

Minutes Quarterly Meeting CCC, LLS and Camden Council

Monday 15th June 2026 09:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Present:

Camden Council: Sam Margolis (SM), Anthony Christofi (AC), Karl Brierley (KB), Peter Mardell (PM, joined for items 6 and 7),

Cycling Champion: Julian Fulbrook (JF)

LLS: David Harrison (DH)

CCC: John Chamberlain (JC, chair), Jean Dollimore (JD), Suzanne Weller (SW, minutes)

Apologies: Steve Prowse

1. Matters arising from previous meetings (all)

Bloomsbury Vision: Endsleigh Gardens (LLS)

SM: update from Afiyah who leads on this area:

1. Camden is waiting to hear what will happen on Melton Street (will come with the station designs inc. assisted travel facility)
2. Euston/Regent's Park team working on public realm strategy for the area and will be publishing an initial, pre-consultation invitation to share ideas and provide feedback this summer

ACTION - SM: arrange between Afiyah Alim, LLS and CCC to provide more detailed feedback of existing issues in the area.

Illegal left turns from Shaftesbury Avenue into Monmouth Street (LLS)

KB: traffic surveys have been commissioned for the area, but camera installation is delayed due to construction work at the junction. Once the junction reopens, Camden will be able to capture counts of contraventions of the left turn restriction.

(Some pictures of the ongoing work

<https://bsky.app/profile/maclondon.bsky.social/post/3mo6q3amtyc2b>)

ACTION - KB: Provide counts of left turn contraventions in due course.

Cargo Bike Parking at Schools (CCC)

SM provided an update on the status of providing longer cargo bike stands outside schools.

1. We already have a first example - Charrington Street has a couple of cargo bike stands which are useful for Edith Neville Primary.
2. Has asked the team to add cargo bike stands to new Healthy School Street locations. The first is likely to be Eleanor Palmer.

It is relatively simple for the team to install cargo stands where they are needed - it doesn't require a consultation.



JC: CCC has previously collected data for ordinary sheffield stands by providing counts/photos of bikes attached to lamp posts by location.

JC: The area at Charrington Street is a great cycle hub with a rack, tools and pump - often people come to the KT bike workshop just to get tyres pumped, it's a very useful local facility.

ACTION - SM and team: add cargo bike stands for new HSS implementations.

ACTION - SW: let KB and team know any suggestions on where to prioritise cargo bike stands when retrofitting to existing HSS - e.g. there are a lot of cargo bikes around Kentish Town.

ACTION - JC: consider CCC photo and article to promote the tool/pump station at Charrington Street.

Litter in planted areas (JF)

AC: it's a work in progress to get the environmental services colleagues to deal with it frequently. The planted areas are helpful to them as they trap litter and make it easier to gather.

JC: suggestion to encourage residents to use the Love Clean Streets app, which is very responsive.

Holborn LN vehicle circulation (CCC)

- LLS have concerns about the northern end of Drury Lane and how poor it is for pedestrians.
- CCC would like to have a better understanding of the traffic flows around the scheme as a whole from the March engagement and clarify any implications for cycling.

ACTION - JC: contact SM to ask for a meeting specifically on this topic.

Fairhazel Gardens (CCC)

CCC would like updated traffic counts for Fairhazel Gardens. All counts that are available to the council have been provided already. There are no updated counts (KB).

Camley Street (CCC)

SM: We are hoping to consult on some further improvements to Camley Street in the summer. This would be focused on the southern section with the link to the Somers Town bridge and junction with Granary Street.

JC: attended the drop in session regarding St Pancras Hospital and hopes for joined up thinking on those plans.

2. Implications of changes to cabinet and committee posts (all)

SM: wished JF commiserations on the election defeat and thanked him for his support and guidance over many years. This was warmly echoed by CCC and LLS.

SM:

- New cabinet member, Cllr Slater, has already supported and approved the procurement process for new dockless bike hire, while recognising the challenges.
- SM and Cllr Slater had undertaken a visit of recent projects and changes in Somers Town, including the mobility hubs, and is now being briefed on what's coming forward next.
- Advised that stakeholders can refer to manifesto commitments and also note that schemes such as King Henry's Road are continuing to come forward as planned.
- Holborn LN will continue to move forward as planned, building to the next key milestone (consultation in early 2027), and note that we have three new Green Holborn Councillors who will need to be fully briefed in the project
- The new chair of the Scrutiny Committee is Rebecca Filer.

