

# Minutes Quarterly Meeting CCC, LLS and Camden Council

Monday 12th June 2023 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Present:

*Camden: Sam Margolis, Anthony Christofi, Karl Brierley, Cllr Julian Fulbrook*

*LLS: David Harrison*

*CCC: John Chamberlain (Chair), Jean Dollimore, Steve Prowse (minutes). Apologies  
George Coulouris*

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## 1. Matters arising from previous meetings:

- *Progress on Freight Plan and Cargo Bike parking/usage/storage.*

*SM: Brenda Busingye's team is in charge of the Freight Plan which is now due for internal review in July. Katie Dickson has been appointed to lead on Policy.*

*Action: SM to send highlevel Milestone dates*

### **Supplied by SM on 21st June**

- Consultation in September (4-6 weeks) through to end of October
- Planned for Scrutiny January 2024
- Planned for Cabinet consideration February 2024

*JC: people should not need to get planning permission to put cargo bike shelters on their driveways or front gardens. Note added after meeting: Councils have the power to issue 'local development orders' to exclude bike storage/sheds from needing planning approval (SP).*

*Action carried over from last mtg: SM to follow-up with Planning*

*JF: We need to think about cargo bike parking at schools; could fit with Healthy School Streets plans. For example, in Cambridge there are dedicated cargo bike spaces at schools.*

*SP: Peter Mardell has confirmed that parking restrictions do not apply to cargo bikes.*

**LTNs:**

- *Dartmouth Park*

*KB: There have been some delays in clarifying technicalities of boundary roads with Islington. Online engagement will open before Summer Holidays.*

- *South Hampstead Gardens Area*

*KB: Newly elected Councillors will be briefed soon. C51 & Q3 cycle routes will be included in this scheme.*

## 2. Fatality in Fitzrovia

- *AC: The MET investigation is ongoing and cannot be commented on. The vehicle that collided with the cyclists deviated from the route and the times specified in the CMP for the development at the site on the corner of Howland Street and Whitfield Street. All works are stopped at this site. GPS records of contractor HGVs will be checked. A new task force (Inc TfL - Michael Barratt ) has been set up to look at improved Construction Mgt Plan enforcement.*
- *JF: Camden's prompt reaction sends a strong message to all developers*
- *JC: had seen the CMP for this site.*

### 3. Euston Road corridor

Potential for improvement of permeability to the north, e.g. reopening of Cardington Street, Drummond Street, Euston Street and Melton Street  
Reinstatement of Melton Street crossing.

SM: These would come under Acacia Hasler

Status of Tavistock-Torrington upgrades.

AC: Engineering Design / Detailed Design nearly finalised. Includes splitting of north- and southbound stages on Gower Street and early release at Tottenham Court Road. The replacement of orcas by kerb segregation to start this month. The design report and designs will be made available at a later date.

Euston Road cycle lanes.

Sam & Adam have already met with TfL but that meeting not yet minuted. Improvements to Euston Road crossings have also been discussed. Wellbeing Walk in the same area but has separate Section 106 funding and no timeline.

***Action: SM to set up a meeting with Acacia Hasler & Andy Martin (HS2) to discuss the HS2 pause and longer term ambition with CCC & Living Streets***

### 4. Camden Square

Congratulations shared & appreciation of the professionalism of the final report. Framing everything in the context of the Strategy & 3 year Delivery Plan is valuable. Consultation & engagement is very helpful in making it a success. It was noted that with time consultation feedback has become more positive. The first consultation was circa 35% in favour and the second consultation circa 65% in favour. Similar attitude shifts have been noted with Queen's Crescent consultation and Health School Street schemes. "Build it & they will come" is a well known adage, "Trial it and they will grow to like it" is also a truism.

JD: We have two issues that we'd like to discuss in a separate meeting: the interpretation of the casualty data and Camden's response to our response. Also note the large number of casualties in Baynes Street.

