Meeting between CCC and Camden Officers - Minutes

13th October 2015, 10:00 - 12:30
Present: Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, John Chamberlain (CCC), Cllr Julian Fulbrook (JF), Simi Shah (SS), Dave Stewart (DS), John Futcher (JF) (LB Camden)

(Original agenda text in bold)

5. AOB (brought forward)

SE Corner Russell Square: **JD contacted David Rowe…where are we now?**

- hold northbound vehicles for a right-turn and display right indicative arrow for southbound traffic
- modelling completed by LB Camden, awaiting TfL agreement
- SS is meeting TfL this Friday and will email result to us.
- longer term possibly lane reduction

Kentish Town: **matters arising from minutes of June meeting**

Consultation on 'rat run' reduction in Bartholomew Road area - Cllr Phil Jones is looking at the draft before consultation. New officer Hasher Mahnavi is managing this and the other schemes in the Kentish Town area..

Bartholomew Rd gate replacement with bollard(s)

- for implementation subject to no unforseen snags (DS). Estimated one month for completion

'Except cycles' entry treatment for Patshull, Gaisford and Caversham Roads.

- Traffic order will be requested with this month's batch.

Rochester Road entry/exit from KT Road

- in hand

Right turn for cycles only at top of Castlehaven

- SS will remind Hasher to push this forward

KTR at RCS and Castle Road - waiting for TfL, SS will remind them.

KTR / Highgate Road/Fortess Road - consultation ready.

KTR at Regis Road/Leighton Road - consultation ready

Anglers's Lane: Camden planning an experimental closure of Anglers Lane.

SS: stated that all Kentish Town consultations will be completed before our next meeting

Procedural suggestion by JF:

- maintain a shared 'current projects and issues' spreadsheet that would be periodically updated with progress and changes as information becomes available. To be set up by CCC.

1. Implementation

Stepped Tracks

machine finish:

- CCC complimented Camden on quick and effective action to resolve uneven finish in Pancras Road.
- Machine finish agreed for future tracks

Surface colour

- JF stated that no change of current policy (black everywhere) would be considered without objective evidence.
- Agreed that consistency on surface colour was important, at least Camden-wide and preferably London-wide.
- No agreement on a Camden colour policy was reached after considerable discussion.
- JC re-iterated that primary objective was to clearly differentiate cycle track from footway and from main carriageway

Design of kerbs - carriageway and footway side and with/without parking

- if vertical kerbs are used then there should be clearly demarcated access points
- Dave Stewart suggested wider granite kerbs at dropped sections. Considered a good idea but officers were unwilling to adopt until evidence is obtained that the current low-visibility implementation is a problem.

Drainage including covers

- DS stated that ideally they shouldn't be in the cycle track but in the footway upstand
- Aim is to do so on future schemes, subject to absence of sub-surface obstacles

Priority junctions on Delancey Street as prototype for elsewhere

- to be discussed at a future meeting

RCS northern extension

- Camden Road junction planned implementation by TfL starting 9 November
- DS will supply a work schedule for the remaining work

RCS southern extension

Crowndale Road St – Pancras Way junction timetable CCC failed to ask

Midland Road/Pancras Road - Goodsway:

- Legal agreement with HS1 is nearly there.
- then TfL will need to sign off the signals scheme
- SS hopes to start in January

Reinstate NB from Brill Place anyway?

- as soon as Crick Institute construction lorries are out of the way

Tavistock Place trial:

- Traffic Order 5 November, work commence 6 November, completion 23 November
- suggestion that we should leaflet cycles in the Bloomsbury area and engage with UCL and other groups who will benefit

- Camden leaflet available two weeks before 5th November.

2. LBC consultation current

Delancey-Pratt: consultation results?

- finishes tomorrow, a lot of positive responses. Overwhelming support for scheme from cyclists. Concern, especially from residents, about certain features that may be addressed with tweaks.

  - Decision December 4th or soon after, depending on whether Phil Jones wants a public meeting.

St Marks Square contraflow: progress?

  - leaflet is ready for consultation to proceed.

3. Future projects

Parkway junctions:

  - modelling results poor assuming current loads and even with relaxations e.g. Outer Circle gate closures and 10% reduction in motor traffic.

  - Section from Gloucester Avenue to Park Village East is critical section, but Albany Street may also become critical if Regents' Park measures are implemented.

  - consultants looking at alternatives including i. remove a ped crossing, ii. remove short section of cycle lane iii route cyclists via Parkway

  - HS2 huge impact for 2 years

  - Simi has a new engineer who will work on consultation

  - JF plans to have workshop including CCC.

CSH 11 - progress

- Camden is supportive of the Regents' Park gates closure, barring very severe impact on adjacent roads.

- Camden doesn't want any calming measures that have adverse impact cycling & Westminster are believed to be in agreement!

- Camden would prefer full-time closure but would go along with a timed closure

- TfL consultation late November (Avenue Road and Swiss Cottage gyratory)

- Dan Tait designing Camden part of Avenue Road.

- Avenue Rd mandatory cycle lanes with inset parking by the school - implies other parking bans. SS expressed concern about extra signage. CCC stated that mandatory was a minimum requirement for a CSH.

Midland Road protected cycling and contraflow and Midland / Judd junction

  - Camden working on design. Joint consultation with TfL

planned for February.

- TfL favour closure of Judd Street to motors.
- Euston Road improvements consultation to proceed separately.
    - only minor improvements on Euston Road for peds and cycling (told we won't be happy!)

CSH North / South - progress

- Option 3 will be consulted on in January. I.e. SB protected on Farringdon Rd, NB on Herbal/Saffron Hill
    - suggested that we ask loading hours to be restricted
- SB on Farringdon down to Stonecutter

Holborn (Vernon Place short term)

- SS: Safety assessment: recommendation not to ban both lefts because the alternative route used by motors would generate a lot more traffic in Holborn outside the tube station.
- SS considering banning right turn from Bloomsbury Sq East into Bloomsbury Place and left turn from Bloomsbury Way into Southampton Row.
- subject to studies of the likely numbers on the new rat runs that would be generated by banned turns.
- SS said likely no banned turns can be done. If so the only short-term action will be extension of Bus Lane to the Southampton Row junction – until wider Holborn scheme is achieved.
- SS will discuss results with us before decision.

Red Lion Street

- JF says there is an issue about Premier Inn and taxi rat from Lincolns Inn Fields runs through Read Lion Street
- JF would like to see a scheme like the one in Lambs Conduit Street
- Camden to review

4. **Other projects**

WEP: including Gower Street - cycle gates

    - TfL agreed but DfT negative (concern about cyclists who don't obey the lights)
    - TfL have suggested an alternative implementation
    - SS thinks that DfT needs to be convinced that cyclists will 'obey' but JC made the point that it is not illegal to cycle in the road in the presence of cycle infrastructure.

Cobden Junction: *Request for site visit and consideration of remedial actions*

- SS has agreed to a site visit

- SS has gone back to TfL for an explanation of the inconsistency between that scheme and other schemes implemented with hold the left turn.

Hampstead Rd: *How to get segregated infra in place before HS2 starts work*

- 'rumour' that TfL will consult shortly.

Oakley Lidlington link: progress?

- 'Hampstead - Crowndale'. Camden have asked for it to be considered for post-2016 cycle grid.

- Camden keen, may escalate it to Councillor Jones.

6. Date of Next Meeting

- To be arranged by email