

Active Travel Advisory Group

Tuesday 4th February 2020

19:00 – 21:00

Terrace Room, York House, Twickenham

Attendees

Cllr Gareth Richards (chair)	Active Travel Champion
Cllr Alex Ehmann	Chair of the Transport and Air Quality Committee
Cllr Katie Mansfield	Deputy Chair of the Transport and Air Quality Committee
Cllr Michael Butlin	Councillor for South Twickenham
David Tidley	Transport Strategy Manager, Richmond & Wandsworth Councils
Margo Turner	Principal Transport Planner, Richmond & Wandsworth Councils
Simon Le Good	Transport Planner, Richmond & Wandsworth Councils
Joan Gibson	Friends of Heathfield Athletic Ground
Paul Luton	Cycling UK
Tim Lennon	Richmond Cycling Campaign
Rob Gray	FORCE
Justine Langford	Ham & Petersham Neighbourhood Forum
Cllr Monica Saunders	20's Plenty, MASC
Raphael Zachary-Younger	Barnes Community Association
Alan Benson	RUILS
Yvonne Benson	RUILS

Apologies

Jenine Langrish	MASC
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 actions from previous meeting	Margo Turner
	<p>The following actions from the previous meeting have been resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details on pedestrian-cycle bridge consultation to be shared (committee paper being prepared) • Provide more information on school travel planning on the Council website and promote related activities 	

	<p>and promotions through social media and local newsletters (website updated)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with Democratic Services regarding the types of delivery vehicles used to deliver paperwork to councillors (as part of wider cargo bike discussion) • Communicate with teams replacing pavements regarding best practice for dropped kerb design (as part of update of Active Travel Strategy, design requirements as part of Transport SPD and Front Garden Parking SPD) • Feedback and/or suggestions for the Hampton Healthy Streets project should be sent to Margo, who will forward these on to Project Centre (project completed) • Provide feedback to engineering regarding designs for Kingston Road, focusing on the traffic island at Beverley Road (engineers took comments on board) • Provide an update on the proposed roll-out of the dockless e-bikes after the next meeting with the provider (still awaiting roll-out) • Those interested in taking part in Community Roadwatch to let Cllr Saunders know • Liaise with Cllr Ehmann regarding process for better integrating active travel into small-scale engineering improvements (will be integrated into updated streetscape guidance) <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 • Investigate the engineering requirements of stopped-up roads, focusing on the need for turning heads • Publicise the small-scale walking and cycling grants when they become available in 2020 • Investigate options for offering temporary cycle parking for events 	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Active Travel Strategy – consultation results and proposed changes (presentation & discussion)</p>	<p>Margo Turner</p>

	<p>Margo went through some of the headline results from the public consultation on the Active Travel Strategy and opened the discussion to the group to discuss how we could adjust the strategy to reflect responses.</p> <p>The first area of focus was on how the strategy could do more for pedestrians. The importance of good lighting was discussed, particularly in relation to the new types of lighting (bat-friendly, responsive to presence) that have recently emerged. Seating was also discussed with two distinct areas discussed – seating in town centres and seating as a place to stop and rest along key routes.</p> <p>It was agreed that uneven pavements can pose a hazard, with slopes from crossovers and tree roots identified as key culprits. Slopes due to crossovers can be addressed by better guidance but solution around trees is less clear.</p> <p>The second area of focus was how we can best address pedestrian/cyclist conflicts. It was agreed that providing more safe space for cycling was a key part of the solution, and part of this could be through better enforcement/regulation of existing cycle lanes to prevent cars parking across them (Staines Road was mentioned by name). It was also noted that there could be an element of using signage and policing to encourage more courteous behaviour.</p> <p>Discussion around ongoing maintenance focused on the need for strong design standards with a longer-term vision that we can start building towards in a piecemeal fashion. The link between to the Local Plan and the Transport SPD was discussed, as well as the link to roadworks. Discussion included temporary road works and the need for these to be better managed for pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolve potential budget for improving lighting and seating • Add updating of Streetscape guidance as an action within the Active Travel Strategy, to include a guide on what should be done as part of local works in terms of surfacing, seating, lighting, slopes, etc. • Work to identify more ‘quietway’ style cycle routes within the borough 	<p>Margo Turner (all)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with Network Management regarding use of road works manual 	
4.	Update on ongoing schemes	Margo Turner & Rafael Zachary-Younger
	<p>Margo provided an updated on ongoing schemes, focusing on infrastructure schemes and covering current status and expected dates for next steps. This covered Kew Road, Strawberry Vale and Hampton Court Road, an update on TfL Cycleways, cycle hangars, cycle contraflows, School Streets, Burton's Road and the Hampton Healthy Streets project. Rafael provided some details on the Healthy Streets Officer role and an update on the Bikelt programme.</p>	
	No actions recorded	
5.	New projects	Margo Turner
	<p>Margo provided an overview of the Peddle My Wheels 'Try before you bike' scheme, which will be introduced within the borough shortly, and provided some details on the crossing study that has recently gotten underway.</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review signage around crossings as part of the study 	Margo Turner
6.	AOB & close	All
	<p>The status of the potential pedestrian/cycle bridge was raised, with the update being that a paper is currently being prepared by officers on potential next steps and what would be required to see a bridge materialise.</p>	
	<p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 5th May 2020 	