

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM REPORT – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 – AGENDA ITEM ?

**CYCLING ABOUT SLOUGH**

**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

Updates on ongoing specific issues and summary of feedback and decisions required on how to proceed.

Location	Description/ Issue	LAF consensus/action	Feedback rec'd	Outcomes/Updates
Borough wide	Pavement parking	Letter to police Minutes recommended SBC use new powers TA met with GR	Police response received; not helpful	PPF set up internally by SBC to put together policy and assess problem areas/hierarchy of actions. <b>Updates – from TA and email from MM – safety audits just rec'd and being checked. If there are major findings, parts of the scheme may need re-designing. If not, schemes should be implemented in coming months. Definite date to follow.</b>
Buckingham Ave/ Farnham Rd junction	No pedestrian phase on crossing	Request forwarded	Emails from Nick Healey and Viv Vallance	LSTF bid successful and this request will be implemented by council.
Shaggy Calf Lane/Wexham Rd Roundabout	<del>Temporary roundabout (to become permanent). Lack of cycling facility into or off of the roundabout.</del>	<del>LAF concerns minuted and emailed to Nick Healey.</del>	<del>Permanent design takes into account LAF concerns. SBC asked for any further LAF comments on design on 24<sup>th</sup> April 12</del>	<del>No further comments received from LAF on permanent design. <b>New layout complete on the ground.</b></del>
Heart of Slough	- Crossing by My Council - Brunel Way north side footway - street lighting columns on footway	Various correspondences. HoS Safety Audit report forwarded to members	Emails from Nick Healey/AD	Crossing by my Council - Changes to the sequencing of the lights at this crossing have been implemented and do seem to be alleviating situation. Audible bleepers also installed.

LOCAL ACCESS FORUM REPORT – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 – AGENDA ITEM ?

	- Audit of scheme from cycling/pedestrian perspective			HoS Cycle About – TE and IH, PC, AD, SD and JW attended on 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2012.
Church St to Windsor Rd (High Street)	Difficulties cycling in town centre – especially west end of High Street	contra flow cycle lane requested – email to JC (Transport)	Email from Nick Healey	Transport response is that this is not feasible at the current time. Too complex an environment to allow contra flow cycle lane. (see email 13 July 2012)
Primary Way/Footpath 33 Chalvey	Staggered barriers obstruct cycle way unnecessarily and cut through kerbing required on Primary way	Minuted	Problems LAF identified were picked up on safety audit	Exceptions report sent and awaiting response of programme of works from developer <b>Works complete see attached photos.</b>
Chalvey Roads Scheme	Permanent designs for Ledgers Road junction with Montem Lane, Ragstone Road etc	LAF comments on proposals sent onto relevant officers	Email from L Brookfield	Further feedback rec'd from Transport below.
Farnham Road Better Bus Scheme				

## LOCAL ACCESS FORUM REPORT – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 – AGENDA ITEM ?

### **LAF Comments: about the Chalvey Roads Schemes and Ledgers Rd Zebra.**

#### **Ragstone Road:**

- I agree that priority must be given back to traffic in Ragstone road over the side roads.
- I can see no reason for the one way direction to be changed on College Road & Martin Road, but have no objection to it
- Please do not paint the cycle lanes green. The painted surface is normally poor and soon degrades with large chunks of paint coming off. See photo
- Also there is a traffic island at the southern end of Ragstone road that reduces the width of the cycle lane (see photo), please can this be corrected.

#### **Ledgers Road Zebra**

Generally good - but the traffic island between the contra flow cycle lane and the motor traffic looks like it narrows the motor traffic lane a lot and will be a pinch point for cycles who are travelling in the same direction as the motor traffic.

#### **Feedback from Lynsey Brookfield, Traffic Engineer, re; the Chalvey Roads Scheme**

Thank you for your comments. I am pleased that there is general agreement to the changing of priorities on Ragstone Road and also that there are no major objections to the proposals for Martin Road and College Avenue. No final decisions have been made on either of those two issues yet but your comments will be considered.

With regard to the green surfacing on cycle lanes, I do understand your concerns about the maintenance of them. However, we are hoping to use a new type of surface that won't break up or cause maintenance problems in the future. Instead of it being painted on to the road surface, we would take up part of the road surface and relay it in a green coloured tarmac which is much longer lasting. It will shortly be trialled in Langley and if that is successful, we hope to use it in Chalvey as well.

## LOCAL ACCESS FORUM REPORT – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 – AGENDA ITEM ?

The island at the far end of Ragstone Road was installed at its minimum possible width of 1.5m. The cycle lane adjacent to the new island is 1.5m which is the standard width for a cycle lane and which is the same width as most of the cycle lanes in Chalvey. It is unfortunate that the construction of the island covered over some of the lining which makes it look narrower than it is and I will try to have this corrected as soon as possible. We cannot move the island due to the proximity of driveways.

### Further feedback from SBC Traffic Engineer:

Yes, it is a policy to use the green cycle lanes in Slough and green surfacing is widely used across the country (e.g. Swindon, Newbury, York, Strathclyde, Oxford, Bristol and so on). I have attached a couple of photos to prove my point. It helps highlight the presence of the cycle lane to drivers and is generally well liked by cyclists and cycling interest groups. Local Transport Note 02/08 Cycle Infrastructure Design (attached) has a whole chapter on coloured surfacing (ch. 3.2) and recommends its use in contraflow cycle lanes. We wanted to use it in Chalvey because the contraflow lanes are a bit unusual in this area and anything to help them stand out is a good thing.



LOCAL ACCESS FORUM REPORT – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 – AGENDA ITEM ?

**Primary Way/Footpath 33 Chalvey**

Recommendations of LAF and also picked up on Safety Audit have been implemented.

