

Campaigning Year November 2011 to October 2012

1. December 2011 – January 2012

13th December

E-mailed LBRuT re: CLG

"This e-mail is intended for the administrator of the Cycling Liaison Group. The next meeting of the CLG is scheduled for Monday 9th January 2012 and with the impending holiday period please find attached advance notice of issues to be raised, the intention of which is to contribute to an efficient and effective meeting."

15th December

- Replied to LBRuT e-mail dated 12th December consulting on proposed Advisory Cycle Lane in Richmond Road, East Twickenham;
- Reply to FoI request about prosecution for speeding in Richmond Park;
- Updated website posts on:
[A316 Cycle Route](#) re: Mayor's Question Time on London Road roundabout and TfL update on Cole Park Road;
[Highway Engineering Schemes](#)

19th December

E-mailed Sustrans about NCN 4 through Richmond Park in response to Twitter enquiry:

"Perhaps someone @RichmondCycling can explain why designated cycle route through RiPa is not gritted when rest of park is. 3rd yr running"

Sustrans e-mail to Royal Parks Agency:

"I've had enquiries from several people about the lack of gritting on National Cycle Route 4 where it crosses the centre of the park. It is quite an important commuting route for some cyclists and it would be good news for them if this tarmac route could be added to the gritting schedule."

"The central road through the park is on the schedule of roads to be gritted when conditions are severe enough to warrant gritting the full park – as is usually the case when we get frost following rain. In the case that frost is predicted when roads are dry – like tonight, the roads will be inspected and grit only applied to wet spots. Our contractors have accordingly been reminded that this is the case." [19th December]

"Can I confirm we're talking about both the road between Pen Ponds and Ham Cross, passing the Isabella Plantation, and the road between Pen Ponds and Sawyers Hill, passing the Royal Ballet School, both of which form part of National Cycle Network Route 4?"

"I can confirm both lengths of road are included." [13th January]

20th December

Replies received from LBRuT re:

Hanworth Road

"this scheme is still in relatively early stages and I will ensure that we consider your comments prior to finalising the design. I will ask Danny Glitherow to respond on the points you make once we have had the opportunity to discuss them early in the New Year."

Stanley Road

"We are aware that the guidance suggests that we should try to maintain a 4.5m minimum lane width for cyclists or if this is not feasible then we should reduce to 3.0m. The road width at the zebra crossing is just under 10 metres meaning that the island would be sub-standard width if we were to introduce the 4.5m width suggested. If we were to reduce the running lanes either side to 3.0m, we would then be left with a very wide traffic island, wider than the actual vehicle running lane, and could potentially create more of a hazard as vehicles attempted to overtake a bus using the Twickenham bound stop."

Stanley Road, cont.

This scheme was safety audited by an independent safety auditor and the width of the road either side of the island was not highlighted as a risk. I must also point out that the comments received from the public consultation were extremely positive and that over the last few years I recall a number of complaints from pedestrians who felt at risk using this crossing in its current layout. Following your email, I discussed your concerns with Robert Parsey who is extremely knowledgeable in all cycling related matters. He was not aware of any cycle safety issues resulting from similar layouts elsewhere in the Borough and did stress that that it was only guidance which may not be feasible to implement in all locations.

We will monitor conditions closely following the implementation of the scheme, which has been approved for implementation by the Cabinet Member (with works programmed to commence during the February half term).

We are looking into your suggestion for an ASL on the southbound approach to the traffic signals and will feedback our results.

We will closely monitor the scheme following implementation.”

Terrace Yard

“We are very limited on where this crossing can be located due to a number of factors. The crossing cannot be moved further south of the gardens and riverside entrances due to the footway widths and the bus stop location, in addition to the crossing already in place further south. It is simply proposed to reduce the width of the existing crossing to ensure that it sits central of the two vehicle crossovers just to the north of the gardens pedestrian entrance. This will ensure that the vehicle stop lines sit just off the dropped kerbs. This layout has passed safety audit by Transport for London.”

28th December

Reply from Mayor of London to e-mail sent on 17th November about Bow Road roundabout:

“The Mayor is very concerned indeed by the recent fatal collisions at Bow roundabout and his thoughts and sympathies are with the friends and family of both victims.

The Metropolitan Police is investigating both collisions in order to determine the specific causes. Alongside this, Transport for London (TfL) is urgently reviewing the operation of Bow roundabout. In addition, TfL will review all major planned schemes on the Transport for London Road Network and all junctions on the Cycle Superhighways already introduced. This builds on work TfL is already doing to improve cycling safety, for example by trialling blind spot safety mirrors through the Cycle Superhighways programme and developing Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) driver training courses to specifically address the safety of vulnerable road users. TfL will widen this work by initiating an independent review of the safety of HGVs used in the construction industry.

The Mayor is determined to maintain and build upon the cycling revolution that is happening in London and, while overall road safety in London is improving, the recent fatal collisions at Bow have made clear the need for all organisations involved, including TfL, the Boroughs, the freight industry and the Police, to redouble their efforts to further improve cycle safety.

Thank you again for writing to the Mayor.

2nd January 2012

E-mailed LBRuT about planned works on Teddington Station footbridge:

"A Richmond Cycling Campaign member says:

"I saw in yesterday's RT Times that work is to begin on upgrading the foot bridge at Teddington Station in February. This time it is the bridge actually AT the station, as there is talk of repairing the missing panes, etc. and there has been input from Vince Cable about this. More often over the last years the bridge referred to has been the one, also owned by Network Rail, just south of the station.

There was no mention of improvements for cyclists. The bridge is exceptionally wide with a central division, so there would be plenty of space to put in a run to enable cyclists to push their bikes over the bridge. This is much needed for those changing between the Loop line and the Shepperton line and would also serve as the missing link between the lock and Bushy Park, which has been requested for many years." [2nd January]

Can you tell us if wheeling channels are to be installed, similar to the one's at Barnes Bridge?

"The footbridge that is situated inside Teddington Station is wholly the responsibility of Network Rail. With any issues regarding this footbridge, you will have to contact Network Rail directly. You will have to request Network Rail to install wheeling channels to this footbridge.

The footbridge, just south of the station also belongs to Network Rail, but the Council is responsible for the footbridge surfacing. The footbridge steps are in a poor condition. I have instructed our Contractor to carry out suitable repairs to the surfacing of the footbridge steps. This repair works is programmed to be completed before the end of this financial year." [5th January]

3rd January 2012

E-mailed reply to TfL consultation on proposed toucan crossing Clifford Avenue junction with St Leonards Road.

4th January

E-mailed member who responded separately to Council's consultation on Richmond Road advisory cycle lane and added to list of veloteers covering St Margaret's, Richmond and A316 Cycle Path.

9th January

Attended CLG

11th January

E-mailed South West Trains about wheeling channels at Teddington Station

16th January

1st draft of response to Twickenham Area Action Plan [public consultation](#): submission deadline 10th February