

# Minutes Quarterly Meeting CCC, LLS and Camden Council

Monday 18th September 2023 09:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Present:

*Camden: Anthony Christofi (part), Karl Brierley, Cllr Julian Fulbrook*

*LLS: David Harrison*

*CCC: John Chamberlain (chair), George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore (minutes),*

Apologies: *Sam Margolis, Steve Prowse*

*[Agenda in black Arial font, notes in blue Times font]*

## 1. Matters arising from previous meeting:

- *Progress on Freight Plan*

JC: We understand that Katie Dickson has taken over from Jacqueline Saunders.

KB: she is working with consultants; plan now 50% complete; hope to consult in October.

JF: Housing-related vans (e.g. plumbers park all over Holborn with permits from Gospel Oak); how many diesel vans are in Camden's fleet?

KB: Transport Team is working on getting a better fleet; already has cargo bikes.

AC: has worked with them; they are hoping to trial cargo bikes; Chris Baker (lead) has records on the drivers and the fleet.

JF: would like a visit to the Camden transport depot; cycling would get e.g. plumbers to a job more quickly than a van.

DH: seconds a visit to the depot.

**KB: Action** to arrange a visit to the Transport Team depot in Holmes Road.

- *Cycle Storage at homes, schools & workplaces - any progress with Planning?*

KB: Steve Cardno update: sheds up to 1m don't need planning permission but bike storage requires 1.2m. Keep this on the agenda.

- *Status of Dartmouth Park and Gardens LTNs*

KB: Dartmouth Park: engagement 25th September (in person, online) until November; joint project with Islington; designs will be shown in January; consultation May-June.

JF: Suggest a future meeting on the serious roll outs of LTNs so as to take road space from motor traffic and make journeys to school safer.

JD: seconds this; CCC's asks for 2022 local elections (agreed by Labour, Green and Lib Dems) were to construct about 100 hectares of LTNs each year; and a good start was made with Arlington, Queen's Crescent and Camden Square but progress now seems to have stalled.

JC: also seconds this, noting that CCC has a map suggesting possible LTNs

KB: Camden has published the schemes for the next two years and an outline for the next five years. The road layout makes the task harder than in Hackney and Islington which have a more coherent network of A and B roads

JC: Progress on Gardens LTN?

KB: Engagement will take place next year, meanwhile other work is ongoing in the west of the borough e.g. Q3 and Cycleway 51 (includes a SUDs scheme and a crossing over Belsize Road). The LTN scheme is now to be called South Hampstead; initial engagement before election.

KB: making the schemes permanent takes considerable resources.

## 2. Illegal parking and loading in cycle lanes and tracks

- *Progress on replacing missing signs*
- *More enforcement*

JC: referring to Haverstock Hill - the southbound side is unusable, discussions with Peter Mardell; sign vandalism.

AC: was unaware the signs were down again; the new layout will have kerbs; camera enforcement is now legal but not yet agreed in Camden; asks JC to link him in with emails to Pater Mardell. TfL are using cameras; had reported individual who removes signs to police who are not interested.

**Action** JC: send AC backlog of emails from PM and will keep a record of future infringements.

## 3. Status of Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood

JC: congratulations on Cllr Harrison's annual report.

KB: the principal program manager for the Holborn LN (starts on 24th October); request is out for quotation on engagement; will show the plans in the engagement; Quick Wins for permeability e.g. Lincoln's Inn Fields in October; healthy school street to St George the Martyr; but GOSH has five year building plans;

JC: will plans follow the work on the LN a few years ago?

KB: Yes - we are not starting again!

DH: keen to see closure of Great Russell Street, any engagement with BM?

KB: We are looking to close GRS to through-traffic subject to the outcome of engagement and consultation and liaison with key stakeholders including TfL and the BM.

JF: will not repeat views on GOSH building plans and the effects on Lamb's Conduit Street; CIL will be very important – would like to see the public realm as in Prince's Circus; Procter Street is very important. St George the Martyr's entrance used to be in Millman Street now in John's Mews (currently a rat run) could it be either pedestrianised or traffic reduced to those living in the street as in Doughty Mews)?

## 4. Status of cycle network roll-out

- *Very pleased to see the consultation on Crowndale Road*

JC: we have responded to the Crowndale Road consultation.

