

# READING CYCLE FORUM - MEETING NOTE

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017, 6pm

Mayor's Parlour, Civic Offices, Reading

## Attendees

Cllr Paul Gittings (Chair)  
John Lee (RCC)  
Richard Pearson (Reading CTC)  
Tanya Rebel (GREN)  
Karen Stanbridge (Reading University)  
Karen Richardson (RCC)  
Berny Torre (RCC)  
Cllr Ricky Duveen (RBC)  
Cllr Tony Jones (RBC)  
Cllr Ed Hopper (RBC)  
Cris Butler (RBC)  
Chris Maddocks (RBC)  
Emma Baker (RBC)

## Apologies

Cllr Tony Page (RBC)

### 1. Introductions

Cllr Gittings welcomed attendees to the meeting and introductions were made.

### 2. Note of the Last Meeting

The note of the last meeting was agreed.

### 3. NCN Route 422 Update

An update was given on progress of the NCN422 Phase 1 scheme. The detailed plans for Phase 2 - along Berkeley Ave, through the town centre, along Kennetside and Watlington St to London Road, were discussed with the following conclusions:

- Include the installation of shared-use tiles through The Oracle to highlight presence of other users. To be taken forward in consultation with the Shopping Centre.
- Identify improvements to Mill Lane as an alternative to the route through The Oracle.
- Investigate opportunities to upgrade lighting along Kennetside between Star Lane and Sidmouth Street in partnership with NCP.

A discussion also took place on two potential route options for Phase 3 - a direct route along London Road and Wokingham Road and a quieter route linking to the hospital and University along Erleigh Road, Eastern Avenue and Whiteknights Road.

**ACTION** - RBC to add Phase 2 concept designs to RBC website, circulate link for feedback and update designs as appropriate.

**ACTION** - Circulate a plan illustrating the preferred Phase 3 route for feedback, following consultation with Ward Councillors.

#### **4. Town Centre Branded Routes Update**

Proofs of the updated branded cycle vinyl stickers that compliment town cycle signage were shared with the Forum, following feedback discussed at October's meeting. It was decided that it would be beneficial to delay further changes to the vinyl stickers until the completion of NCN 422 to ensure the route is included on the updated vinyl stickers.

#### **5. EMPOWER Project Update**

The Forum was given an update on the development of the EU project - EMPOWER, including the anticipated work programme over the summer and the key project partners.

#### **6. Cycle Forum - Requested Schemes List**

A discussion took place on the latest requested schemes list with the following conclusions:

- It was agreed that the town centre signage 'quick wins' as discussed at the site visit in July should be implemented by Network Management asap (items 14-15).

**ACTION** - RBC Network Management to implement town centre signage 'quick wins'.

#### **7. Items Raised by Forum Members**

8a. Thames Path surfacing (TR) - a quote for gravelling the towpath from Scours Lane and Rivermead has been received for £91,500, however this scheme is currently unfunded.

8b. Cycle parking in town, residential areas and stations (JL) - Officers updated the Cycle Forum on the replacement of fittings at the Northern Interchange cycle hub. It was suggested that signs highlighting the use of CCTV in the area are installed. RBC informed attendees that it is happy to receive other suggestions for improvements at cycle parking facilities or new locations.

8c. Henley Road cycle lanes improved markings, signing and yellow lines (JL) - A request to refresh existing road markings between Donkin Hill and Westfield Road was noted and added to requested schemes list. It was also suggested that double yellow lines be installed to prevent parking in the cycle lane.

ACTION - Install signs warning on CCTV use surrounding cycle hub at Northern Interchange.

## **8. Any Other Business**

None raised.

## **9. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next Cycle Forum is expected to take place in June 2017. Exact date will be agreed following the publication of the 2017/18 Committee calendar.