

# CYCLE FORUM

10<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 6pm, CR3  
Notes

## 1. Introductions/Apologies

### Attendees

Councillor Gittings (Chair)  
Richard Pearson (RCC/Reading CTC)  
Adrian Lawson (RCC)  
John Lee (RCC)  
Keith Elliott (RCC)  
Councillor Duveen  
Councillor Willis  
Cris Butler (RBC)  
Grace Warren (RBC)  
Javed Saddique (CTC/RBC)  
Michelle Atkins (GREN)

### Apologies

Councillor Page  
Councillor Davies  
Emma Baker (RBC)

## 2. Minutes from 30<sup>th</sup> January 2013

- PG asked that it be noted that at the meeting held in January a grit bin was requested on Horse Shoe Bridge but this has not been installed.
- AL asked for the existing lines to be continued through the pedestrian refuges along the Meadway and for the lines to be extended to Honey End Lane
- CB confirmed there are no plans to install signals at the junction of Caversham Road/Richfield Avenue

## 3. Issues raised by Forum members (standard item)

### a. Update on LSTF workshops

- Workshop planned for May for Bath Road/Wokingham Road
- KE requested that a representative from Wokingham Borough Council and West Berks Council are invited to the workshop/next meeting
- AL raised that the proposed workshop for West Reading has not been held
- The group would like an update document of the programme and progress of each item discussed in the workshop.
- AL requested information from Wokingham Borough Council on works they are intending to carry out with some of the LSTF money - in particular the Lower Earley Way improvements which were announced.

### b. Town Centre Linkage Review and Planning

- Review of the vinyl's around the town. Possibly explore better use of the vinyl's.

### c. Update on Individual Schemes

#### ci. Vastern Road

- Site meeting attended by CB/KE/AL
- CB confirmed spiral road markings will be used on Reading Bridge roundabout/Forbury Road roundabout and Caversham Rd/Vastern Road

roundabout. The road marking improvements will form part of the Road Safety Review.

- AL requested for plans to be sent showing the captured changes from the site meeting
- cii. George Street/Reading Bridge**
- CB confirmed that Officers are currently looking at the impact of removing a traffic lane and implementing cycle lanes on Reading Bridge
  - CB suggested a traffic management experiment could be undertaken in the near future to see the impact on change
  - JL requested that the results of the modelling undertaken is sent to the group
  - RW raised that the bus company must be made aware of any trial if it goes ahead
  - PG said that he would discuss the issue of the trial with the Lead Councillor Tony Page
- ciii. Bath Road**
- CB confirmed proposals will be taken to workshop in May
- civ. Waterloo Road/Elgar Road Priority**
- Concerns were raised about the current layout of the current priority junction
  - CB to investigate further, any possibly improvement but reiterated the importance of road safety for all users, and any change may create more issues. AL suggested moving the planters which may affect visibility and MA suggested possible extended parking restrictions around the area
- cv. Napier Road**
- BAPA is progressing. Legal agreement is due to be completed by Network Rail by May.
  - AL requested that a representative from Network Rail is present at next meeting to explain the hold up with signing the agreement
- cvi. New Thames Bridge**
- Went to TMAP in March and the pre app/planning are moving forward.
  - Plan to be shared with group with the preferred alignment
  - AL stated that the footway/cycleway must be segregated as this is preferred by all and should be included in the initial plans. All stated a shared path is not acceptable.
  - PG said he would pass on the concerns of the meeting over any non-segregated arrangement to the lead councillor
- d. Proposals for Prospect Street Mini-Roundabout**
- The proposed layout will be addressed in the Road Safety Report - currently there are no detailed drawings to share with the group
  - JL - A possible 20mph for Caversham centre
- e. Town Hall Square/Butter Market**
- At present no changes will be made and cyclists will continue to use Broad Street Eat/Queen Victoria Street

- RW raised that this should be looked at as soon as possible and include linkage with the proposed changes to Town Hall Square improvements
  - AL - Broad Street/Town Centre cycling to be included on next agenda. Town Centre workshop to be arranged in the future.
- f. Thames Towpath Barriers**
- AL asked PG to review and provide answers for why the barriers are still in situ.
  - PG to agreed to pass concerns on to Cllr Page regarding the barriers
- g. Cycle Audits**
- No actions since last meeting
- h. Road Maintenance on Cycle Routes/Resurfacing Programme**
- RD queried if the correct materials are being used by Highways to fill in the pot holes
  - Main areas highlighted by group where there are bad pot holes are Craven Road and Addington Road.
  - The cycle forum support an amended policy for pot holes and premier cycle routes
- i. Update Eastern Area Schemes**
- Installation of the new cycle facilities associated with the Eastern area, Hospital and university studies will commence in Summer 2013.
- 4. Updated cycle strategy actions chart (standard item)**
- Circulated at meeting
  - Group requested the chart be reviewed to improve detail and clarity as to the progress of each action.
- 5. Local Sustainable Transport Fund**
- a. Cycle Improvements**
- No additional information
  - Group requested a planning programme for where we are with LSTF deliverables - see point 4.
- b. Cycle Development Officer Programmes**
- JS requested the cycling campaign help with Bike Week. AL will update JS after the committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April.
- c. Workplace Cycle Challenge**
- Tim Janes is running the event
  - RP requested more promotion of the event
  - JS to check with Tim Janes who has been notified of the forthcoming event
- d. Bike It/Volunteer Programme/Pocket Place for People**
- No update available

## 6. AOB

- Cycle hire update to be shared before the next meeting - send the update to AL as soon as possible prior to the newsletter going out at the end of the month
- JL - will funding be available for any updates needed to cycle infrastructure near to where the cycle hire stations will be?
- Update required to the cycling strategy - AL has offered to help contribute to the strategy.
- CB advised the group to respond to private hire vehicles within bus lanes consultation

## 7. Date of Next Meeting

- Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 6pm

Agenda Item	Action	Expected
2	EB to update on grit bin at Horse Shoe Bridge	By next meeting - July 2013
2	GW to revisit road markings on Meadway/Honey End Lane	By next meeting - July 2013
3	EB to provide date for workshop on Bath Road/Wokingham Road	For meeting in May
3	EB to contact Wokingham and West Berks about someone attending the meeting to discuss linking and the upgrade project on Lower Earley Way	Ongoing
3/5	EB/CB/GW to provide an update document on current LSTF projects	By next meeting - July 2013
3	CB to send plan of captured changes following Reading Station site meeting	By next meeting - July 2013 - COMPLETE
3	CB to send details of modelling report for Reading Bridge to group	By next meeting - July 2013
3	Officers to look at any potential improvements at Elgar Road/Waterloo Road	By next meeting - July 2013
3	GW to try and arrange a Network Rail representative to attend next meeting	By next meeting - July 2013
3	CB/EB to send plan of preferred alignment of new Thames Bridge	Available online
3	Officers to look at linkage through Town Hall/Butter Market	As soon as possible in line with proposals
3	PG to pass concerns on regarding the Thames towpath barriers with Cllr Page	By next meeting - July 2013
3	EB to arrange a response to communication received regarding Eastern Area Schemes	As soon as possible
4	EB to provide a summary of current position in projects on cycle strategy actions chart	By next meeting - July 2013
5	EB to provide cycle hire update	By next meeting - July 2013