

Infrastructure schemes catch up meeting with Camden officers

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Camden: Simi Shah, Kieran Ward , Raymond Cheng , Yavuz Kalayci

CCC: John Chamberlain , George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore

Kentish Town

We were very pleased to see that Yo's latest drawing for the KTR/Castle Road junction included a solution to the cycle right turn into Rochester Road as well as refinements to the cycle right turn out of Castle Road; and the continuous cycle lane between the SB ASL and the cycle track on RCS. We said that if there is room for that ASL to have a feeder, it should be mandatory as should all other cycle lanes. We look forward to seeing the consultation in the near future.

QW1 (north) – John outlined our proposal that QW1 (north) should extend via this improved junction into Castle Road and Grafton Road up to Highgate as suggested in an email he sent recently to Kieran and Simi. Kieran said Camden is supportive but John will wait for Kieran to respond to his email before asking Simon Munk (LCC) to take up QW1 (north) with the TfL boroughs team.

Simi told us that the design for KTR/Highgate Road/Fortess Road is ready to go out for consultation and that the consultation for KTR/Regis Road/Leighton Road is nearly ready.

KT Area Plan: Kieran mentioned a possible cycle route through Murphy's Yard and we discussed a long-wished-for cut from Regis Road to Holmes Road

Hawley Road two-way cycling

Camden has a long-term aim for two-way for all traffic and any cycle scheme should not compromise this aim. In the interim, a cycle contraflow as far as the junction of Hawley Road and Castelhaven Road is under consideration. This should enable people to cycle westbound (as well as east bound) via Jeffreys Street from RCS.

Tufnell Park junction pedestrian scheme

Simi told us that she had wanted a 'diagonal crossing' scheme but Raymond's drawings show they have achieved crossings over pairs of roads in an all-green stage. Consultation soon.

Please would Raymond send us a copy of the drawing as we were unable to study the small details on the rather small screen in the second meeting room.

Problems with developments

John raised the issue that we have major problems with developments – footway space can be taken in exceptional circumstances, yet in many schemes it is taken as a matter of convenience. Hence the current problems in Royal College Street and Purchase Street. Kieran said that developers including Camden are too keen to take highway space and he wants to stop this.

John raised the long-term plans for Purchase Street. Simi mentioned possible funding from 'Highways' and is considering a cycle track inside parked cars south of Polygon Road. As to immediate problems: Kieran said that they (he and Sam) were still deciding what to do.

Chalk Farm

Morrisons developers will fund the Chalk Farm Road junctions from Castlehaven Road to Prince of Wales Road, including Morrison's junction and Adelaide Road junction (where the Eton avenue area filtering is taken on board).

We raised the recurring problem at Crogsland crossing in which drivers look at what should be the second signal and then cross the cycle crossing while the cycle stage is green. We re-iterated the need for an additional signal head.

Prince of Wales Road

We were pleased to see Raymond's drawings of the plans for

- a westbound cycle lane from Castlehaven Road to Haverstock Hill.
- a tiger crossing at the Queen's Crescent cycle gap; we queried having the zebra crossing on the west side of the cycle crossing since we think this would involve more interactions between cycles and pedestrians. We plan to study cycle movements at this junction to see what is the most common usage. We also noted the rather tight left turn into Queen's Crescent; we will report our findings
- Malden Road junction; with much tighter geometry but some approaches still have two motor lanes.

We were pleased to hear that Camden has funding for a feasibility study for Clerkenwell Blvd, and noted that neither QW3 or QW12 will be funded in 2018-19.

We wish Yo all the best for the sabbatical doing voluntary work in Turkey.