

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting between CCC, LLS and Camden Council

Monday 22nd June 2020 10am - 11am. Via video link.

Online: Simi Shah, Sam Margolis, Anthony Christofi, Cllr Julian Fulbrook (Camden), John Chamberlain, Jean Dollimore, George Coulouris, (CCC), David Harrison (LLS)

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

1. Update on Camden's work to make streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

- a. The following items don't need discussion unless Camden has anything they want to mention:

- We have [reported on the work on filtering and pop up cycle lanes](#) in Phase 1.

[SM reported the status of the pop-up cycle lanes.](#)

- We are familiar with Sam's report [Low Traffic Neighbourhoods Programme Phase 2](#) (June 5th) and with Simi's report [Footway widening and removal of parking. Phase 2](#) (June 4th) and have seen the corresponding traffic orders and letters to residents (June 10th). We have also seen the [map of pop up cycle lanes](#).

[SS reported on the Footway widening completed and in progress. She said that the continuing need for them will be monitored with a view to removal when no longer required, e.g. if the distancing is reduced.](#)

[SM reported that a monitoring plan is in preparation which will include 'before-after' comparisons, although pre-Covid baseline data may not be available.](#)

[SM: All LTN measures in Phase 2 should be implemented this week. Healthy School Streets in September - waiting for cameras.](#)

[AC: some Phase 2 schemes \(e.g. PoW EB\) should be released this week. Officers are proceeding with design on most of the other schemes in the Camden StreetSpace map.](#)

[JD: CCC would like to receive and comment on draft designs for the pop-up schemes as they are prepared. SM explained that this was not possible for reasons set out in the SMD on the StreetSpace programme.](#)

- We have seen the letter re Dane St and Red Lion Street
- South of Euston Rd: we have discussed some proposals with Kevin. We have subsequently made suggestions, e.g. supporting Councillor Fulbrook's proposed Central Holborn LTN, proposals in Fitzrovia (we understand the Fitzrovia partnership is developing plans), possible closure of Great Queen St, Great Russell St and Museum St, and walking routes from Euston and Kings Cross. A brief update would be welcome.

[The meeting was told that Camden is to announce hospitality sector scheme soon. \(Not sure who said this\).](#)

- b. We would like to know the timescales and the likely scope of the work on LTNs and pop up cycle lanes in the subsequent phases.

[AC: engagement is finished on PoW, York Way, Haverstock Hill, Chalk Farm Road. Decision on PoW today and E.T.O will be live on Thursday](#)

Discussion on justification for the apparently high cost of pop-up lanes: SM: schemes are being designed to a quality that would enable their permanent adoption if trial results are favourable. Parking will be removed; bus stops and pedestrian crossings integrated, TfL will only fund segregated schemes.

AC: DfT guidance refers to making them permanent in the long term.

SM: Camden is funding the staff costs and in case of St Pancras Way which could be seen as duplicating RCS, offering match funding.

Talking to TfL about Euston to Holborn: need LTNs in adjacent residential streets to protect them against displacement of private motor vehicles.

Design work on Theobalds will start this week. Not sure how it will look yet.

SM: likely scope of LTNs - phase 3 based on Karl's work with two consultants on Elsworthy, Kingsgate (Kilburn), Camden Square and Arlington Road (single closure)

GC: queried the small set of LTNs listed for phase 2. Told that other areas we have discussed with Camden are still on the table.

JC: reported on difficult meeting with DPNF and suggested that Councillors may need better briefing on the nature of LTNs

SS: referred to previous work in the area and implications for Islington. Many complaints about Chetwynd Road pedestrian measures.

SM: many issues with Prowse Place.

?: Great Ormond Street LTN still under study and will be important with changes on Theobalds Road

b. Potential for CCC and LLS to assist e.g. with:

- Problem-solving in LTN design;
- Any PR and promotional activities planned, e.g.
 - Bike tours of the facilities
 - Route planning assistance
 - What other actions

JC: noted that we know people with local contacts, can help with public awareness, e.g. mentoring. He asked why cycle training has not resumed?

Sam agrees about training. TfL withdrew funding for training and he has made a case for Camden to fund it. He asked JF to write to him about this.

Wayfinding - CCC- LLS to send ideas to Sam e.g. routes to hospital sites to be used as support packages for staff

SS: has spoken to TfL about using 'legible signage'

DH: need signage for pedestrians

SM: will raise with TfL regarding signage from stations

GC: CCC happy to help with publicity and would like to cooperate in preparing media material about the LTNs and Pop-up lanes.

SM: do jointly with LLS. CCC can help with review/audits of interventions as soon as they are in.

- c. We are concerned about the clash between the needs of footway widening and pop up cycle lanes e.g. in Kentish Town Road.

JC; mentioned Camden Road and KTR where the barriers are causing problems for cycling and asked whether the fences could be removed.

- d. SS: was originally thinking of barriers only but the police objected and the regs say 1m high and must be conformed with for temporary work. Advised CCC to continue discussion offline.

2. News of progress re TFL. eg Waterloo/Euston; Old Street/Holborn corridor; pedestrian crossing of Euston Road.

3. Discussion of the non-Covid work that has been progressing even during the shutdown:

- a. Prince of Wales Road: we are aware of current progress but would like to know the likely date of completion and whether anything will be omitted (e.g. the Crogsland Road junction so far has no continuous footway or cycle lane marking). SM responded that the Crogsland Road junction would be finalised once construction work in Crogsland Road was finished.

SM: July completion still scheduled, but some doubt expressed.

JD: to write to SM about opening west of Malden Road.

- b. Brunswick Square: we have visited and seen good progress. Likely date of completion?
SS: July completion expected.

- c. West End Project, including Percy Street and Gower Street cycle lanes
SM: will write to Kevin about opening the Gower Street cycle lanes.

- d. Camden Park Road: we see that the two-way cycle track is now open and the scheme is almost complete

- e. Royal College Street (smoothing of bulge by Georgiana Street).

Waiting for completion of electrical work at lamp post

AOB

JF: suggested putting some information about the StreetSpace actions into Leader's weekly statement

SM: Gray's Inn Road decision will be taken today.

Calthorpe Street trees raised by JF: SM will share with tree officer.

Date of next meeting : To be organised for September between SC and JD by email