

Minutes Quarterly Meeting CCC, LLS and Camden Council

Monday 27th September 2021 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Online: Sam Margolis (from 10 am), Steve Cardno, Cllr Julian Fulbrook, Jean Dollimore (chair), George Coulouris (CCC), David Harrison (LLS)

Apologies: John Chamberlain (CCC), Anthony Christofi (Camden)

[Agenda items in Arial font, [minutes text in Times](#)]

1. CCC introductory statement. Consultations on making the Covid-19 schemes permanent.

JD: although we are making suggestions for improvements, we are very pleased with the high design standards and we are working hard to make supporters aware. E.g. currently leafleting cyclists on Chalk Farm and PoW roads about the consultation.

2. LLS introductory statement [5 mins]

DH: very pleased to see new ped crossings in the latest schemes. E.g. at Randall's Road on York Way.

Very disappointed with the outcome of consultation on the Covent Garden area. A missed opportunity for a through-traffic-free area.

SC: will make a note on Great Queen Street

JF: Good news on Drury Lane

SM: Noted that CCC and LLS have discussed Great Queen Street and Monmouth Street with David Jenkins

3. Report from officers: [20 mins]

- Junction of Southampton Row and Theobalds Road and Holborn area, including Gt Russell Street

SM:

- **observations** from a recent site visit: excessive speeds, including by turning vehicles.
- **Short-term scheme** for the junction at which Dr Marta Krawiec died will proceed as outlined to CCC, with SB traffic reduced to 2 lanes with a central island and ASLs in both lanes.
 - Not possible to extend the bus lane on Theobalds Road or remove railing or provide a cycle gate for access to the ASL.
 - ASL compliance will be monitored with video under a contract with Tracsis
 - GC: CCC would like to be informed on the results of the monitoring, both on compliance and on ease of access for cyclists
 - Scheme will be implemented following a report under an ETO without consultation
 - Timescale: immediate
 - Short term scheme - separate cycles in time and space with consultation in New Year. Will deal with bus lane and guard rail in Theobalds Road
 - JF: Sensible as an initial scheme. Concerns about driver behaviour. Can the boxes on the footway be re-organised to provide a better experience for pedestrians (and possibly gain space for a cycle lane?)

- **Longer-term Holborn area measures**
 - Meeting imminent with TfL concerning full or partial reinstatement of the Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood scheme and funding.
 - Camden Public Realm team are reviewing the entire area.
 - DH: Any possibility of bringing forward the Great Russell Street filtering component of the Holborn LN scheme as a step towards Covid recovery (i.e. boosting tourism)?
 - SM: This might be an appropriate use for private funding, which Camden plans to expand (Cf. Westminster's use for Aldwych etc).
 - King's Cross gyratory update
 - SM reported on TfL's progress/plans (lead - Acacia):
 - Phase 1:** 20 mph signage planned for *early 2023*
 - Phase 2:** Junction improvements 2023-4
 - Adam Harrison is writing a joint letter with Islington Council Environment lead to protest at slow timescale and to point out that the new cycle infra on Grays Inn Road and York way accentuates the need to join them with a connecting scheme.
 - New ped crossing to Belgrove Street with possible closure of the latter
 - Covent Garden consultation, including stopping rat-running, better pedestrian access/public realm through Gt Queen St.
 - Discussed earlier.
 - DH: the proposed scheme is highly permeable to motors, with one of the Satnav recommended North-South driving routes passing through it.
 - SM: David Jenkins is still considering how to address points made during the consultation.
 - Haverstock Hill
 - CCC to check with Anthony.
 - Progress with PoW/Anglers Lane,
 - SM: Postponed so as not to clash with other schemes in the area. Possible commencement date in October.
 - Camden officers and Sustrans will be in PoW/CFR area giving leaflets to all road users
 - What's next? Future plans for LTNs and pop-up lanes
 - SM: Consultations are planned for LTNs in the following areas
 - Dartmouth Park Area early 2022
 - Holmes Road area
 - South Hampstead Gardens Area
 - Kilburn
 - Timescale for Delancey-Pratt scheme?
 - SM: probably not until years 2-3 of 3-year plan.
4. Stopping through traffic on Great Ormond Street apart from emergency vehicles. [10 mins]

SC: reiterated exactly the response he gave at our June 2021 Quarterly Meeting - proposing one-way working WB.

Much discussion ensued, most of it arguing that this was poorly thought through and should be reviewed urgently.

JF: GOSH should not take construction vehicles through GOS - why not Guilford Street? What's the exit plan - via narrow Boswell Street?

DH; Magali Thomson says GOSH want access from Guilford Street eventually

SC: GOSH eventually want full closure with emergency vehicle access

5. Parking places for cargo bikes. [10 mins]

GC: this refers to the needs of the growing numbers of residents acquiring cargo bikes for both family and work use. Bikehangars don't meet their needs regarding - timescale, capacity and proximity to residences. Installation of ground anchors and stands in the road (similar to those provided for motorcycles in many roads) would be a good interim College Place < what did Sam offer to do about this?>.

6. Camden needs an App for reporting illegal parking e.g. in cycle lanes or close to junctions. [5 mins]

Postponed to next quarterly meeting due to meeting time constraints.

7. Traffic wardens should prioritise action on illegal parking in cycle lanes, near schools (telling parents in cars to move), near junctions. [5 min]

Postponed as above.

8. Opportunities for CCC and LS input to the 2022 Transport Strategy revision [20 mins]

E.g. Suggested additions to the cycling network. Creation of walking network. Workplace parking levy.

SM: Workshops planned for November on Freight and Service to include:

- Identification of missing elements
- Amended methods of consultation
- New LIP in Feb-March

9. AOB [5 mins]

JF: Reported that following his interaction with food delivery company 'Weezy' they had confirmed that the 'electric delivery vehicles' referred to in their plan for a Proctor Street depot would be e-cargo bikes.

SC: Following the recent consultation on e-scooter hire, Camden has agreed to join the TfL trial ([press release here](#) with details and statement from Adam Harrison).

10. Date of next meeting

- 11:30 - 13:00 Monday 10 January 2022.
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