



London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

COMMUNITY SAFETY, ENVIRONMENT & RESIDENTS SERVICES POLICY & ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

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CYCLING IN THE BOROUGH

Report of the Executive Director for Transport and Technical Services

Open Report

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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report gives an update on developments in cycling in the borough since the report to PAC on the subject in July 2014.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee review the report and comment on its contents to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Technical Services and the Executive Director for Transport and Technical Services

3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The July 2014 PAC recommended that the following areas be assessed and reported back to the Committee:
- Cycle safety on the Hammersmith gyratory
 - The benefit of introducing 20mph zones
 - Safety improvements for cyclists on Hammersmith Bridge
 - Creating a new borough cycling map with routes graded according to cycle safety

4. CYCLING IN THE BOROUGH

4.1 In the Autumn of 2014, we developed a Draft Cycle Strategy, using funding provided by Transport for London (TfL). The Strategy deals with all aspects of cycling in the borough, including the issues raised at the July PAC meeting. The strategy was issued for consultation in December and consultation closed on 1 February. The Draft Strategy is appended to this report, and a report of the consultation results will be presented at the meeting.

4.2 The main developments in cycling in the borough since the summer are:

- i) TfL suggested an initial tranche of “Cycling quietways” in the borough, using off road routes and less busy roads, so that they are suitable for less experienced cyclists and children: The routes suggested by TfL are:
 - Thames Path route from Hammersmith Bridge to Hounslow boundary
 - A Quietway route from Putney Bridge to proposed East-West Superhighway at White City (via Hammersmith and Shepherds Bush)
 - A Quietway link from Putney Bridge (Hammersmith & Fulham) to Earls Court (Kensington & Chelsea)
 - A Quietway link from East Acton to Kensington & Chelsea boundary (with spurs to proposed Superhighway)
 - A Quietway link from Earls Court to King StreetThe Council has responded to TfL saying that we support these routes and that we would give priority to the first two routes, Hammersmith Bridge to Hounslow and Putney Bridge to White City. The East Acton-Kensington link should be relatively straightforward to progress, but the King Street –Earl’s Court and Putney Bridge-Earl’s Court routes may to some extent depend on the proposed development at Earl’s Court. We have not yet had any indication from TfL of how much money will be available for these routes in 2015-6 so cannot say how quickly we will be able to implement these routes.
- ii) TfL have said that they have allocated funds from 2015-6 for a segregated route along the A315 Hammersmith Road. We understand that a some £4 million will be available for this. Initially we will do design, feasibility and consultation work.
- iii) We are currently working on several improvements in the Hammersmith Bridge area, including a contra-flow cycle lane on Bridge Avenue and a 20mph speed limit on the bridge.
- iv) There is a report on 20mph speed limits due to be considered by this Committee at its April meeting. We have been researching how other boroughs have implemented boroughwide limits – Islington, Camden and the City of London and looking at evidence from elsewhere in the country from places such as

Portsmouth and Bristol and we intend to launch a public consultation in the Spring.

- 4.3 Transport for London are leading on work to improve safety for cyclists, and other road users, on the Hammersmith gyratory. Technical studies have started, and the indicative timescale is for consultation to take place in the Autumn of 2015 and construction to start in the summer of 2016. Options include “peninsularisation”, where one leg of the gyratory could be pedestrian and cyclist only. The effects of this would be studied with or without the flyover being replaced by a tunnel .
- 4.4 TfL are also studying options for one of the other major barriers to cycling in the borough, Holland Park Roundabout/Shepherds Bush gyratory. One option would be a “cycling hamburger”, with a pedestrian/cycle route through the middle of the roundabout.
- 4.5 On the question of a cycle route map graded according to the level of comfort and safety for less experienced cyclists, TfL have issued a set of maps that cover the whole of London which identified signed routes which may be on busy roads, routes on quieter roads, and segregated routes alongside roads and through parks. It would be most appropriate to review this and in conjunction with the implementation of the Quietways.

5. CYCLE STRATEGY

- 5.1 The Draft Cycle Strategy, with its appendices, is appended to this report. Consultation was conducted through Citizenspace and ran from 10 December to 2 February. The consultation period was extended from mid January to enable residents’ associations and other groups more time to respond. A full report on the consultation will be tabled at tonight’s meeting. Some 46 responses had been received by the middle of January, and over 80% of them were generally supportive of the Strategy. We intend to launch the final Strategy in the Spring, along with the consultation on 20mph speed limits, possibly with a high profile publicity event.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 Committee members are asked to comment on the progress made on cycling matters so far and on the draft cycling strategy. Their comments will be incorporated in the final strategy.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	Various accident and modal share statistics from TfL and DfT	Chris Bainbridge 3354	TTS