

# **TRUMPINGTON ROAD TRAFFIC AND SAFETY SCHEME**

## **Note to Members of Cambridge City – South Area Committee**

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### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to inform Members about the emerging proposals for traffic and road safety improvements on Trumpington Road, between Chaucer Road and Bateman Street. The proposals aim to improve conditions for pedestrians, bus users and cyclists. Public consultation is due to take place in May. The views of the Committee are welcomed.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The proposed scheme will be funded by the Department for Transport (Dft) Cycle City Ambition Grant which Cambridgeshire County Council and seven other local authorities were successful in bidding for last year. In the original bid, the County Council proposed to deliver a safe, direct, comprehensive network for cycling and walking between key destinations in Cambridge and in South Cambridgeshire. Over a ten year period, the aim is for cycling to have 40% of modal share in Cambridge, and 20% in South Cambs. The growth of housing and businesses in the Greater Cambridge area will put increasing pressure on the transport network. To mitigate the impacts of growth, modal shift must be achieved and the new segregated schemes included in the bid will provide much improved, high capacity cycling facilities which it is hoped will encourage new cyclists amongst existing residents and commuters, and future cycling by residents of the new developments when they are occupied. It is important that residents, who move to the city see cycling as a safe, attractive and convenient form of transport.
- 2.2 In Cambridge, it is proposed to build segregated cycle lanes along sections of three main arterial routes: Hills Road, Huntingdon Road and Trumpington Road. The new cycle lanes will upgrade existing cycle routes and link economic clusters such as Addenbrookes with businesses in the city. In South Cambridgeshire, the provision of new and improved cycle routes is progressing well. All of the Cycle City Ambition schemes must be built by May 2015.

- 2.3 The new segregated cycle routes will compliment the City Council's extensive rollout of 20mph zones and cycle parking, as well as other ambitious cycling projects in the city including The Chisholm Trail and the new station multi storey cycle park.
- 2.4 A Stakeholder group has been formed, to discuss and debate the details of each Cycle City Ambition scheme, with the aim of achieving very high quality schemes. Bodies represented include Cambridge City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Sustrans, CTC (the Cyclists Touring Club), Cambridge Cycling Campaign, Girton Parish Council and Babraham Research Campus.
- 2.5 On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2013 a Stakeholder Workshop run by independent facilitators took place at The Botanic Gardens. This was attended by representatives of local schools and businesses, the Botanic Gardens, Cambridge Cycling Campaign, Sustrans and CTC (Cyclists' Touring Club). The event was extremely useful in being able to consider possible options, and for stakeholders to understand each others' concerns and issues.

### **3.0 DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED SCHEME**

- 3.1 The budget for the Trumpington Road segregated cycleway improvements is £400,000.
- 3.2 A design is being developed for public consultation, which at this stage may include some or all of the following elements:
- Loss of Pay and Display parking on the north side, in favour of a two-way segregated cycle lane.
  - Address issues at the junction of Bateman Street to minimise potential conflict between cyclists and other vehicles
  - Removal of the two narrow advisory on road cycle lanes.
  - Conversion of two lane exit from Chaucer Road to single lane exit, to provide a shorter crossing for pedestrians and cyclists.
  - Relocation of an out-bound bus stop.
  - Relocation of pedestrian crossing near Bateman Street.

*At the time of writing the report the actual scheme to be consulted on is still being finalised.*

- 3.3 The existing footway on the north side adjacent to Hobson's Conduit, sloping grassed bank and existing granite kerb face will all be retained and left untouched, other than the removal of ticket machines and signs and posts relating to pay and display parking.

- 3.4 A new bi directional cycle lane would recognise and assist the movement being made by lots of school children between Brooklands Avenue and Bateman Street, whilst still being able to accommodate commuting cyclists travelling from the city centre to locations such as the station, Addenbrookes and Trumpington.
- 3.5 City bound cyclists could have the option of either remaining on a shared use path or using the road, but the existing narrow on road lane would be removed so that confident cyclists could ride in a more central, dominant position without fear of being hit by opening car doors or feeling intimidated by motorists who consider that they should be confined to the narrow lane.
- 3.6 The relocation of the bus stop would remove any requirement to consider an island/floating bus stop as part of the scheme. Such a stop would have the added complication of having a two-way cycleway at the back of it. The relocated stop is still close to the Botanic Gardens which is likely to be the key destination for bus users in this area.
- 3.7 The crossing near Bateman Street could move even closer to Bateman Street to give city bound cyclists a convenient and safe way of crossing back to the other side of the road.

## **4.0 NEXT STEPS**

- 4.1 The public consultation runs throughout May. Materials include a leaflet, photo-montages, coloured plans and web pages on the County Council website. The leaflet will be delivered to local residents and businesses. Three consultation events are planned – *at the time of writing the details haven't been finalized. Members of South Area Committee will be updated at the meeting.*
- 4.2 The County Council is moving to a committee system on 13th May 2014. The scheme will be considered for approval by the Economy and Environment committee on 8<sup>th</sup> July. If the scheme is approved works will need to start before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015.

## **5.0 SUMMARY**

- 5.1 Members of the Area Committee are asked to comment on the scheme proposals, and are encouraged to attend the consultation events.