

Reading Cycle Campaign WoBC Campaigning Officer's Report for AGM 2010

The year 2009/10 has seen no useful contact with Wokingham Borough Council.

The WoBC Cycling Strategy relevant to Local Transport Plan 2 did not appear as attention moved on to Local Transport Plan 3.

I was impressed that Woodley Community Partnership set up a transport group to advise the town council with a report 'Proposals for Improved Cycling Facilities in Woodley' by Peter Glass, a former designer of highways. By referring to Department for Transport literature, he stressed that the needs of the most vulnerable road users should be fully considered in all highway schemes, and he took the view that many of the present 'facilities' should be removed where they do not meet today's accepted standards.

Peter supported the introduction of 20 mph speed limits in residential areas as a no-brainer for encouraging walking and cycling. This was brushed aside by the lead Wokingham Councillor for highways, saying that police required any 20 mph speed limit to be self-enforcing, so that in fact driving at 60 mph in such an area would not lead to any action by the police. I wonder who pays the piper (police).

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