

West and North West Cambridge Consultative Cycling Group

Tuesday 3 February 2015, 1400-1530

Hauser Forum, West Cambridge

PRESENT: Prof Ian White [Chair] (University); Heather Topel (University); Biky Wan (University); Greg Callaghan (Peter Brett Associates (PBA) – transport consultant); John Hopkins (PBA); George Daugherty (PBA); Joanna Chamberlain (University); Amanda Holden (University); Vanessa Kelly (County Council); Ian Dyer (County Council); Mark Taylor (City Council); Rod Cantrill (City Councillor - Newnham); Marie-Louise Holland (City Councillor - Castle); Sue Finer (Storey's Way); Jim Chisholm (Campaigner); Daniel Cox, Cycling Club; Catherine Rawlings (Girton College); Rupert Goodings (Cyclists Touring Club); Rohan Wilson (Sustrans); Amelie Kirchgassner (BAS); Lucy Nethsingha (County Councillor); Bob Dawson (NAFRA); Rachel Hyman (Dept of Engineering post-graduate student); Everhard Muzert (Schlumberger); Nick Maclaren (University stakeholder); Judith Bunbury (St Edmunds)

APOLOGIES: Hooda Abdullah (Aveva); Clare Rankin (City Council); Philip Tucker (City Councillor – Castle); Helena Melbourne (County Council); Noel Kavanagh (County Councillor); Hester Wells (Cambridge Cycling Campaign); Jennifer Brook (Churchill College); Simon Stoddart (Lansdowne Road); Edward Byam Cook (Madingley Parish Council); Robert Gardiner (Murray Edwards College); Johannes Hjorth (Post-Doc Committee); Glen Sharp (Trinity Hall College); Judith Bunbury (St Edmunds College); Rachel Clarke (BAS); Glen Sharp (Trinity Hall); Andrew Wood (West Cambridge Apartments); Noel Kavanagh (County Councillor).

1 INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed members and introductions were made.

2. UPDATES AND STATUS REPORTS

2.1 North West Cambridge and West Cambridge Development updates were given by Heather Topel.

2.2 The transport context for development in the area was given by Greg Callaghan.

3. WORKSHOP SESSION

3.1 & 3.2 Members were asked to consider four questions in groups on the topics: routes and junctions. The following points capture the feedback that was shared subsequent to the discussion. The Appendix contains a full set of plans annotated with the received comments.

- i) What are the key cycle routes to, from and through the North West and West Cambridge sites?
- ii) On these routes, where are there gaps in provision, what works well, and where could there be improvements?
 - Huntingdon Road Crossings
 - Madingley Road, out to Madingley Village – there is a good cycleway but it is poor on the north side of Madingley Road

- Connection to Girton (on Girton Road)
- Connections to Coton
- All main aerial roads into Cambridge (Histon Road, Victoria Road, Huntingdon Road) will see increase in cycle movements.
- Queens Road is unfriendly to cyclists (Burrell's Walks is the only good cycle crossing, other junctions are not good practice and dangerous), but an alternative route to the congested Burrell's Walk route is required.
- Links to the countryside from the M11 underpass, along the A14 and across to Madingley
- Demand from people coming from the Southern Fringe/, Addenbrookes/ Station and for better links through Newnham
- Most are cyclists using JJ Thomson, need to look at crossing of Madingley Road so one high quality route across Madingley Road (i.e. a bridge) which would be quicker than a two-stage crossing

iii) What solutions would you propose?

- Better signage needed for existing routes and across the city, esp. Storey's Way, e.g. "legible London"
- Quality links around Darwin Green across Huntingdon Road
- Potential for filtered permeability on Cambridge Road to Madingley
- Bus lanes need to be wide enough but segregation is better
- Avoid blind corners
- Need for University to work with colleges on alternative links to city centre from West Cambridge

iv) What exemplar and bad examples of routes or junctions can you identify that are noteworthy.

Good

- Coton Footpath is an example of good practice as it is not mixed with vehicles, but it has some problems
- Chestnut Avenue is positive route for cycle and pedestrian only
- Access to city centre on Coton Footpath is good but the Adams Road junction brick wall is a problem, and route into town

Bad

- Cycling through residential areas: e.g. routes from Histon / Impington / Oxford and Windsor Road and Storey's Way can be difficult because of residential parking
- Madingley Road / Mount Pleasant Junction is difficult
- Crossing into Bunker's Hill
- Exemplary practice in the Netherlands of segregation of cyclists from pedestrians and traffic.

4. Summary

Ian White summarised that there needs to be a general focus on crossings, linkages to the city and countryside and creating the right capacity of cycle movements. There is also the need to consider what standards are applied across the developments.

5. AOB

There was no other business raised.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 17 April at 2pm at the Hauser Forum.