

# Report of site meeting to discuss problems at Chalk Farm Road/Regents Park Road/Crogsland Road junction 29 May 2013

**The meeting was convened to address the problem that vehicles queuing to turn into Adelaide Road on the northbound arm of Chalk Farm Road can cause a hazard to cyclists when the queue backs up across the dedicated cycle crossing from Regents Park Road to Crogsland Road.**

Participants: George Coulouris (Camden Cyclists), Councillor Paul Braithwaite, Andrew Helyer (AH, Camden) and Christopher Rice (CR, TfL).

Both AH and CR witnessed tailbacks from the Adelaide Rd signal that spanned the yellow box and they agreed that the current behaviour of motorists was (unwittingly) dangerous for cyclists. They both expressed their commitment to solving the problem.



Their first proposal was to aim to get the backed-up vehicles cleared before the cycle signal changes to green, by altering the timing of the signal at the Adelaide road junction. They would start the green for vehicles entering Adelaide Road earlier, reducing the pedestrian 'green man' time. This was demonstrated by CR and it did produce a substantial reduction in the potential for conflict at the cycle crossing, but it didn't eliminate it: a slow or blocked vehicle could still be on the wrong side of the yellow box when the cycle green begins.

So it was agreed that a two-phase approach to solving the problem should be adopted. The first phase would implement the signal timing changes described above.

A second phase might be considered if the first is unsuccessful and funding is available for further work. It would involve a revision of the layout of the junction to move the stopline and signal heads on Chalk Farm Road forward as close to the cycle crossing as possible. This involves moving the pedestrian crossing so that it is adjacent to the cycle lane and that may require other layout changes. AH agreed to take that revision back for further study.

It was also noted that the gap in the yellow cross-hatching at the cycle crossing is counter-productive and should be filled it, since some queuing vehicles are moving forward into the gap and blocking the cycle crossing.

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