KB: (Casualties are mainly on the boundary roads) - Camden road now has 20 mph limit. Karl agreed to send CCC the 2022 KSI data. The 2021 scheme for Baynes Street needs to be revised. Agar Grove will have some safety improvements including new Zebra & sinusoidal humps.

JC: noted the main concern raised in CCC consultation feedback and strongly requested a meeting to go through the points.

***Action: CCC to document remaining open issues post the Decision Report. KB & AC to review and consider a separate meeting.***

### 5. Procter/High Holborn junction:

AC: Start was delayed pending work by TfL signals but work on these two junctions will start early in August preceded by some quick wins.

JF: asked for news about the proposed upgrade to Holborn tube station

AC: It has been shelved.

Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood funding is secured. The design team has been appointed & modelling is in progress. A briefing note for Councillors will be available soon.

AC: walking routes are being considered

JF & DH expressed interest in developing walking routes in the vicinity of the British Museum including pedestrianisation of Bury Place and Great Russell Street. SM said that now would be a good time to feed those ideas in.

*Action: JF & DH to document suggested walking routes*

## 6. Covent Garden Phase 2 (Seven Dials)

DH: Westminster have agreed to Phase 1 and this should be implemented in Sept.

KB: Phase 2 is mainly focused on Parking & Streetscaping (not rat running). Ph2 designer has yet to be appointed. Input from Living Streets is welcome. JF suggested a meeting between DH and Paul Dimoldenberg (Westminster).

*Action: JF to set up mtg with DH & PD*

## 7. Haverstock Hill - CCC audit and consultation response

Cabinet Decision due 10th July.

JD: the consultation shows continuous footways but CCC want continuous cycle lanes as well, as at Bloomsbury Way/Bedford Avenue.

AC: Confirmed such junctions with entrance kerbs are to be standard. The detailed design is expected to show blended junctions (similar to Bloomsbury Way/Bedford Avenue).

CCC made the point that persistent difficulties with parking bay enforcement suggest that efforts should be made to design out the issue e.g. use of CCTV, raised curbs, use of zigzags, blue paint across loading bays that cut into bike tracks.

## 8. Walking (and where possible) cycling routes through estates

E.g. a low pollution route through the Regents Park Estate from Munster Sq to Albany Street near Chester Gate.

E.g. a route from Maiden Lane by junction with York Way to St Paul's Crescent and then through the estate to the west and by the path by the railway lines to Agar Grove. To link with Islington's planned LTN which will filter Blundell Street

DH made the point that Strategic walking links and cross Borough walking links should be considered. SM made the point that this is currently outside of the current delivery plan (which expires March '25) but could be considered for the next 3 year plan.

*Action. Sam Margolis suggested DH contact Acacia as this is an ideal time to discuss the possibilities*

## 9. Removal of traffic except buses from Gt Russell St

*Covered under item 5 above*

## 10. Mill Lane: issues with motor traffic speeds and volumes

JC: a request from one of our committee

SM: The West Hampstead Primary School Healthy School Street is in the same area and will be progressed. The 3 year plan has a Safe & Healthy Streets scheme called 'West Hampstead Location'. Mill Lane will be a boundary road to this & so will be included in the scheme design.

JD: This is a long term issue (the asks for the 2014 council elections mentioned cycling to Hampstead School on Mill Lane). Traffic can't be reduced on Mill Lane e.g. by a bus gate unless the adjacent area (e.g Sumatra Road) becomes an LTN

SM: there have been more requests for filtering from people in streets north of Mill Lane (being used as ways through to Fortune Green Road)

## 11. AOB (SM had to leave at 11:30)

- *Camden Green Loop walking map. Launch 13 July. All welcome*

DH: This will be held at the Camden Unlimited BID headquarters in Buck Street. Invitation to follow. 500 maps have been printed for distribution.

- *Parking Consultations to close this Friday*

SM: Feedback welcome. SP: CCC has responded and members have been asked to respond & request more bike storage.

## 12. Date of next meeting

Monday 18 Sept 2023 09:30 to 11:00 am. *Action: KB to organise*