



City of Westminster

City of Westminster Westminster Cycle Grid Workshop. Quietway Grand Union.

Attended by:

Councillor Melvyn Caplan, Cabinet Member for(MC)
 Martin Low, City Transport Advisor, City of Westminster (ML)
 [Redacted], Project and Programme Manager, City of Westminster (JR)
 [Redacted], Service Development Manager, FM Conway (AK)
 [Redacted], Associate, WSP (RH)
 [Redacted] London Cycling Campaign (CW)
 [Redacted] Cycling Touring Club (PB)
 [Redacted] The Canals and River Trust (RT)
 [Redacted] Principal Borough Cycling Programme Officer, TfL (JO)

Apologies:

Meeting:	Westminster Cycle Grid Workshop – Quietway Grand Union	
Date:	3rd December 2014, 6:30pm	
	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Quietway Grand Union – Camden Town to Little Venice</p> <p>AK – Introduction setting out the context. ML – Need to consider the impact on all road users, including all vulnerable road users, businesses and residents. We want to take on feedback, as part of the consultation process and to help develop the route. RT – Explained context of The Canals and Rivers Trust (CRT) Grand Union Quietway in wider towpath route. PB – Will junctions along the canal path be resurfaced? RT – Yes, at junctions but not throughout. There is an issue of the cover over the high voltage power cables. ML – Queried lighting along the route. RT - The CRT are looking to trial solar and LED lights. They are also looking to paint under rail bridge to brighten it up. ML – Are the CRT looking at seating along the route? RT – Yes, we are looking to relocate benches in some instances. ML – When will the CRT consultation start? RT – March / April 2015. RH – Stated review of proposals. Starting at the eastern end. JO – Confirmed wayfinding documentation will be released tomorrow. PB – Has there been any issues for east south bound cyclists going down incline at Lisson Grove? ML – No complaints have been received. PB – How many children from the Gateway School use the towpath? ?? - We are not aware of any issues. RT – Frampton Street is really busy during school times. PB – General observation. Whilst traffic levels are low, some motorists use this route as a rat run especially Frampton Street and sometimes vehicle speeds are anti-social. MC – Confirmed that PB’s observations are correct. ML – Suggested this could be added to ‘Operation Safeway’ list. RT – People do not indicate when exiting Frampton Street onto Lisson Grove.</p>	

	<p>CW – More cycle symbols down on Fisherton Street closer to Orchardson Street as they approach the junction.</p> <p>RH – Cycle symbols are dual purpose to remind drivers that cyclists are present.</p> <p>PB – Left turn from Lyons Place into Aberdeen Place issue; geometry could be improved?</p> <p>RT – Cars driving along Aberdeen Place east bound fail to give way at the junction with Lyons Place.</p> <p>MC – If altering the junction, you need to consider all road users.</p> <p>ML – Is it worth considering raising the junction?</p> <p>MC – Consideration of misbehavior that is causing vehicles not to give way.</p> <p>CW – Part of the problem is straight lines.</p> <p>ML – Could we look at the installation of a mirror?</p> <p>JO – Tabled design for Maida Vale / Aberdeen Place / Bloomfield Road. The Junction has not been unveiled yet.</p> <p>MC – Vehicles exiting Maida Avenue turning left onto Edgware Road are immediately held at signals. Visibility is not so good, we need to make sure drivers can see cyclists. Maida Vale right turn into Bloomfield Road, drivers do jump the lights.</p> <p>PB – Cyclists travelling east bound on Bloomfield Road face an uphill gradient, so can be difficult at the junction with Maida Vale?? Edgware road??.</p> <p>ML – Will there be a pedestrian countdown upgrade? This could be beneficial to cyclists as well.</p> <p>CW – Asked RT about the use of Bloomfield Road? The issue is accessing the Advanced Stop Line facility and that Maida Vale blocks across the junction.</p> <p>PB – Dislikes ??inte-sky speed cushions and would like to see them removed from Bloomfield Road.</p> <p>CW – Are cushions successful in reducing speed?</p> <p>MC – Maida Avenue has speed humps; Bloomfield Road has cushions. When they were installed it did make a significant difference.</p> <p>ML – Would it be worth considering installing a raised table at Randolph Road and Randolph Avenue Junction.</p> <p>PB – Warwick Avenue signals can get cut?? Up if want to go ahead by left turning vehicles. How can we encourage cyclists to take primary position?</p> <p>ML – Bloomfield Road western section would like to improve the southern footway, as mature trees obstruct the footway. Would be interested in alternative routes.</p> <p>PB – Cyclists want to go two-way down Bloomfield, any other route would be out of their way.</p> <p>CW – Would like to stress the importance of Bloomfield Road and Delamere Terrace. Is not happy that a large number of cyclists use this route, but have to do so illegally. Is it a possible candidate for shared space?</p> <p>PB – Would it be a candidate for 20 mph?</p> <p>MC – Speed is not the issue. Vehicles are not going over 20 mph.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7:40pm</p>	