JF:

- Note that the new leader Segal is personally a cyclist and cares about cycling and walking in Camden. Concerned about schemes moving ahead and that the interface with public transport is effective.
 - JF is very happy to have been invited to stay on as a cycling champion and move ahead in conjunction with CCC and the excellent officer team.
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3. Camden political parties - discussion of election pledges (all)

JC: briefed the group on the pledges made by political parties during the elections:

- Holborn & West End
- New East-West Cycle Route through Camden Town
- Extending to the North
- Making roads to the North-West of the borough safer for cycling

<https://camdencyclists.org.uk/2026/03/streets-for-cycling-our-asks-for-the-2026-local-elections/>

Pledges from Green, Labour, Camden People's Alliance and support to some extent from Lib Dems. Did not hear anything from Conservatives or Reform.

4. Updates to timing of upcoming projects (all)

- JC: Shaftesbury Avenue starting (mentioned earlier)

- AC: Clerkenwell progressing - 80% complete, except signals. Having two gangs working has led to swift progression. Unfortunately a timed pitlane and hoardings for developers will happen as soon as project finishes (on Theobalds Rd / Grays Inn Road junction)
 - SM: Haverstock - still working at the top, nearly there, but expected to run into July.
 - SM: Goods Way reopened, still have bus stop and a few pieces to do - bike hangers and big docking bays are in
 - SM: King Henry's Road scheme projected to start end of June - mostly walking
 - SM: Albany Street; working on TMO, could start early autumn
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5. Upcoming consultations (all)

SM: upcoming consultation on a "green line" linking St Pancras Station and the new St Pancras Eye Hospital

KB: confirmed Camden will open a consultation on 10 July to make Phase 1 of Camden High Street permanent.

JC raised CCC member concerns about the new northbound protected cycle lane on Kentish Town Road, which sits inside left-turning traffic to Hawley Crescent - there's no ASL and cyclists end up poorly positioned when going straight on, so CCC may ask for it to be removed. AC said Phase 2 will resolve it; the lane was built as an opportunity and passed a safety audit. AC proposed installing a camera to monitor the junction. CCC felt that this was not enough.

JF stressed the importance of planting in securing public support for walking and cycling schemes, citing Camden High Street, Brunswick Square, Red Lion Street, and Westminster near St Clement Danes and the Strand as examples that help spaces feel appropriate for walking and cycling.

On other schemes, SM confirmed that the Agar Grove / York Way junction decision has been delayed but is still expected to be presented to Councillor Slater soon. KB said engagement materials for the Cross-Camden Cycleway are being analysed and the report is in production, with no consultation timeline yet. SM confirmed it will be possible to cycle smoothly from Market Road, through the cyclops junction, onto Agar Grove.

ACTION - AC: Place a camera to monitor the left turn on KT Rd/Hawley Crescent junction.

ACTION - JC: Arrange a catch up with AC specifically on the issue of the KT Rd/Hawley Crescent junction.

AOB (taken out of order): Analysis of KSIs in Camden (SM)

SM presented early analysis of recent TfL collision statistics. KSIs are up across London generally; in Camden they rose from 34 to 44 (about 30%) between 2024 and 2025. There were no obvious clusters, some around Holborn and possibly Fitzrovia (Maple St, Howland St), with few clear patterns elsewhere on borough roads. The increase was on borough roads, with TLRN roads unchanged, and appeared to exceed what the mode shift towards cycling alone would explain.

The group suggested several lines to explore further: looking at the demographics of 2025 cyclists, who may be less experienced / more tourists than in 2024 (JF); whether dockless bike hire is a

factor, noting Islington's count fell slightly (SM); learning from European cities with rising cycling, and whether the main factors are behavioural versus junction design (AC); whether the figures differ significantly from KSI rates in the Netherlands (JC); a similar analysis for pedestrians (DH); a possible correlation with strike action and less experienced cyclists (AC); and the role of e-bikes and fat bikes, with the Netherlands now trialling a 12 mph limit on cycle lanes (JF).

