

Meeting between CCC and Camden Officers - Report

4 July 2013, 10:30am – 1:00pm

Present: John Fitcher, Simi Shah (Camden), Councillor Paul Braithwaite (Cycling Champion), Jean Dollimore, John Chamberlain, George Coulouris (minutes) (CCC). Andrew Helyer item 1a, Eliot Della for item 1c. Raymond Cheng for half the meeting (Camden).

1. Actions outstanding from November meeting (*minutes in italic*):

1a. **Danger at Crogsland Road crossing** - *Site meeting 29 May 13, AH + CR (TfL), PB and GC.* <http://tinyurl.com/crogsland0513>.

Report by Andy Hellier (Camden):

An interim change to signal timings was made and has ameliorated the situation (but not resolved it).

A new controller has been ordered to achieve further timing changes to 'solve the problem'. Completion promised for September 2013.

Additional cross-hatching filling the cycle crossing areas was discussed and agreed.

Action Andy Hellier

1b. SE Corner Russell Square

Raymond Cheng (Camden) reported that TfL had tried and rejected a 'green wave' for cyclists emerging from Guilford Street. He is going to ask TfL to test stopping the northbound traffic early and/or a right filter arrow. He is also designing an offside cycle lane and will share it with CCC.

Action Raymond Cheng

1c. **Permeability in West Hampstead**: Costa Kakourakis and Elliott Della had agreed at the Feb meeting to carry out changes identified in the December 2012 inspection by CCC. A further inspection was carried out by CCC on 10th June. Elliott Della (Camden) reported that he had marked up the changes but had to wait two weeks for the necessary parking suspensions. He will inform CCC when the work is complete. The work on Gascony Avenue will be done in September 2013.

Action Elliott Della

1d. **signage schedules** sent to RC for Swiss Cottage and to SS for Camley Street. Camley Street will be prioritised. General design of signage will be reviewed before new Swiss Cottage signage is installed.

Action Raymond Cheng

2. Update on schemes

2a: implementation

- *Swiss Cottage*

Most done, apart from measures rejected at consultation (e.g. College Crescent contraflow).

- *Royal College St stage 1*

Despite the unexpected EDF and Thames Water problems, the planned completion date is early August. Anecdotal report of reduced speeds.

- *Royal College Street opening ceremony*

September? Paul suggests a high-profile Olympic cyclist. John F asked for suggestions. School children – family ride. Ten councillors?

- *secure on street parking in College Place and South Hill Park*

CP - More residents in favour than not and have 12 people wanting to use the shed. Will recommend experimental installation. Management still under consideration. CycleHoop is one option.

SHP – rejected on consultation due to objection to removal of parking and lack of people wanting to use the shed.

2b: Design

- *Progress on Kentish Town and Gospel Oak projects*

Kentish Town: BARA count data is being organised – should be sent to us in next few days. Meeting to agree plans for BARA and look at the entire KT scheme scheduled for 2pm on 15 July at Argyle Street.

Action Raymond Cheng

Gospel Oak: Simi reported: Malden Road will have improved cycle lanes, narrower road and raised junctions. Mansfield Road shared use path for peds and cycles. Soft verge by road side for drainage. Consultation two weeks.

Camden is studying South End Green area – a separate project beyond the changes to Mansfield Road, etc. Cressy Road rat-running also a problem.

- *Royal College St stage 2*

Extension northwards: John F reported: Modelling of Camden Rd jct should be completed in 2-3 months. Designs should be available in ~4 months. Signals at Jeffrey Street to go.

Extension southwards: all the way to Goodsway via Pancras Road will be included. CCC noted that there is an urgent need for a cycle contraflow in Midland Rd.

- *Fitzjohns and Frogna 20 mph*

Will be subsumed in borough-wide. Plan 20 mph implementation/enforcement is to monitor speeds and consider requests from residents for any additional traffic calming measures..

- *Holborn area improvements (including Bloomsbury Way)*

John F noted that he had seen CCC's suggestions for short term improvements to be implemented this financial year. He reported that there will be no change to cycle signage in Bloomsbury Way, despite police demands. And that allowing cyclists to use the bus contraflow would be a medium term goal. CCC noted that although cyclists deserve something better, use of the bus contraflow is a big gain since it avoids the more dangerous gyratory.

- *St Marks Square- Albert Terrace gyratory to revert to two-way working.*

John F reported: Modelling is planned. CCC asked to be shown the plans.

- *Delancey-Pratt contraflow*

John F reported that TfL are working on options for Camden High St/Delancey jct. (right turns out of Pratt Street will be banned).

Camden will do modelling of entire scheme. Will only address Delancey east of Arlington Rd. CCC noted that there is a need for full-length contraflow on Delancey

and a review of Gloucester Gate/Parkway jct. is needed too.

- *underpass below CTRL bridge Pancras Road*

Modelling is planned. Based on a design with a single vehicle lane in each direction and better pedestrian facilities.

2c: New Projects

- *what other new projects are coming up?*

Kilburn plans discussed.

- *Quietways*

Camden have drawn up a grid and is discussing it at meetings with other central London boroughs. TfL want to get a final agreement by September.

Jean to write to Louise asking for us to get involved.

Action Jean Dollimore

- *Tavistock Place crisis...when can an upgrade be started?*

JF – feels we should be working together on it. Camden will start work on schemes imminently – results in a few months.

JF will supply traffic figures and casualty figures to CCC right away.

Action John Futcher

3. Signage

JohnC would like to discuss:

(a) policy including distances and route numbers and

(b) remedial work including replacing missing signs and adding additional ones. specifically on the main LCN+ E-W and N-S routes 0 and 6/14

(c) possibility of a meeting to discuss details.

We would like all the above to be taken on as a project.

JF – London cycle signage is probably going to be reviewed.

Simi – will discuss design with Raymond and report at our 15 July meeting.

JF – prioritise N-S route signage.

JC – about 20 signs needed for that.

4. Temporary closures of cycle facilities by contractors.

CCC complimented the excellent work on RCS by Diljit Singh in keeping the cycle route open and keeping CCC informed. Things have improved elsewhere too, but some short external contracts still produce the dreaded 'Cyclists Dismount' sign. A good suggestion from JF was that Diljit might offer some training or documentation on meeting cyclists needs to other Camden staff.

5. Anti-motorcycle barriers, are they a deterrent to cycling?

GC outlined the general problem and trends elsewhere and gave the barriers on the Agar–Camley as a particular problem.

JF – agreed to get the Agar–Camley barriers modified/removed.

Action John Futcher

Mention was made of the dragons-teeth in Cromer St. as another problem.

6. Date of next meeting

10:30 17th October 2013