

# Minutes Quarterly Meeting CCC, LLS and Camden Council

Monday 3rd June 2024 09:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Present:

*Camden: Sam Margolis, Anthony Christofi, Karl Brierley*

*LLS: David Harrison*

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

Apologies: *Cllr Julian Fulbrook*

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

1. Matters arising from the previous meeting:

Meeting with AC re-cycle gates.

**Action** on CCC to set up a meeting with AC to discuss cycle gates.

2. Progress on major projects on CTS plan for 2023/24 (CCC)

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JC: We note that there appears to be some slippage in implementing the 3-year plan.

SM: Camden's 3-year plan is very ambitious. Currently, schemes that are taking longer than expected are being re-profiled. May consider the risk of over-promising next time. Every scheme in the plan is progressing.

JC: Is there a problem with rolling the budget over into another year?

SM: Some SN 106 funds do have an expiry date but this has never been an issue.

TfL in-year elements are harder to roll over.

Council capital £4 million has to be spent within the year.

Camden will apply for extra funding from TfL for 24-25.

In addition, there is a vacancy for a principal transport planner in KB's team. Recruitment is challenging including competition from TfL, other Boroughs and consultancies.

- Kentish Town Road

SM: KTR is challenging and will have 2 phases Hawley-PoW Road and PoW-Regis

KB: Phase 1 will include the Castle Road/RCS and PoW junctions. Both need modelling; and consultation will take place this financial year.

Parking will be removed from the bus lane; there is a left hook risk when passing Castle Road; the link from Castle Road to Rochester Road will be improved.

JC: KTR has some of the highest cycle counts in Camden.

SM: The HSS in Islip Street now extends to KTR. Holmes Road permanent scheme starting soon subject to traffic orders.

JD: Is the crossing between Islip Street and Holmes Road to be improved for cycling?

SM: Both that one and the Angler's Lane-Gaisford Road crossing will be improved.

- Fortress Road, Highgate Road

KB: These will be covered as part of the Dartmouth Park area scheme (see below)

- Cross-Camden cycleway

SM: Good design options are ready for modelling. An HSS for Pratt Street will be consulted on after the 4th July general election as part of the Camden Street/Camden Road mitigations package.

KB: The CC cycleway is delayed by modelling

SP: LCC are discussing the prioritisation of modelling with TfL

AC: The PoW/Grafton junction is still without a date from TfL.

- Camden High Street (North)

KB: Camden High Street North will be consulted on after the general election.

- Shaftesbury Avenue - concerns about Bloomsbury Street

SM: Bucknall Street scheme underway autumn

JC: The cycle lanes at the southern end of Bloomsbury Street are inadequate – just marked as advisory.

And there is a problem with signals northbound from Endell Street (a second signal is immediately encountered on High Holborn and it is not clear that cycles need to stop here when they have just had a green light).

SM: Recognises design weaknesses: will consider making the southbound advisory lanes mandatory but can't redo the junction.

JC: Suggest looking at the timing of the signals.

**Action** AC (and Raymond) to look at the signal timings

### 3. Safe & Healthy Neighbourhoods

CCC/LLS

Gardens area, West Kentish Town

KB: Gardens area: on-site at Priory Road/Belsize Road and a second crossing on C51 to be consulted soon. We are waiting to recruit an officer before working on the wider scheme.

JC: Disappointed that progress is so slow in the Gardens area.

Dartmouth Park, Fortess Road, Highgate Road

KB: Second phase engagement after the election with co-design also including Fortess Road and Highgate Road.

Holmes Road: waiting for TMO; see decision report for the changes e.g at Cathcart Street.

Parkhill Road: new scheme to reduce traffic between Fleet Road and Haverstock Hill

JC: Fleet Road has plenty of space for a contraflow cycle lane. KB: Arlington Road: permanent works ongoing at various sites including Inverness Street.

JC: these finishing touches e.g. at Vicars Road are really good.

SM: Bucknall Street scheme underway autumn

#### 4. Update on walking schemes

LLS

##### Southern Route - Euston to Kings Cross

SM: Simon Gibbs has almost completed writing a document on the project

The east-west walking route south of Euston Road will extend east through St Chad's Street to GIR – Sn 106 funding from the Belgrove Road project.

##### **New crossings of Euston Rd at King's Cross**

Crossing over Euston Road from Pancras Road to Belgrove Road: TfL plans an east-side crossing (not straight over); but for SB cycles, Camden agree that the design is poor.

**Action** SM: update us on this after the election

SP: have noticed C (cycleway) signs through the route down Belgrove Street to Tavi Place.

AC: many signs have been installed e.g. C27, C41, C52, C10

##### Regent's Park Estate

DH: Can we have an update?

SM: We are at the feasibility stage for this area including walking routes.

#### 5. Holborn Update

LLS

##### Widening pavements on Drury Lane

##### Discussions with Westminster Council about filter on Great Queen St

DH: Has discussed Drury Lane with Joe Smith and has also spoken to Paul Dimoldenburg.

