



STOCKPORT

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Stockport Public Cycle User Group

Wednesday 13th May 2015

Stockport Town Hall Room 6

PRESENT

Edgar Ernstbrunner	(Ramblers Association)	EE	
Iain Roberts	(Councillor)	IR	
Geoff Abell	(Councillor)(cycling champion)		GA
Ian Barker	(local cyclist)	IB	
Keith Rogers	(local cyclist)		KR
Janet Bellingall	(local cyclist)	JB	
Max Wild	(local cyclist)	MW	
Ian Tate	(Sustainable Living in the Heaton)	IT	
James Pritchett	(UMBUG) (local cyclist)		JP
Joanna Hulme	(local cyclist)		JH
Charlie Hulme	(local cyclist)	CH	
Kathy England	(SUSTRANS/TPT volunteer)	KE	
Nick Harris	(GMCC)	NH	
Merlin Evans	(Cycle Stockport)	ME	
Stuart Deakin	(local cyclist)	SD	
Norman Lowndes	(local cyclist)		NL
Mike Padfield	(Green Party) (local cyclist)	MP	
Andy Barton	(MUSE developments)	AB	
Sue Stevenson	(SMBC Investing in Growth Manager)		SuS
Simon Styche	(SMBC Senior Growth Officer)		SiS
Don Naylor	(SMBC Cycling Officer)		DN
Nick Robinson	(SMBC Walking and Cycling Officer)	NR	

APOLOGIES

Sandy Broadhurst, Clare Forrest, Dave Butler, Andy Shaw, Brian Pendlebury, Jim Court

1. Apologies, previous minutes and matters arising

1.1 Apologies as above

1.2 Minutes from March meeting approved

1.3 Matters arising (from March meeting)

(1.8) Hazel Grove station is part of TfGM cycle hub scheme

(3.2) general discussion re Manchester Road scheme.

(3.3) DN has learned from TfGM that there are no sensors on the signals - they are to be installed.

(3.4) there were several suggestions as to how to get back across Manchester Rd at the north end of the scheme. KE suggested signs and a dotted line/lane indicating a customary crossing. Is this possibly a site for a parallel crossing? DN to forward minutes to TfGM and Manchester City Council, referring to this issue. **Action 1 (DN)**

(4.6) revised TCAP plans will be published on the Council website

(4.1) CCAG2 is to be based around Cheadle Hulme station, bid document is on TfGM website

(4.7) Welsh Cycle Audit Framework link (**see post – meeting note 1**)

(6.1) Gatley Station-Pelican to be upgraded to Toucan-still some discussion re width of pavements

(7.1) dropped kerb on Horsfield Way being addressed

2. Phased Delivery Plan for Stockport Exchange (Andy Barton, Muse developments)

2.1 AB gave an explanation of the timeline of the development

2.2 Temporary arrangements will include a one way system entering Railway Rd, exiting Station Rd with access maintained at all times. The Taxi rank will be moving around at various stages of the development.

2.3 KE asked for signing to specifically mention cyclists and make obvious the temporary arrangements.

2.4 When Station Road is closed, the footway will remain open for pedestrians /wheelchairs only

2.5 The phasing of traffic signals at the A6/Railway Rd junction will need to be adjusted as there will be a significant increase in the traffic using it.

2.6 There will be a signing strategy for each phase of the development.

2.7 KE asked about cycle stands across the development. It is planned that cycle stands will be spread across the site at locations identified during prior consultations.

- 2.8 GA queried the final state of access. Most of the space will be shared use for cyclists/pedestrians, with dropped kerbs in multiple locations for total access.
- 2.9 There will also be dedicated motorcycle stands.
- 2.10 AB presented a handout with full details of the arrangements for the duration of the scheme. **(see post – meeting note 2)**

3. Town Centre Access Programme and A6/M'cr Airport Relief Road updates

- 3.1 SS provided updates
- 3.2 A6/Mcr airport relief road: the contractors are hoping to keep all PRow open throughout the construction process. Overstructures are to be built first to help achieve this. Some closures or diversions are inevitable.
- 3.3 Stockport will be holding a consultation on mitigation measures this summer. There will be more detailed work after summer. Mitigation work should be on site 2016/17
- 3.4 The Poynton Relief road has funding. Consultation will take place late 2015/early 2016. It is intended to be on site 2017/18
- 3.5 KE asked whether the Airport link/Relief road junction will be built in the first phase ie ready to join up? Yes, and there will be consultation on the relief road cycle provision.
- 3.6 Cheshire East will be responsible for the Disley area.
- 3.7 IT commented on air quality modelling, wondering if any road built produced a measurable air quality benefit over a long period of time, and in the specific case of the M60, queried if the air quality in Stockport Town Centre has varied since the building of the motorway.
- 3.8 Town Centre Access Plan: Phase 1 schemes including Stockport Exchange, Red Rock, Newbridge Lane/St Marys Way, Lancashire Hill, the Booth St-Moscow Rd path, Edgeley 20mph zone, King St West. The final business case has been approved, and work has already started in some cases. Intended to be on site April 2015-December 2017.
- 3.9 With Red Rock, work starts at Great Egerton St - SS will come back with phasing plans including a right turn from the A6 at Leyland St and work on Heaton Lane car park.
- 3.10 ME asked whether there will be cycle provision on Great Egerton St. No, there will be provision on Heaton Lane
- 3.11 KE wondered if Lancashire Hill will now be a continuous cycle route. Yes, the two previously separate schemes will now join at the Pegasus
- 3.12 KE queried if the New Bridge Lane and St Mary's Way schemes will connect. Not within CCAG phase 1. There will be options to cross Saint Mary's Way via a route closer to the river-to be assessed when river access is possible. A new cycle/footbridge across Saint Mary's Way further up the hill is in the pipeline

- 3.13DN: There will be further meetings for consultation, and phase 2 will be a much longer process.
- 3.14NL asked if there would be two way cycling on Booth St? Yes. Booth St is to be re-opened to two way traffic, possibly this year.
- 3.15 Answering a question as to whether there will be traffic calming in Edgeley 20mph zone, SS clarified that speeds will be addressed via signs
- 3.16 Phase 2 schemes: business plan is to be presented in autumn 2016 leaving time for a lot of detailed development work

4. Additional Cycle City Ambition Grant (CCAG) updates

- 4.1 Concerns were raised about the top section of path leading up to Green Pastures. Several people stated it was inadequate. It was also suggested that horse steps be installed so that the path itself could be surfaced. Some concern was also raised that cyclists may be encouraged to speed by the current smooth surface. Top dressing is to be applied, this should help.

5. TfGM/Cycle maps

- 5.1 TfGM have updated their cycle maps, including the new online map.

6. Bike Week

- 6.1 This year's Bike Week is 13th-22nd June
- 6.2 SMBC can help publicise any events that people wish to bring to our attention.

7. Any other business

- 7.1 CH brought to our attention the fact that the NCP Cycle Store at Stockport Station charges £15 for a lifetime membership.

8. Dates of future meetings: (11th June sub-group), 16th July general meeting, **no August meeting**, Sept 23rd (sub group)

Post-meeting notes

- 1) At the CUG sub-group on June 11th attendees took the opportunity, including during a site visit, to try out the audit toolkit
- 2) Muse and Stockport Council will be running the following public exhibitions at Stockport Station to raise awareness of the proposed start on site at Stockport Exchange (Phase 2) and help inform users of the potential changes to take place as a result of construction works as follows. Information at these exhibitions will be as already shared at the CUG meeting:
 - Friday 17th July (3pm to 6pm); Sat 18th July (10am to 1pm); Mon 20th July (8am to 10am)