

MINUTES OF SOUTHAMPTON CYCLING CAMPAIGN MEETING ON 14TH OCTOBER 2013

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm with introduction of members and speaker Matthew Cheal, HCC Engineer on secondment to Southampton City Council to work on the Platform for Prosperity scheme.

PLATFORM FOR PROSPERITY

Aim of scheme is highway improvements to widen access to port, reduce congestion and promote private sector jobs. £11 m from central govt, £2 m from APB, £1.9 m from SCC. Areas of growth:

- 1) Cars – manufactured in UK, minis/range rovers
- 2) Cruise business – APB have permitted development rights in port; have built two terminals in eastern docks. The arrival of two cruise ships results in traffic congestion from Mountbatten Way to Queens Park, cars trying to enter Dock Gate 4.

SCC wants to achieve improvements for walking/cycling as part of the scheme.

Scheme will do away with the one-way system around Queens Park and close off eastern end of Queens Terrace but maintain cycle access. Dock Gate 4 access in only; Dock Gate 5 main exit but also in access to parking. Platform Rd will be made a dual carriageway all the way with a 30 mph limit. Junctions at Gates 4, 5 and 7 will be signalised; 6 will remain much as it is. Dock Gate 7 will move west of Bugle St with a new junction and loop road around into docks. Terminus Terrace will become two-way between Platform Rd and central Bridge with new traffic light junction at western end of Central Bridge to allow right turn manoeuvres. Some parking in layby by Platform Rd to cater for visitors to Admiralty House; proposed relocation of Titanic monument from docks (Gate 4) to Vokes Park. Within Dock Gate 4 a cycle/footway leading south. In Vokes Park there is proposed a mound or some form of raised landscape feature. Possible future development of pier. Main cycle route will be a shared-use footway with segregated path through Vokes Park. Off-road route on north side not possible because crossing from Porters Lane to Winkle St dangerous.

After outlining the scheme, Matthew answered members' questions about the proposed cycle facilities and listened to comments. Discussion of P for P continued until approx 9.15 pm; Matthew was thanked for coming.

NEWSLETTER New newsletter prepared and issued to members. Thanks to Lindsy for cajoling members into preparing articles.

CONDUCT IN MEETING Mike asked for focus to be on items being raised and discussions on other matters to be avoided when there is a speaker.

EASTERN CYCLE ROUTE Consultation ends 18th October but work starts 19th Oct. Lindsy said analysis of responses at public consultations showed mixed views. She has written letter to Echo in response to Ed Lait's saying we had a diversity of views. Cara asked why Council does not respond to Echo to correct misinformation about the scheme, esp how cycles will be segregated from peds. Members still not clear as to how the new lights will operate. Generally, users were content with the way roundabout operates at present time and did not see a need for major changes at that junction which would slow traffic. Mike said Campaign as a body would not object as there were diverse views. However, Dilys said she had withdrawn support and Lindsy suggested a vote which was agreed.

Members of Cycling Campaign do not consider the scheme represents the best use of funding; this could be better spent elsewhere in the same scheme (eg improving routes under the bridge and signage)

14 agree; 0 against; 5 abstentions Lindsy will submit an objection to Highways on behalf of the Campaign

ON-STREET CYCLE PARKING Dale has asked for location suggestions; send comments to Mike

REMOVAL OF SECOND AVE CONTRAFLOW Redevelopment of a site requires two-way motor vehicle movement; proposal to convert footway to shared-use. It was agreed a second letter of objection should be sent.

BASSETT AVENUE Mike to respond re Bassett Ave

DOMINOES PIZZA Thanks to Dilys for organising mtng on 3rd Oct with businesses, local councillors, CPSOs, Rob Stanley (from Council) and Campaign members, at Avenue St Andrews Church. Slide show prepared and shown. Meeting very successful; issues thrashed out. Rob Stanley said that route would be reworked within next two months.

The mtng closed at 10.15 pm.

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