- *Timing of plans for*
  - Kentish Town Road (short and long-term)*
  - Fitzjohns Avenue*
  - Clerkenwell Road*

KB: Implementation work in KTR is difficult due to closure of the underground station and the bus stop opposite as well as the one-way working during the over-bridge repairs. But feasibility work is underway. Fortess Road and Highgate Road (uphill cycle lane) will be included in the Dartmouth Park scheme.

Fitzjohns Avenue consultation this financial year; Clerkenwell Road ready for consultation (waiting for modelling approval). Shaftesbury Avenue down to Westminster border this year.

- *Any other plans for 2023-24?*

KB: Holmes Road scheme consultation just published includes the barring of westbound traffic after Raglan Street (to reduce KSI's due to right turn from Kentish Town Road).

Cross Camden Cycleway next financial year.

## 5. Cycle Counters (reinstatement of the feed via Camden Open Data that has enabled CCC for the past 2 years to provide a detailed public summary of the daily count data from the 25 key points on the network).

GC: we are aware that Tim Fountain has incorporated the Vivacity feed into Camden Open Data; GC is working on allowing for the differences with a view to restoring the display on the CCC website.

AC: the Open Data went down when the original feed was turned off and connection made to Vivacity. The counts are a useful tool for everyone.

GC: our aim is to provide a public perception of the numbers of people cycling.

AC: working with chief data officers to bring together the variety of information available; will accept GC's offer for help if needed; there remain some concerns about the misuse of data which is not perfectly accurate.

GC: we see only the cycle counts.

AC: on PoW the labelling of the counts (and camera position) makes it look as though people cycle on the footway.

GC: our counts exclude cycles on the footway.

AC: emerging technology; backed up with other counts e.g. for decision reports. GC's reports on anomalous data are useful; Tim Fountain is doing us a favour in maintaining the Open Data.

## 6. Progress on dockless bike issues following signing of agreements

- *How is compliance measured?*

KB: 200k trips per month on Lime and 50k on Forest (total ¼ million) start in Camden; compliance said to be 90%.

JF: Holborn has a problem with littering and dumping of hire bikes and scooters e.g. there is a footway bay outside the gym opposite the police station. The bays should be on the road. The dumping is very bad for public relations in support generally for cycling and scootering.

KB: 90% of the bays are on carriageway; there is an issue of bays being full; will need an expansion program.

JC: Can Lime be asked to shift bikes?

KB: they do move bikes around.

## 7. Speeding

- *Installing speed limiters on all Camden's motor vehicle fleet*
- *Enforcement, especially at night*

KB: this issue can be included in the meeting with the Transport Team;

**KB: Action** on Katie Dickson regarding night time speeding

## 8. Update on E-W cycling and walking routes (including Brandon Rd/Blundell St)

## 9. Clean air walking route through Regent's Park Estate

DH: Euston to Chester Gate walk with Acacia through Regent's Park Estate. Discussed Miller - Plender route with Camden Collective. Timescales?

KB: Cross Camden Cycleway is primary; Miller -Plender: TfL are planning improvements at the junction Camden High Street and there are many issues with Plender Street (but closing it would affect access to Chalton Street market).

DH: raised the issue of a streatory on Plender Street

## 10. Plans for Fitzrovia

KB: small projects including making Charlotte Street Streatory permanent and other public realm.

## 11. GOSH

- Impact of planned reconstruction of Children's Cancer Centre

See above under Item 3.

## 12. Pedestrian Crossings

- *Can Camden do anything to reduce latency ("beg" time) - there seems to be a lot of variability with no pattern - what is the policy?*

AC: the pedestrian signals are tied to SCOOT and if near junctions, delays are added. Minimum crossing times are set by regulation.

DH: there are cases where it's hard to know why the wait is so long (e.g. miles from anywhere)

**Action** JC: will feed in specific locations

AC: some old ones need modernisation.

## 13. AOB

JC: the meetings with Acacia on Euston Road; with Karl on Camden Square and with Katie Dickson on Kilburn High Road are very much appreciated.

DH: any progress with crossing over Euston Road at Pancras Road?

KB: TfL are working towards it (having started with a poor scheme at the Kings Cross Road junction); Cllr Harrison is interested - try raising it with him

KB: Camden Road Crossings to be delivered (Rochester Road in October and Canteloves in December).

## 14. Date of next meeting

11th December 2023 9:30- 11am.