ACTION - SW: Ask wider CCC group for their analysis on latest KSI numbers

ACTION - SM: Ask the team to do a similar analysis for pedestrian casualties

ACTION - SM: Share analysis with CCC and LLS

6. Eton Avenue Area traffic issues and options (CCC)

Around Eton Avenue, Fellows Road, Strathray, Crossfield and Lancaster Grove, heavy traffic at school drop-off makes cycling too challenging for most families. Two-thirds of bike bus families won't cycle without the group's support. SW proposed an area-wide timed motor-traffic closure (a healthy school street zone) and asked about legal or technical barriers.

The discussion centred on exemptions, which is the main obstacle to a zone this size: a key requirement is a way to exempt people with occasional needs like taxis to hospital appointments. PM explained that Camden IT is building a self-reporting system (usable online or by phone) for residents to flag exemption needs. This would be complemented by improved communication with the taxi trade. It should be running by September for the Neighbourhood of the Future trial (to the west of Fitzjohn's Avenue). By year-end, we should be able to assess the success of the trial with a view to a consultation on a new zone in Belsize in early 2027.

ACTIONS - PM: Implement the exemption scheme in the NoF area and report on success.

ACTIONS - SM/KB: Monitor the trial and consider whether consultation on an extended HSS zone would be appropriate for early 2027.

7. Illegal parking and loading in cycle lanes - camera enforcement (CCC)

CCC have provided a list of locations where there seems to be habitual misuse with parking and loading in cycle lanes. AC gave an update that legislation now exists for enforcement, but it is often hard to ensure a good return on investment compared with investing in infrastructure.

PM: no one has been able to invest the capital outlay for traffic enforcement cameras at loading bays. The fixed camera technology needed for sufficient accuracy costs £20K-23K. They can be moved and reused. Camden no longer has mobile cameras for enforcement as they are not viable (they add to volumes of motor traffic and people are uncomfortable with them).

ACTION - JC: resend the CCC list to AC.

ACTION - AC: review list and discuss with PM whether it would be possible to have a trial in one location

8. Camden's plans for Car Free day (CCC)

LCC is running a Festival of Cycling on 20th September. There is likely to be a large event / road closure in Westminster in the morning. CCC is likely to organise a feeder ride, but would also like to be involved in anything planned within Camden.

SM: Camden would like to do something for Car Free Day which would coincide. Looking at Stanhope Street again and considering some other options.

ACTION - SM: raise with Camden team and firm up location, inform CCC & LLS of plans and a main point of contact.

ACTION - JC: keep SM informed when other LCC/CCC plans firm up.

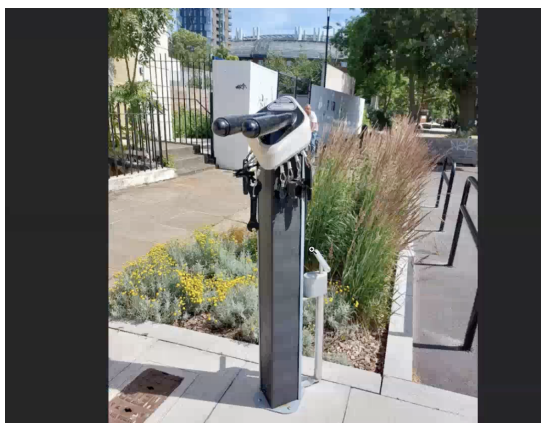
AOB: Kentish Town Mobility Hubs (SM)

SM informed the group that the KT mobility hubs are expected to start on site at the end of the month. They will come with some new information plinths which will be piloted at some of the hubs. They will also have a link to the new healthy travel choices commonplace.

ACTION - SW: add information about the new healthy travel choices commonplace to the CCC website.

AOB: Charrington Street Hub Facilities (CCC)

JC shared a picture of the excellent tools and facilities available at the Charrington Street Hub.



AOB: Update to meeting format (SM)

SM suggested that in future meetings we could start with a review of the last quarter - what walking and cycling things have been achieved. Everyone attending can contribute items. The group agreed this would be a good way to keep us informed, see progress, identify opportunities to collaborate and generate new ideas.

ACTION - JC: for future meetings, add an agenda 1 item as a “look back on last quarter”

ACTION - All: for future meetings, bring a short update on any activities you would like to share with the group.

Next meeting

ACTION - KB: send out invite and teams link for the next meeting which will be on 14th September (ensuring correct email address for JF)