

Meeting between CCC and LB Camden - Minutes 23 November 2011.

Present: Simon Piper(SP, chair), Simi Shah(SS), Jacqueline Saunders(JS), Dave Stewart(DS), Cllr Paul Braithwaite (PB), John Chamberlain (JC), Jean Dollimore (JD, minutes)

1. Cycling issues for Tottenham Court Road (TCR) proposals

SS presented drawings to illustrate the current feasibility study.

- TCR: NB traffic as now, but hopefully less motor vehicles
- TCR: SB buses and cyclists; (between Grafton Way and Cheynies Street all traffic to enable deliveries to shops).

Gower Street : 2 way south of Grafton Way

- JD presented LCC's Go Dutch Mayoral campaign, explaining that TCR has been picked as a potential exemplar
- SS pointed out that with the wide pedestrian middle strip this could be difficult
- JC added that cyclists feeling safe is the main criterion for Go Dutch.
- CCC requested a single NB vehicle lane between Torrington Place and Grafton Way to make room for a separate area for cyclists and pointed out that it is essential to apply LCDS standards north of Grafton Way (e.g. lead-in lane as long as the vehicle queues)
- JC mentioned the drawbacks of relying entirely on traffic modelling
- PB urged officers to study how London manages during the Olympics and take a risk that displacement of traffic flow may cause it to evaporate.
 - *SS agreed to take our suggestions on board in the next phase of design*

2. Danger at Crogsland Road crossing

- JC explained that although the adjustment of signals had reduced the problem, both east- and west-bound cyclists were still having near misses because there is a very big gap between the secondary signal and the crossing and suggested that a repeater signal be placed nearer to the latter; also that the box marking had not helped. There were conflicts for right-turning southbound vehicles as well
- DS explained that adjusting the signal at Adelaide Road had reduced the number of vehicles caught in the gap which is why there are less occurrences.
- JS noted that moving the pedestrian crossing would solve the problem
 - *SS promised to investigate the problem*

3. Swiss Cottage gyratory removal

- SP noted that TfL have refused to consider gyratory removal as part of CSH 11 but that LB Camden support the idea.
- PB raised the issue of cycling to the new Academy school from the west
- SP mentioned the new pelican crossing over Adelaide Road for 2013
- JD asked that negotiations be taken up by more senior officers.
- JS suggested that the forthcoming TfL review of junctions would be an opportunity to restart discussions; also that LB Camden should ask for design drawings for the CSH 11 through the gyratory.
- JC commented that this could be used to argue for a re-design.
- JC asked that the junction be kept high on Camden's agenda, separate from CSH 11 issues
 - *SP agreed in principle*

4. Update on cycling schemes (SS)

- permeability in Kings Cross; some issue with blind in crossing Bidborough St and Hastings St, but hopeful to be able to accept these;
- a TMO will be issued for contraflow at the southern end of Marchmont Street
- permeability in Fitzrovia: new consultation that JC will respond to
- permeability in West Hampstead; following responses from locals, SS had revisited the streets and will reject the following in her report:
 - Gascony Avenue (and Smyrna Road) because of signals at Kilburn High Road
 - Sheriff Road due to high traffic volumes
 - Canfield Gardens: JC suggested provision of infrastructure to deal with difficult corner and SS agreed to study this possibility
 - Fairhazel Gardens - little dog legs to be removed
- Camden Town east
 - work in St Pancras Way nearly complete
 - signals Plender/Bayham out on 9th December
 - Plender contraflow in 2012
 - Brian Deegan working on design of Bayham/Pratt – SS to ask him to send drawings to JD
- Finchley and Frognal (feasibility being undertaken this year)
 - Fitzjohns Avenue: considering speed reduction via raised junctions
 - 20 mph zone in Nutley Terrace area
- Royal College Street feasibility study;
 - to review the two-way cycle track with a view to having southbound cycling on the east side; DS pointed out that the junctions are dangerous in spite of all efforts;
 - *SS promised to ask Brian Deegan to show us the his design ideas*

5. Date of next meeting

- February 15th 2012 at 10 am.