KB: We will consult on making Great Queen St streateries permanent and are currently looking at a filter at the square with Westminster.

Kemble Street: due to go on site.

Keeley Street: decision report written.

SM: The wider scheme will include Kingsway: in particular relocating the pedestrian crossing.

#### 6. TfL Cycle crossing at Northdown Street

SM: It is an important N-S crossing used regularly by cyclists; and our understanding is that Cllr. Harrison supports the intentions of the scheme but Islington Council has some design concerns which they are still working with TfL on.

JC: We have spoken to Cycle Islington who will discuss this with Islington officers; we don't like the scheme but we want it to go ahead.

#### 7. Camera enforcement of ASLs and parking

CCC

AC: TfL is doing a trial on parking in cycle lanes using their existing cameras. It will be very expensive. Camden could pick it up.

JC: Does this apply only to the TLRN?

AC: TfL has powers only on TLRN and its junctions

SM: Are there boroughs that use such powers for ASLs?

JC: I thought that Wandsworth might have done a trial; I will ask LCC if there are others.

**Action** CCC to follow up

SP: ASL infringements are getting worse (including scooters).

AC: A change to draft guidance would be needed to do ASLs. The police can enforce their use.

SM: this needs to be a campaign issue with LCC and Cycle England.

JC: with ASLs proof that a vehicle entered on a red light (e.g. 2 photos) is needed,

8. Farringdon Road fatality - lessons?

JF/CCC

JC: LCC is talking to TfL

AC: the process after fatalities requires meetings of Camden and Islington officers with the police and TfL. The collision history here is very poor. **We should not forget this case.**

9. Update on progress with making cycle lanes permanent

e.g. York Way stepped track has a gap; Tavistock Place/Gower St junction not yet done; Chalk Farm Road slow. Grays Inn Road

JD: On York Way the Argent work stops halfway while Camden work is underway from Freight Lane to Agar Grove. Chalk Farm Road - work has been going on for months but nothing is complete (e.g. there are blended junctions at Harmood and Hartland and a relocated bus stop bypass all behind cones); the final surface has not been applied so nobody can use the cycle tracks south of Ferdinand Street.

AC: Officers are trying to make a case to surface the tracks as each section is done. Waiting saves money but is bad for cyclists. The gap on York Way is due to Argent's waiting for development to be completed.

SM: CCC has legitimate concerns. Suggest contacting Dave Stewart. [post-meeting note: York Way Phase 1 cycle tracks are now virtually fully surfaced]

JC: We are happy to do so but it is not really our job.

**Action** CCC contact Dave Stewart

JC: Several projects are waiting on signals e.g PoW/Grafton Road

SM: This is a London-wide issue. Will mention it at the meeting tomorrow.

**Action** CCC to send bullet points to SM

10. Camden Road toucan at Canteloves Road

CCC

Concerns about lack of signage re shared space  
Barriers to non-standard bikes

**Action** CCC to send a report to AC/SM

AC: the unnecessary barriers are to be removed (the new one was added due to visibility problems).

SM: I will pass on CCC's report to TfL. OK to comment on the route through Canteloves Gardens.

11. KTR/Regis Road junction + permeability  
Opportunities triggered by redevelopment

CCC

JC: There is an opportunity for permeability e.g. Arctic Street and a link to Murphy's site.

Also, there is a need to advance the route to Oval Road through Camden Goods Yard.

It would be helpful if Transport were involved throughout these projects. LLS can also help lobby.

**Action** CCC and LLS to meet to discuss these issues

12. Access issues on High Holborn (Rosewood Hotel)

JF

This item was not discussed

13. Baynes Street

CCC

The decision report said that through traffic was not to be stopped and included a proposal for the design of the Baynes Street / RCS junction.

CCC had written to AC requesting a redesign of the Baynes Street / RCS junction with continuous footway and continuous cycle track at raised level protected by Dutch kerbs as well as a short length of contraflow cycle lane providing access to the canal towpath.

AC: shared a redesign of the junction that is very much like what we asked for

JD: Why isn't the Dutch kerb outside the cycle track?

AC: As there is No Entry for motor vehicles the kerb isn't needed to slow them down vehicles.

JC: In our note, we also asked that the signage at Georgiana Street be corrected.

AC: Thought it had been fixed

JC: Will check again.

**Action:** JC to review

14. AOB

All

10 min

Consequences of Mayoral Election for improvements in Camden (LLS)  
Report from CCC on Whitestone Pond (coming) (CCC)

SM: referred to Sadiq Khan's manifesto, noting that he will ask Will Norman for details after the general election. The GLA is committed to active travel

JC: CCC will send the Whitestone Pond report when it is ready.

JC: Very enthusiastic about the very imaginative changes on the north side of Gordon Square particularly the bench made from double yellow lines.

AC: The designer is Will Sandy.

15. Date of next meeting

2nd September 2024 9:30- 11am.