

Active Travel Advisory Group

Wednesday, 10th October 2018

19:00 – 20:45

Council Chamber, York House, Twickenham

Attendees

Cllr Gareth Richards (chair)	Active Travel Champion
Cllr Alexander Ehmann	Cabinet member for Transport, Streetscene and Air Quality
David Tidley	Transport Strategy Manager, Richmond & Wandsworth Councils
Margo Turner	Principal Transport Planner, Richmond & Wandsworth Councils
Simon Le Good	Transport Planner, Richmond & Wandsworth Councils
Tim Lennon	Richmond Cycling Campaign
Victor Warner	Richmond Cycling Campaign
Cathy Maker	RUILS
Alan Benson	RUILS/ Transport for All/ London Travelwatch
Louise Gold	Sustrans
Sam Greening	Sustrans
Justine Langford	Ham & Petersham Neighbourhood Forum
Cllr Monica Saunders	20's Plenty, MASC

Apologies

Emma Hookham	Sustrans
Brian Holder	Teddington Society

Meeting notes

1.	Welcome and introductions	Cllr Richards
	Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made	
2.	Review Terms of Reference	Margo Turner
	<p>Group discussion on the spectrum of topics to be covered by the group and whether not the current name was reflective of this scope. There was agreement that the concentration for the group would be on walking and cycling but this may spur into adjacent areas on occasion (e.g. public realm and air quality). It was agreed that accessibility should be a focus and considered a key component of the walking & cycling agenda.</p> <p>It was agreed that meeting quarterly was appropriate, but there would be opportunities for engagement in between</p>	

	meetings to discuss certain projects and schemes. The quarterly meetings would be focused on strategic matters.	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terms of reference to be edited and posted on the website • Electronic copies to be provided of all papers • Next meeting to be scheduled for a Tuesday in January • Opportunities for informal engagement to be circulated as they arise 	Margo Turner (all)
3.	Update on Quietway 21	Simon Le Good
	<p>Simon provided an update on the Richmond Park- Teddington Lock Quietway, including detailed route plans and timescales for implementation. The Quietway is expected to be completed in 2019.</p> <p>Justine queried how previous consultation responses have been addressed, with concern on proposals for road humps and the safety issues these might cause</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simon to follow-up on responses to consultation and provide these to Justine • Justine's consultation response to be shared with the group 	<p>Simon Le Good</p> <p>Margo Turner</p>
4.	Infrastructure improvements for 2018/19	All
	<p>Tim queried current planning on cycle parking, leading to a discussion on the location and quality of existing cycle parking and how we can best direct implementation of future cycle parking. It was agreed that the Council would look at existing cycle parking locations prior to the next meeting, as well as establish a methodology for evaluating locations for cycle parking and cycle infrastructure improvements. Alan asked that we ensure that cycle parking is open to non-standard bikes, wherever possible.</p> <p>Tim suggested the council invest in portable cycle parking to test demand in different locations.</p>	

	<p>There was a discussion on identification of ‘quick win’ locations for infrastructure improvements and if suggestions could be made using informal versus formal (petition) methods. It was agreed that suggestions could be made at any time, and the Council would endeavour to investigate suggestions with the aim of compiling a list potential projects to be taken forward as funding/ opportunity arises, and would also provide honest answers if certain suggestions were deemed to be infeasible. Walking suggestions are welcome alongside cycling suggestions.</p> <p>Cllr Ehmann noted that we need to improve engagement levels with schools and prioritise those improvements around schools with travel plans in place, to encourage uptake.</p> <p>Cllr Ehmann noted that the Council is currently investigating potential improvements for Richmond Town Centre and we would provide an update on recommendations once these are determined.</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A baseline of locations of existing cycle parking to be provided for next meeting • Establish process for evaluation of locations for cycle parking & cycle infrastructure • Cycle parking to be agenda item at next meeting • Tim Lennon to provide updated list of ‘quick wins’ to Council • Council to undertake evaluation of proposed quick wins and provide feedback to the group • Recommendations for Richmond town centre to be shared once these have been short-listed 	<p>Simon Le Good</p> <p>Margo Turner</p> <p>Margo Turner Tim Lennon</p> <p>Margo Turner</p> <p>Margo Turner</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Progress on the Local Implementation Plan</p>	<p>Margo Turner</p>
	<p>Margo provided an update on the development of the third LIP, including timescales and the proposed delivery plan</p> <p>Cllr Saunders raised the issue of how accessibility is included in the LIP and it was confirmed that improving accessibility is a key objective in the LIP and is a principle addressed in all schemes.</p>	

	<p>Aspirational projects were discussed, with plans for step-free access at Hampton Wick station discussed. It was agreed that the station should be promoted for Access for All funding</p> <p>Cllr Ehmann mentioned the feasibility study for a new pedestrian-cycle bridge would be made public shortly, with an opportunity for individuals and groups to share their thoughts on the proposals and encouraged those present to respond.</p>	
	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details on pedestrian-cycle bridge consultation to be shared • Details on public consultation for LIP to be shared • Step-free accessibility to stations to be added to aspirational project list in LIP 	Margo Turner (all)
6.	Discussion 2: Planning for walking	All
	<p>The group discussed the relative merits of having a separate walking strategy versus a combined walking & cycling strategy. It was agreed that a combined strategy would be most sensible, with the caveat that equal weight is given to walking, with accessibility a key consideration throughout, with consideration given to user needs will vary across different types of areas. Tim recommended looking at the City of London strategy for possible walking metrics.</p> <p>Justine asked that we consider promoting harmony between pedestrians and cyclists, and seek to improve the information we have on the website, done so in a manner that ensures we don't paint cyclists in a negative light. Cllr Ehmann suggested we provided clarity on our hierarchy of different modes, to reflect that pedestrian and cyclists should be treated as a higher priority than car users.</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to develop an active travel strategy, encompassing walking and an update of the existing cycle strategy – to include additional liaison with group and potential working group prior to next meeting • Website to be updated to provide additional information on cycling and information on walking 	Margo Turner (all)

7.	AOB & close	Cllr Richards
	<p>Tim queried the current status of contraflow cycle lanes and Margo confirmed that there is not currently an active programme to install these but they are being looked at as part of wider projects. Cllr Ehmann requested we look further at this and provide an update at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Ehmann encouraged everyone to respond to the 20mph consultation.</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contraflow cycling to be added to agenda for next meeting• Tuesday, 22nd January proposed for next meeting, with agenda and papers to be circulated by Tuesday, 8th January	Margo Turner (all)