

<p style="text-align: center;">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT & RESIDENTS SERVICES POLICY & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st March 2017</p>	
<p>CYCLING IN THE BOROUGH - 2017 UPDATE</p>	
<p>Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport, and Residents Services</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents the annual updates on developments in cycling in the borough.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee review the report and its contents.

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

3.1 The Cycling Strategy

- 3.2 The cycling strategy was adopted by cabinet on Monday 12th October 2015

- 3.3 The strategy took into account all the comments and feedback from interested groups, committees, and residents, and is aimed at increasing the modal share for cycling in the borough to 8% of all journeys by 2031.

3.4 The strategy was set out in five distinct headings:

- Our Target
- Our plans to make cycling less intimidating
- Our plans for protecting pedestrians
- Our plans for improving road safety for all
- Other improvements

This report will update progress on each of those headings.

4. OUR TARGET

4.1 The target is 8% of all journeys in the borough by 2031.

4.2 The updated modal share figures for 2015-16 will not be available from Transport for London (TfL) until later in 2017.

4.3 Early indicators from TfL suggest that cycling in central London has increased by 4.3%. However, the rate of cycle usage growth in the borough may not be as high as this until the cycle action plan is delivered.

5. OUR PLANS TO MAKE CYCLING LESS INTIMIDATING

5.1 Improving major junctions.

5.2 One of our most intimidating junctions is the Hammersmith Gyratory. We have worked with TfL to design a new scheme as part of a wider regeneration project for Hammersmith that will make the area safer for cyclists and pedestrians.

5.3 TfL consulted upon the scheme in 2016 and received 780 responses. 73% stated they supported or partially supported the proposals.

5.4 The council has been appointed by TfL to carry out the detailed design for the scheme.

5.5 Once the design is completed a report will be taken to cabinet for a decision to proceed with the scheme in the summer of 2017.

5.6 If a decision to proceed is made, construction could begin in October 2017 subject to an agreed construction programme that takes into account other projects in the area.

5.7 The Holland Park Roundabout at Shepherds Bush Green is also a major barrier to cycling. TfL are currently evaluating options for the junction.

5.8 The Scrubs Lane and North Pole Road junction is currently being updated with the latest signals equipment and will have new cycle lanes and advanced stop lines.

5.9 New Kings Road is a major commuter route and experiences many conflict points between cyclists and vehicles. An independent review of the road is currently being carried out by transport consultants to provide options for improving the road for cyclists. Once the options have been reviewed a scheme could be developed in 2017/18.

6. **Making Hammersmith Bridge safer**

6.1 The speed limit on Hammersmith Bridge has been reduced to 20mph.

6.2 The bridge is due to be refurbished in 2018 and we are working with the project team to ensure that cycle provision on the bridge is improved and is safer.

7. **More cycle superhighways**

7.1 We are working with TfL to identify and provide more segregated cycle routes in the borough. Shepherds Bush Green and Wood Lane are currently being considered along with Scrubs Lane.

8. **A new east west superhighway**

8.1 The new Mayor for London has postponed the east-west cycle superhighway due to safety concerns with the elevated section of the Westway.

8.2 The council is working with TfL to review alternative route alignments including use of Shepherds Bush Green and Wood Lane.

9. **New cycle tracks for the A315**

9.1 Following a review of all proposed segregated cycle routes in London, the A315 route has been upgraded to a full cycle superhighway (Number 9) by TfL.

9.2 Concept designs for the route are currently being evaluated and subject to approvals they will be consulted upon in July 2017.

10. **New Quietways**

10.1 The council have been working with TfL on a number of Quietway projects over the last year.

10.2 The East Acton to Kensington Quietway has been consulted upon and 87% of respondents either supported or partially supported the scheme.

10.3 Following comments received from the Wormwood Scrubs Trust, changes have been made to the proposed route alignment. The new route also incorporates new sustainable drainage measures.

- 10.4 The detail design of the route is currently being completed and subject to approval from cabinet, construction of the route could start in March 2017.
- 10.5 The Grand Union Canal towpath upgrade was consulted on in 2016 by the Canals and Rivers Trust, and TfL have allocated funding for the replacement of the towpath section in Hammersmith and Fulham.
- 10.6 Construction of the new towpath will commence in 2017.
- 10.7 We are working with TfL to develop two new Quietway routes in 2017/18.
- 10.8 The Thames Path from Putney Bridge to Hammersmith Bridge will be designed and consulted upon in 2017.
- 10.9 The link from Shepherds Bush Green to the Broadway will be investigated and developed as a Quietway in 2017.

