

Trafford Cycle Forum

9th May 2017

Minutes (DRAFT)

ITEM

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

In attendance:

Daniel Jerome (DJ)	Trafford Cycle Forum, Co-Chair
Jonathan Fingland (JF)	Trafford Cycle Forum, Co-Chair
Mark Nesbitt (MN)	Trafford Cycle Forum, Secretary
Clare Taylor-Russell (CTR)	Trafford Council, Strategic Planning and Growth Manager
Louise Wright (LW)	Trafford Partnership, Sport Relationship Manager
Mike Cordingley (MC)	Labour Councillor for Trafford, Gorse Hill ward
Steve Tilby (ST)	Amey / OneTrafford, Principal Engineer
Chris Leakey (CL)	
Chris Trueblood (CT)	
Dominic Torrisi (DT)	
Graham Cooper (GC)	
Greg Hulme (GH)	
Richard Alderson (RA)	
Rob Raikes (RobR)	
Stella Smith (SS)	
Steve Bowater (SB)	

APOLOGIES:

Richard Roe (RRoe) Trafford Council, Director of Growth and Regulatory Services

2. PREVIOUS MEETING'S MINUTES - 21st February 2017 Accepted as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING:

JF & DT met onsite re right turn from A56 Chester Road into Talbot Road, 3 options available.

ACTION 2a: JF to arrange onsite meeting with ST, MC, DT and Dominic Smith (TfGM)

ST - Carrington right turn from Sale to Flixton, lorries pass on inside - outline planning permission granted to change this junction, could worsen this - [Planning app](#). [Plan1](#). [Plan2](#).

MN Promoting events and the forum across Trafford - **ACTION 2b: MN to seek funding**

Richard Roe - Cycling leads across TMBC - CTR mentioned that cycling is shared across her role and others inc Steve Tilby, etc - **ACTION 2c: RRoe/CTR to provide information**

3. MAPS FOR FORUM MEMBERS' FEEDBACK ([option1](#) [option2](#) [option2map](#))

JF apologised that these couldn't be seen on the screen.

RA highlighted that there were lots of quick wins available including dropped kerbs etc.

CL mentioned joining up green spaces/ schools local area #Missing Links

JF suggested we need to agree a standardised set of hashtags with explanations

ACTION 3a: JF/RA/SS provide guide to crowdsourcing map for the forum

CTR - small pot of CIL/Section 106 money accrued, seeking bids, schemes to start next year

ACTION 3b: ALL - add ideas for small schemes to the crowdsourcing map.

MC - Cycling permeability - zero cost - built into new planning/development

ST - Stated that getting notice of future planning will enable the forum to advise on cycling provision, which is better than trying to lobby for changes at a later date

ACTION 3c: ALL - monitor [Trafford planning portal](#) and respond to schemes affecting cycling

4.a. UPDATE FROM AMEY - INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

Stretford Cycleway (Talbot Road and Stretford Road).

- Final proposals agreed with TfGM following discussion with the GM Cycle Reference Group. TMU report submitted to TMU members and Ward Members for comment and approval to advertise a number of parking restrictions on Stretford Rd.
- Detailed designs substantially complete
- Formal request made to TfGM to progress legal document (between TfGM/GMCA/Trafford Council) which will release funds to enable construction. Anticipated start on site late August 2017.
- Bid made to TfGM for scheme at Talbot Rd/Stretford Rd signal junction – Funded via the unallocated element of Trafford's CCAG2 grant allocation. Conceptual scheme discussed with TfGM – if approved detailed design/consultation anticipated taking place early summer.

NCN 55, Stretford / Manchester boundary – improved link.

- Scheme abandoned due to being unable to progress third party land agreements within the period specified by the CCAG2 grant. Funding to be included in unallocated element of Trafford's grant allocation.

Bridgewater Way Broadheath.

- One element of scheme (TPT link) abandoned due to being unable to progress third party land agreements within the period specified by the CCAG2 grant. Funding to be included in unallocated element of Trafford's grant allocation.
- Detail designs complete for the other 2 elements (Seamons Moss Bridge access & Davenport La access); awaiting third party land agreements to be progressed.
- Scheme implementation is dependent upon a legal agreement being in place between Trafford/GMCA/TfGM

Altrincham Cycle Link (BWW to Town Centre).

- Detailed design of bridge complete – returned tender prices in excess of estimated costs and value engineering required for revised tender process.
- Design of Quiet cycle link to Altrincham Town Centre substantially complete but on hold pending outcome of the above

Ashton-on-Mersey to Urmston – improved cycle link.

- Detailed designs complete – awaiting third party land agreements to be progressed.

BWW/Europa Way to Media City.

