 Audit, 2nd May 2008

Link 28 was cycled south to north on Friday 2nd May by Jean Dollimore and John Chamberlain. Works identified in the CRISP and completed within the last few months were audited for completeness, conformity to plan and for any unforeseen issues or concerns. The general standard appears good, with few unforeseen issues. A few remedial actions are highlighted in *italics* below.

1. Junction of Montague Place and Malet Street

This junction, though apparently conforming to plan, is still very awkward. In particular, the eastbound movement along Montague Place past the junction with Malet Street is non-intuitive and many cyclists are ignoring the cycle lane and using the westbound lane in reverse. *It is suggested that this movement be recognised by marking the westbound lane as two-way, widening it, and providing a crossing of Malet Street, using 'elephant footprints' or equivalent. See attached figure.*

The contraflow cycle lane on the east end of Montague Place is well implemented, being wide and well-marked, and the requested ASL has been put in.

Signage in this area is still very poor. CCC have repeatedly requested signs in both directions at the junction of Montague Place with Russell Square, but these have still not been put in. *Urgent action to remedy this is requested.*

2. Mabledon Place/Cartwright Gardens

The raised junction and the extension to the southbound cycle lane are well implemented, and the centre line has been removed as requested.

3. Junction of Ossulston St with Phoenix Road

The re-engineering here, though not as originally suggested, is effective, visually more attractive, conducive to traffic calming and keeps cyclists away from the trees. We are happy with the result.

4. Junction of Ossulston St with Polygon Road

This junction has been re-engineered and is fine, except that the marked cycle lane now has a bollard in it. *The white lines need to be moved over about ½ m to match the layout of the bollards (see attached).*

5. Junction of Purchase St with Polygon Road

The realignment of the cycle lane suggested in the Crisp is well implemented.

6. Junction of Royal College St with Plender St

The cycle track has been raised and signage improved as recommended by the CRISP.

7. Junction of Royal College St with Pratt St

The cycle track has been raised and the slip removed as recommended by the CRISP. *Currently the flashing warning lights for vehicles exiting Pratt St are not working.*

8. Agar Grove Speed Table

This has been implemented and is a big improvement on the previous situation. *The southbound cycle lane should have a give-way marking (dashed white line) at the point where it emerges onto the speed table so that cyclists are reminded to give way.*

9. Junction of Stratford Villas with Agar Grove

This junction has been upgraded in line with the CRISP recommendations, with the exception of the crossing to Agar Place which CCC feel is not needed.

10. Junction of Camden Park Road with North Villas

The CRISP recommendations for this junction (elephant footprints eastbound plus a right-entry ASL) have been implemented correctly.

J Chamberlain 6th May 2008