11. 20mph speed limit

- 11.1 One of key elements of the cycling strategy is that we want to ensure that our roads are safer, and this can occur when traffic is slower.
- 11.2 Almost a third of our roads already have a 20mph speed limit and we consulted in 2016 on a new 20mph speed limit on all our roads except the major TfL roads.
- 11.3 In September 2016 the cabinet approved the proposal and the 20mph limit was introduced on our roads.

12. Cycle Hire

- 12.1 We have continued to support the Santander cycle hire scheme and are working with developers in all major areas to add additional docking stations to the 60 currently available.

13. OUR PLANS FOR PROTECTING PEDESTRIANS

- 13.1 We have been running a very successful 'Exchanging Places' programme of eight events during the year, and we will continue with this programme in 2017/18.
- 13.2 We have worked with the Police, Community Safety officers and the Parks Police throughout the year on a number of initiatives to stop pavement cycling and anti-social behaviour in the borough. Areas such as Shepherds Bush Green have been identified as locations where conflict is occurring.
- 13.3 We have held three Bike to Work breakfasts during the year and during National Bike Week we partnered with The Hammersmith Bid to hold Bike Doctor sessions for employees of local businesses.

14. OUR PLANS FOR IMPROVING ROAD SAFETY FOR ALL

14.1 Priority for pedestrians on the Thames Path

14.2 The Thames Path is a popular route for cyclists and pedestrians and we recognise the existence of conflict points along the route.

14.3 TfL will provide funding in 2017 to upgrade the path to a Quietway and in the design we will work with local groups to reduce the conflict areas.

14.4 We have added additional signing to the route showing alternative routes for cyclists around the riverside pubs.

14.5 We have worked with the Parks Police at Furnivall Gardens to engage with cyclists to advise them of alternative routes.

15. Safer Lorries

15.1 We have actively worked with the West London Transport group to develop a new Freight Strategy for the six member borough's. The full Freight Strategy is in Appendix 1.

15.2 The strategy has the aims of improving road safety, improving air quality, reduce congestion, increase business efficiency, and support economic growth.

15.3 We have continued to run our Safer Urban Driver training initiative where all drivers of HGV's undergo specific training. To date over 1500 drivers have taken this course in our borough.

15.4 We have continued to provide 'Exchanging Places' training courses throughout the year at eight separate venues.

15.5 The council has registered as a partner of the Freight Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) for all our fleet vehicles.

15.6 The council has also included in its procurement rules that all council contractors are FORS registered.

16. Low-cost Cycle training

16.1 We have continued to provide subsidised adult training for anyone working, living, or studying in the borough. Each course is individually tailored to meet the needs of the individual.

16.2 Our training doesn't stop at adults, we believe that training for all our children is vitally important and have continued to offer Bikeability training at all our schools.

17. School travel plans

17.1 We have continued to work with schools to develop individual travel plans which encourage children to cycle.

17.2 Fifty-nine schools in the borough now have active Travel Plans.

18. OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

18.1 Better parking

18.2 We have continued to install on-street cycle parking hoops across the borough, and have ensured that where a new scheme is being developed, or there are highway maintenance works, we have installed additional parking units. Over two hundred additional hoops have been installed in 2016/17.

18.3 Demand for the Bikehanger secure cycle storage unit has increased across the borough and we are currently investigating several borough wide locations.

18.4 We are currently developing a 'cycle parklet' which will incorporate on-street seating and cycle parking as an alternative to vehicle parking bays.

18.5 We have invested in a cycle 'Bike Port' which is a six stand cycle rack in the shape of a car, and this is to be used around the borough to show an alternative use for vehicle parking bays.

19. New Cycling Forum

19.1 We have updated the cycling pages on the council's web site to include new pages of information including consultations.

19.2 We are currently working on the best method of creating an online Cycle Forum to add to the cycling web pages.

20. SPACE FOR CYCLING

20.1 The council acknowledges the Space for Cycling mini-manifesto from HF Cyclists and will work with the group to achieve where possible the contents of the mini-manifesto.

20.2 Updated responses are included in Appendix 2.

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Appendix 1. Westrans Freight Strategy.

Appendix 2. Space for Cycling Mini-Manifesto