

Meeting to discuss HS2 impact on Euston Road and Surrounding Area

Teams™ Meeting 7th August 2023

Present:

Camden Council: Acacia Hasler (AH), Mary-Ann Lewis (MAL) (Head Euston Regeneration), Andy Martin (AM) (HS2 and Euston Program Manager)

Camden Cycling Campaign: John Chamberlain (JC), George Coulouris (GC), Jean Dollimore (JD)

Apologies: David Harrison London Living Streets (LLS).

1. Possibilities for improvements to Euston Road for cyclists and pedestrians

MAL: TfL is focussing on short-term low-cost improvements; crossings are under consideration but cycle lanes are more challenging

AM: There is an opportunity but no funding or program; TfL has a list of interventions for feasibility study.

JC: Why did TfL remove the median and then put it back in again? Seems like a missed opportunity to reallocate roadspace. Eastbound routes for cycling are very difficult.

GC: which junctions are being reviewed? AM: will respond (see below).

JC: crossings are on the LLS agenda.

2. E-W Permeability north of the Euston Road for cyclists and pedestrians (long- and short-term)

JC: the Camden Cycling Action Plan shows a route via Phoenix Road across the station; is there anything we could hope for?

MAL: the route would be three storeys up; station design is no longer current; such a route is likely to be lost due to budget cuts.

AM: TfL list of junctions for feasibility study:

- Mabledon Place - Ossulston Street
- Upper Woburn Place - Eversholt Street
- Churchway - Dukes Road
- Euston Circus

Next meeting with TfL in October

3. Re-opening streets during the 'pause'

JC: Drummond Street, Melton Street and Coburg Street are now open for walking but not cycling (JC shared a map); and the Melton Street/Gordon Street crossing could be very useful.

MAL: The 'meanwhile' work in the area is still taking place; will go back to check

JC: there appears to be plenty of space in Melton Street; will send a photo to MAL. **(done)**

MAL: will challenge HS2 on this.

JC: Asked on behalf of LLS as well as CCC about possibility of re-opening Cardington Street

MAL: not likely to be opened

4. Melton Street-Gordon Street crossing (pedestrians and cycles) - opportunity for improvement once taxi rank moves?

JC: is the tube entrance work at the top of Gordon Street on hold?

AM: situation is difficult due to interdependencies

JD: consider bringing forward the closure of Gordon Street

AM: TfL has taken it off the list but will ask them to look again

GC: with planned closure of Gordon Street at Euston Road and UCL's efforts to make it part of a more campus-like environment, it would be a serious wasted opportunity if this crossing of Euston Road were not upgraded for pedestrians and cyclists. A cycle route north via Melton Street and Drummond or Cardington Street would also offer safe access to UCL from the north (by avoiding Euston Circus).

AM: interacts with taxi route; tricky short term but will go back to TfL on this

JC: Pointed out that taxis will move to Euston Square Gardens (East) so motor traffic into Melton Street should be greatly reduced.

5. LBC plans for Eversholt Street in the context of links for pedestrians and cycles to Euston station from Phoenix Road and from Oakley Square.

AH: is working with AM with funding from TfL for preliminary design work for Eversholt Street

JC: Will that include cycle lanes?

AH: it must be 'safe' which should imply cycle lanes.

6. TfL's plans for Hampstead Road - Oakley Square

JC: we wrote to TfL with queries about TfL's design e.g. at the Oakley Square/Eversholt Street junction but had not had a reply.

AH: confirms that there is to be a cycle gate on Oakley Square at this junction and that she could answer further questions.

JC: to forward our email to AH (**done**)

George Coulouris, Jean Dollimore, John Chamberlain 14/8/23