

# Reading Cycle Forum

## Agenda

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 6pm

Councillor's Room 1, Civic Offices

Attendees	Apologies
Councillor Adele Barnett-Ward	None
Councillor Tony Page	
Councillor Paul Gittings	
Adrian Lawson (RCC)	
John Lee (RCC)	
Brian Morley (RCC)	
Brian Oatway	
Karen Richardson (RCC/Cycling UK)	
Megan Streb (Sustrans)	
Simon Beasley (RBC)	
Lucy Prismall (RBC)	
Emma Baker (RBC)	

1. Introductions  
Councillor Barnett-Ward welcomed attendees to the meeting and introductions were made.
2. Note of the Previous Meeting  
The note of the last meeting was agreed: ([Item 9](#))
3. Local Transport Plan - Update  
Officers summarised the high-level results of the Local Transport Plan consultation that took place over the summer and the timeframe for key next steps, including statutory consultation in Spring 2020.  
  
Action - circulate link to consultation results when published.
4. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan - Update  
Officers gave an update on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, which has been submitted to the Department for Transport. The finalised LCWIP will be adopted as a sub-strategy to the next Local Transport Plan and will be available for comment in parallel to the statutory consultation in Spring 2020.

A report on the LCWIP was taken to SEPT Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> November and is available [here](#) (Item 15).

Action - Investigate whether initial feedback discussed at Cycle Forum can be incorporated within the LCWIP.

## 5. Current Funding Programmes

### a. NCN Route 422 - Update

Officers highlighted recently completed improvements, including the installation of mandatory cycle lanes on Berkeley Avenue, and planned road markings improvements on Wokingham Road. This was followed by a discussion on buffer zones parallel to parking bays and whether changes could be made to the proposed scheme.

### b. Sustrans Activation Project

Officers updated the Cycle Forum on the Sustrans Activation Project seeking to improve access to the National Cycle Network in collaboration with the Police, Canal & Rivers Trust, the Council and community groups. Detailed designs are currently being drawn up by Sustrans and will be reported to Traffic Management Sub-Committee in January 2020. The Council highlighted that concerns about motorcycle use has been raised with Thames Valley Police.

### c. GWR Customer & Communities Improvement Fund

Officers updated the Forum on progress implementing cycle parking improvements at the Northern Interchange and the installation of wayfinding units in the vicinity of the station, following a successful bid to Great Western Railway's Customer and Communities Improvement Fund. Works, including the installation on CCTV, are expected to be complete by the end of March 2020.

## 6. Future Funding Bids

As discussed under item 4, there are two funding pots currently available through the Department for Transport and the Local Enterprise Partnership that could be used to progress sustainable transport schemes. In addition, there is likely to be cycling and walking funding available in 2020/21 for Local Authorities who have developed a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

## 7. Items Raised by Forum Members:

### a. Vastern Road Roundabout - Update

Changes to the layout of the roundabout have been implemented following discussions with the Forum. Officers informed the Forum that changes would now be monitored, and further changes considered if needed.

### b. Town Centre Signing

Some change have been implemented as part of the NCN scheme. Other signing improvements are to be progressed.

### c. Kings Road Bus Lane - Left-Turns

Safety concerns were raised about left turning cyclists crossing Kings Road bus lane. Officers agreed to investigate.

- d. Watlington Street to Christchurch Bridge Link  
Improvements to this route, as previously discussed, are subject to funding and future development sites.
  - e. Contraflow routes through one-way residential streets  
It was agreed that a list of potential roads subject for contraflow cycle facilities, including filtered permeability, is drafted and discussed at a future date.
  - f. Oxford Road improvements, including eastbound from Bedford Rd  
Post Meeting Note - The Berkshire Local Transport Body granted full funding approval to deliver improvements at Reading West Station in November 2019. Works are expected to commence Summer 2020 and wider improvements to the Oxford Road corridor will be delivered in parallel.
  - g. Craven Road roundabout improvements  
Post Meeting Note - Concerns were raised about vehicles not stopping on approach to the roundabout from Craven Road and potentially colliding with cyclists turning right on the junction from Erleigh Road. Officers agreed to investigate.
8. Any Other Business  
Transport for London's street works guidance document was also discussed. Officers to investigate suitability for adopting in Reading.