

## SALIENT POINTS FROM APOLITICAL MEETING

PRESENT: Dave Stewart, LBCamden: Jean Dollimore and James Brander, CCC.

1. Ed Quartey has left LBC. His position will probably be filled, and probably by a non-agency officer. There is another session of reorganisation going on.

2. Kelly St cycle gap will not be reconsidered. CCC was admonished for not presenting a deputation to the sub-group meeting. For future reference, people dealing with consultation responses are recommended to note the date of expected reports to sub-group, so that we can organise deputations as appropriate.

### **ACTION CCC**

3. The level of complaints about the hazards for both cyclists and motorists at Gordon Square has reached such a pitch that Dave must do something. He is asking for ideas, but at this time is considering bold tooth-marks at the edge of the cycle lane where motorists cross; and 'give way' signs on the cycle lane.

We asked him not to go for 'give way' signs except as a last resort.

Other proposals put forward included raising the cycle lane to pavement height, to give everyone some warning of a hazard, and the use of the red triangle signs.

He did confirm that there has not been a serious accident record at this junction, however; though he is clearly anxious there will be one.

### **ACTION DS/CCC**

4. Dave confirmed that Stuart Croucher in the Clear Zone team is still considering proposals for Gordon Square west side. CCC is encouraged to make contact with him, though we were warned that options are constrained by the need for vehicle access to Euston Station.

### **ACTION CCC**

5. LCN+ finance has been sought and secured for design and construction of the remaining sections of the North-South route. Only minimal consultation will be required for these sections.

6. The report on the operation of the Woburn Place and Bedford Way crossings is to be presented to sub-group in June. We are encouraged to present a deputation. We are also encouraged to try to win round the local councillors, who are universally hostile. Dave actually expressed doubt that the signals have been properly

linked. He may also include some of the CCC survey results in his report (though he was asked to be careful which!).

**ACTION CCC**

7. Dave confirmed that he has £5000 available to spend on cycle parking stands this year, and will just work his way down the list of preferred locations. CCC are still encouraged to submit new ideas.

**ACTION DS/CCC**

8. Dave will bring the design for the Swiss Cottage market cycle lane to the next WCRSAG meeting.

**ACTION DS**

9. The closure of the Queen's Crescent cycle gap was brought to his attention. This was the first he had heard of it, and he agreed to investigate.

**ACTION DS**

10. The unhappy arrangements at the Agar Grove junction were also discussed, with particular reference to the push-button (which had not been on the original design), to the ambiguity of two signals so close together, and to the difficulty of getting across if you're third (or more) in the line of cyclists. Dave agreed to monitor operation of this junction.

**ACTION DS**

11. The signing at the Newton St/New Oxford St junction was again discussed, with Dave agreeing to see how he could implement signing that would direct northbound cyclists into the bus lane. (Apparently you can't legally put other road signs on traffic signal poles.)

**ACTION DS**

It was pointed out that northbound cyclists still see a No Entry at the south end of Bury Place (the sign needs moving). Dave agreed to investigate.

**ACTION DS**

12. The 'Islington' chamfered separator kerb design was discussed, with Dave agreeing to look at it once it was fully installed.

**ACTION DS**

13. The Torriano Ave buildout was discussed. It seems as though the design which has been built was passed by one section of the Council, without having it properly vetted by the Highway Authority bit (ie Dave, or someone else in Street Management). So, the developer thinks he is quite OK to build it, and it will probably need a bit of legal wrangling to sort out. There may well be quite a bit of support for the buildout too, since a couple of extra parking bays have been created. I thought Dave was a bit non-committal about what could be done about this, except flag it as a hazard with a few red poles. **See Note at end.**

14. James B agreed to take the matter of the Camden cycling map forward with John Dinunzio of the LCN+ team.

**ACTION JB**

15. It was agreed that a further meeting should be held on a Wednesday in mid-July. Jean D to liaise. **ACTION JD**

James Brander  
CCC

**After distributing the above minutes, the following email was sent to Dave Stewart concerning item 13:**

**From:** James.Brande@arjowiggins.com  
**Date:** 23 April 2004 14:30:34 BST  
**To:** dave.stewart@camden.gov.uk  
**Cc:** jean@dollimore.net, s.casalotti@ucl.ac.uk  
**Subject:** Torriano Avenue buildout

Dave,

Further to our meeting on April 6th, the issue of the 'unexpected' buildout in Torriano Avenue was raised at our recent Camden Cycling Campaign meeting. Many people there remain seriously concerned about the safety implications of this buildout, especially to cyclists; so we intend to bring it to the attention of the next WCRSAG. We are particularly concerned about the apparent failure in liaison between different parts of the Environment Dept of LB Camden, such that a streetway modification that would not satisfy Camden's own road safety criteria can be deemed acceptable by a team with no responsibility in that subject. We are urging our members to raise this matter with their ward councillors.

James Brander