- Substantially complete – work on progressing direction signage scheme delayed – to be progressed ASAP

Stretford Public Realm – A56/Edge Lane junction

- Works commenced on site to remove 3 subways (leaving the one on A56 to the north of the junction) and providing at-grade pedestrian crossing facilities within the signal controlled junction.
- The design includes additional green surfaced cycle lane running East and West through the junction as this was identified as being the main route for cyclists by TfGM. Additional cycle lanes will also extend North and South through the junction, but these will not have green surface treatment. Existing cycle lanes on the road will effectively remain.

Cycle Parking Grant (CCAG2)

- We have been successful in obtaining grant funds to provide cycle parking in locations in the vicinity of the CCAG routes. In liaison with Greenspace team a number of locations have been identified a number of locations in parks and a few highway locations.
- A works pack has just been issued to install 66 cycle stands.

66 cycle parking stands for green spaces - **ACTION 4a: ST to send list of schemes**

ACTION 4b: ST - provide update re Ashton Lane scheme re removal of barriers aka 'obsolete furniture'

Upper Chorlton Road and Sevenways schemes for Tech Meeting - **ACTION 4c: ST to circulate updated plans and date of next technical forum.**

TfGM - MetroLink Trafford Park Line - more detail requested - **ACTION 4d: ST to bring info to a TCF Technical Meeting or arrange for TCF members to attend a TfGM meeting.**

SB - Barton Road (Stretford public realm phase 2) - requested an update but none available at this stage

MC highlighted proposal from Neil McArthur to create a Heritage Railway and cycleway on the existing rail line from Broadway to Cadishead. CT explained that Michael Portillo has visited and backed the project. Bridge from Trafford to Salford could be costly to reopen. Link between Broadheath and Carrington is the element of most value/interest to Trafford Cycle Forum.

CTR confirmed that TMBC had not yet been approached and that this rail line is still technically 'live' and is featured in development plans as a sustainable travel route however this does not guarantee that a cycleway must be included in any future sustainable transport link.

CYCLE ROUTES ENFORCEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Cycle route enforcement - ST seeking guidance from DfT - publish policy on TMBC website followed by enforcement - **ACTION 4e: ongoing ST to provide updates when available**

SB - Resurfacing schemes / maintenance programme - we received a list of phase 1, nothing since.

ACTION 4f: ST provide list of future maintenance schemes in advance

5.

- i. National CWIS - Finally published, which is positive, especially considering the General Election. Main element for us is Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) which will be crucial to securing funding and delivering a comprehensive cycling network
- ii. Cycling Scrutiny - MC lead the report. Good recommendations. Group discussed whether we'll get, or need, a TMBC strategy or rely on TfGM's. Report recommended appointment of Cycling Champions for each party within Trafford - Party Champion **ACTION 5a: SS to write letters to leaders of each party**
- iii. Refresh Trafford Cycling Strategy - CTR no plans at the moment.
- iv. JF highlighted the benefits of Trafford creating their own LCWIP - CTR highlighted such decisions are yet to be made due to incoming GM Mayor etc. JF highlighted that Andy Burnham had committed to all of the asks in [GMCC's 10-point action plan](#). A letter has been sent to Trafford asking about any existing actions or policies that relate to this plan.

6. Open Forum

What don't we talk about -

RobR - Speed Limit Enforcement

MC - The danger which is the A56

CL - sought a consensus on better practice of cycleways - JF highlighted the [TfGM cycling design guide](#) which is undergoing a refresh. JF has requested more pictures, especially of positive options. GMCC will host a workshop (date TBC) when the next draft is available.

MC mentioned about the new Mayoral role and TfGM role for cycling. CT said we need to hold the Mayor to account as he has signed up to huge claims. JF pointed people to the 10-point action plan referred to above and the need to make the most of this and GM Clean Air day 5th June linked to Gov consultation.

Parking.org was discuss as the Trafford user interface regarding cycling stands etc.

JF highlighted the benefit of Trafford creating an LCWIP and engaging with the CWIS Strategy.

It was agreed to keep the quarterly Forum meeting at TMBC Town Hall but move the socials around the borough.

JF asked people's opinion of Trafford's category for cycling on the website - transport or sport/leisure? Response was that the forum wants cycling to be primarily considered a transport matter. The need to consider that cycling is to get around...and for different audiences.

ST is revising the Trafford website. **ACTION 6a: JF/ST to consider cycling content and its place on the revised website.**

LW - raised her role in health / leisure and how cycling is a part of this. **ACTION 6b: SS to forward a list of cycling resources to LW so these can be shared on Trafford's website.**

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Voice for removing barriers - Trans-Pennine Trail to follow Fallowfield Loop?
#BarriersToCycling
Review Scheme that have delivered over last 5 yrs / list and visit
Ask Andy Burnham
Encourage Sean Anstee / Laura Evans Exec Member for Regen to attend
Stella S to organise another social gathering

8. NEXT MEETING

6pm Tuesday 25th July Thomas De Trafford Conference Room, Trafford Town Hall.

