

Active Travel Advisory Group

Roads and transport

17 June 2019

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Thursday, 6 June 2019

19:00 – 20:55

Terrace Room, York House, Twickenham

Attendees

Cllr Gareth Richards (chair)	Active Travel Champion
Cllr Katie Mansfield	Vice-chair, Transport and Air Quality Service Committee
Margo Turner	Principal Transport Planner, Richmond & Wandsworth Councils
Lindi Louw	School Travel Coordinator, Richmond Council
Tim Lennon	Richmond Cycling Campaign
Victor Warner	Richmond Cycling Campaign
James Heath	Richmond Cycling Campaign
Alan Benson	RUILS
Yvonne Benson	RUILS
Theo Highland	Sustrans
Jenine Langrish	MASC
Justine Langford	Ham & Petersham Neighbourhood Forum
Cllr Monica Saunders	20's Plenty, MASC
Brian Holder	Teddington Society
Raphael Zachary-Younger	Barnes Community Association

Apologies

Rob Gray	FORCE
Emma Hookham	Sustrans
Sam Greening	Sustrans
Paul Luton	Cycling UK

Meeting notes

1.	Welcome and introductions	Cllr Richards
	Cllr Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made	
2.	Review actions from previous meeting	Margo Turner
	<p>Actions from previous meeting were briefly reviewed.</p> <p>The following actions from the previous meeting have been resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council to provide update on timescales for first phase of contraflows 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone to send examples of best practice strategy documents to Margo for consideration • Council to look more at the data sets to better understand what has been used in TfL’s strategic cycling analysis, and to see what data is currently available regarding different journey types • Council officers to discuss inclusion of school travel planning in the active travel strategy • School Travel Coordinator to attend the next meeting to provide detail to the group on school travel plans • The Council to look at different design options for Strawberry Vale, including shared use path at southern end of the road, and upgraded with-flow cycle lanes, with consideration given to bus stops and car parking <p>The following actions from the previous meeting are in progress or outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish process for evaluation of locations for cycle parking & cycle infrastructure • Recommendations for Richmond town centre to be shared once these have been short-listed • Details on pedestrian-cycle bridge consultation to be shared • Council to share TfL’s Cycle Parking Strategy once it is published • Council to share details on the Cycle Infrastructure Database once it becomes publicly available • Council to review cycle parking stand types used for design & value • Council to set a target for cycle parking 	
3.	Overview of new committee system	Cllr Richards
	Cllr Richards explained the change from a cabinet system to a service committee system, and that the changes were led by a desire to improve transparency in the decision-making process	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to information on the Transport and Air Quality Service Committee to be shared 	Margo Turner

4.	School travel plans and School Streets	
	<p>Lindi talking about the school travel planning process, including STARS and accreditations levels, details on the support and programmes we provide to schools and the Councils role in events and promotions. She provided information on the total number of schools in the borough and how many were engaged in the travel planning programme. She talked about plans for upcoming Bike Week and Clean Air Day, and the work that took place recently around the Big Pedal. She detailed the plans for 19/20, including Bikelt and School Streets. Tim asked about engineering measures, and Lindi relayed that requested engineering improvements had to be included within the school travel plans. For School Streets we initially considered 10-15 schools and we are currently working with the most feasible and interested schools, an invitation to express interest in a School Street has now been sent to all schools.</p> <p>James asked why more schools are not engaged in the STARS system. Lindi responded that a lack of resources was the most common reason that schools didn't participate, travel also was not a priority for some schools. Lindi mentioned that she is trying to engage more with PTAs to try and encourage interested parents to act as travel plan leads.</p> <p>Tim asked about how we can get more School Streets more quickly. Lindi said that we are focusing on trying to implement a small number of high-quality examples before extending the programme to additional schools.</p> <p>Tim asked about cycle parking provision at schools. Lindi replied that we keep a record of provision at schools, but that it is for the school to update on an annual basis.</p> <p>Tim suggested that more information should be shared on the website and on social media, including listing participating schools, collision data and data collected through STARS, as well as information on support available from the Council for schools and information about the bike markets.</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide more information on school travel planning on the Council website and promote related activities 	Lindi Louw

	<p>and promotions through social media and local newsletters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slides on school travel planning to be shared 	Margo Turner
5.	Progress on the Active Travel Strategy & Strategic Cycle Network	Margo Turner
	<p>Margo provided a quick overview and asked if there was any additional feedback on the draft Active Travel Strategy that was distributed previously.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders queried the council policy around EV charge points and where they are located, with a need to look at more chargers being located off pavements.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders suggested the strategy include consideration of the negative impact dropped kerbs across driveways can have on pedestrians, with an aim for better designs so that they are flat across the pavement, with the sloped portion within the property.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders mentioned that there are some ongoing issues with the design of the inset parking bays in Hampton Hill, with vehicles over-running the bays onto the pavement and putting pedestrians at risk. She suggested the focus should be on ensuring this type of design is not introduced elsewhere in the borough.</p> <p>The targets were briefly discussed, with requests from Jenine to reconsider the level of ambition.</p> <p>Cllr Mansfield asked for the vehicle hierarchy to differentiate between non-polluting and standard delivery and servicing vehicles. There was also wider discussion about the need for the strategy to include more aspirations around supporting cleaner delivery vehicles.</p> <p>Cllr Saunders suggested we should look at widening the criteria for considering the introduction of low-traffic neighbourhoods, that the council should be more pro-active in identifying locations and we should consider adding a target around their introduction in the strategy.</p> <p>There was a discussion about timescales for the strategy to go to the Transport and Air Quality Service Committee and when it would go out to public consultation.</p>	

	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise draft Active Travel Strategy to consider feedback and suggestions as noted above • Communicate with teams replacing pavements regarding best practice for dropped kerb design • Investigate creating an online form to enable members of the public to request quick fixes/ report problems and/or mention specific locations that prevent them from walking or cycling • Liaise with Democratic Services regarding the types of delivery vehicles used to deliver paperwork to councillors • An update to be provided when it is known when the strategy will go to committee 	Margo Turner (all)
6.	AOB & close	All
	<p>Margo went through the following AOB items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on contraflow cycling • Introduction of borough-wide 20mph • Bike hangars • Quietway 21 • Liveable Neighbourhoods bid for 2019 • Richmond town centre <p>Hammersmith Bridge and the Royal Parks Movement Strategy were also raised as AOB. Several group members will be attending public engagement session being hosted by Royal Parks in June. It was noted that additional discussions were needed around promoting walking and cycling in light of the Hammersmith Bridge closure</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dockless bikes to be added to agenda for next meeting • Follow-up on Hammersmith Bridge is required, either as part of next meeting or stand-alone meeting • Wording on the Hammersmith Bridge consultation to be queried – does not differentiate between positive and negative impact 	Margo Turner (all)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date of next meeting requested to be prior to September (or an update to be provided prior to September if interest in a meeting is low)	
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