

APPENDIX 3

Options and Analysis of the Quietway route between East Acton and Kensington.

Background information.

The Quietway route starts in the north of the Borough at the boundary with Kensington and Chelsea in Mitre Way, it then enters the southern edge of Wormwood scrubs and heads towards East Acton tube station before finishing at the A40 Westway cycle crossover.

We have taken the opportunity to route the Quietway along the southern edge of Wormwood scrubs, including a new shared access link path along the northern edge of the 'red' overflow car park. This new section of track will not only create and improve the access into the scrubs, but will create a short link to the existing track alongside the athletics stadium, and of course to Hammersmith Hospital.

Options /Analysis.

- A new cycle junction layout at the connection of Mitre Way and Dalgarno Gardens was discussed and considered. This crossing is a barrier to cyclists and a new crossing provision will make it much safer and easier to join the Quietway.
- Proposed bi-directional cycle track along Mitre way linking Scrubs lane with the new junction at Dalgarno Gardens. This will encourage cyclists and family groups to access Wormwood Scrubs by this link.
- Existing car parking along Mitre Way is uncontrolled but was reviewed and the current 'parking stress' is low.
- Proposed new cycle and pedestrian crossing of Scrubs lane. The junction will feature a new parallel crossing for pedestrians and cyclists which will enable easier access onto the Quietway and to Wormwood Scrubs.
- Proposed new entrance into Wormwood Scrubs, and then create a new link consisting of a shared cycle and pedestrian path along the northern edge of the red overflow car park, to reach the existing cycle path near the Linford Christie stadium.
- The route rides identified a number of flooding and drainage issues along the existing route where new drainage and a porous path have been incorporated into the design, these will benefit all residents at all times.
- Introduce new sustainable planting along the route including new trees and bushes.

- Upgrade of the existing cycle path alongside Wormwood Scrubs prison to a wider and better surfaced path. The current path is shared use but has a very narrow cycle lane marked out, and following a widening some years ago has a large open crack along its central length. This will be widened and re-laid to remove this danger for cyclists.
- New cycle path link at the end of the path onto Braybrook Street outside Old Oak Primary school. This will overcome the issues of a blind corner adjacent to a high wall, and the new track follows a pedestrian and cycle desire line.
- Introduce new planting alongside the new track at the Braybrook end.
- Change the crossing and road junction at Fitzneal street and Du Cane road. The scheme will consist of new crossing for cyclists and will include a raised table at the junction which will make the crossing of Du Cane road safer and easier and reduce the risks of accidents.
- The revised entrance and raised table at the junction will also make the right turn movement for HGV's more difficult, and a weight restriction for HGV's will be installed to eliminate HGV rat-running.
- Road narrowing along Fitzneal street was considered, but due to the need to retain access for deliveries to residents, and considering existing traffic calming measures in the area, the narrowing of the entrance to Fitzneal street from Du Cane road, combined with a HGV restriction, was the best and least restrictive solution for residents.