Signage for door. For access please call Mark on 07528 130 349

Action Points

Feb 2017 Actions

ID	Lead	Description	Status
1	ST	provide latest plans to JF	done
2	JF	Trafford Waters Plans - JF to circulate link - see our Planning folder	done
3	JF	investigate online shared/collaborative mapping systems	done
4	MN	investigate mechanism to publicise and promote cycling across Trafford	ongoing
5	RRoe/CTR	Creation of new Trafford Cycling Strategy	ongoing

May 2017 Actions

ID	Lead	Description	Status
2a	JF	A56 to Talbot Rd meeting with ST, MC, DT and Dominic Smith (TfGM)	ongoing
2b	MN	investigate funding for: Admin, Branding/Social Media, Speakers Expenses	ongoing
2c	RRoe/CTR	detail cycling roles and officers across TMBC	ongoing
3a	JF/RA/SS	provide guide to crowdsourcing map for the forum	done
3b	ALL	add ideas for small schemes to the crowdsourcing map	done
3c	ALL	monitor Trafford planning portal and respond to schemes affecting cycling	done
4a	ST	send list of schemes (66 cycle parking stands for green spaces)	ongoing
4b	ST	update re Ashton Lane scheme re removal of barriers	ongoing
4c	ST	circulate updated plans and date of next technical forum	done
4d	JF/ST	Metrolink Trafford Park Line - latest designs to a TCF Technical Meeting	done
4e	ST	provide updates on cycle route parking enforcement (when available)	ongoing
4f	ST	provide list of future maintenance schemes in advance	ongoing
5a	SS	write letters to leaders of each party	done
6a	JF/ST	consider cycling content and its place on the revised website.	ongoing
6b	SS	forward a list of cycling resources to LW to be shared on Trafford's website	done

Trafford Cycle Forum 25/07/2017 - Major Schemes Update

Stretford Cycleway (Talbot Road and Stretford Road).

- Final proposals agreed with TfGM following discussion with the GM Cycle Reference Group. Minor amendments discussed at Technical group meeting on 3/7/17 – plans amended to include orcas on both sides of Stretford Rd.
- TMU report to advertise a number of parking restrictions on Stretford Rd approved 24.7.17 – to be formally advertised around September.
- Detailed designs complete. Seeking to progress Tender process August.
- Key decision to enter into Legal document between TfGM/GMCA/Trafford Council approved. Document being progressed – some minor issues to resolve in wording. Works cannot start on site until document signed off.
- Anticipated start on site late October 2017

Talbot Rd/Stretford Rd Junction (West Point)

- Draft scheme agreed with TfGM – including traffic signal design.
- Detailed design on-going
- Comments received from Technical group meeting on 3/7/17 being considered.
- Funded via the unallocated element of Trafford's CCAG2 grant allocation.
- Anticipated start on site late November 2017

Bridgewater Way Broadheath.

- Detail designs complete for the 2 improved access points (Seamons Moss Bridge access & Davenport La access); both of which require third party land agreements to be progressed.
- The deed of easement between the Council and Metier Properties has been completed (Seamons Moss Bridge)
- On-going discussions with Electricity North West on Davenport La access.
- Scheme implementation is dependent upon a legal agreement being in place between Trafford/GMCA/TfGM

CCAG unallocated funds

- There is currently an unallocated sum within Trafford's CCAG grant - Potential schemes being discussed with TfGM. (i.e. extending Bridgewater Way towards Dunham Park/A56 Talbot Rd junction/A56 Davyhulme Rd east Junction/TPT link through National Trust Land)

Altrincham Cycle Link (BWW to Town Centre).

- Detailed design of bridge complete – returned tender prices far in excess of estimated costs and value engineering being carried out along with revised tender documents for re-submission.
- Design of Quite cycle link to Altrincham Town Centre substantially complete but on hold pending outcome of the above

Ashton-on-Mersey to Urmston – improved cycle link.

- Detailed designs complete – awaiting third party land agreements to be progressed.

Trafford Cycle Forum 25/07/2017 - Major Schemes Update (cont)

Stretford Public Realm – A56/Edge Lane junction

- The construction works are progressing and are expected to be completed in October.
- Additional warning sign to be provided on narrow lane entry onto Kingsway – advising motorists not to overtake a cyclist.

Cycle Parking Grant (CCAG2)

- Grant funds to provide cycle parking in locations in the vicinity of the CCAG routes. In liaison with Greenspace team a number of locations have been identified a number of locations in parks and a few highway locations.
- A works pack to be issued within next week to install 66 cycle stands.

Highways England Bid

- A bid has been made to HE via their Designated Funds Scheme initiative to improve existing cycle/pedestrian links from Urmston to Sale Water Park. Includes:
 - A link from Sale Water Park Visitor Centre to Jacksons Boat Bridge – including a new bridge and a new approach embankment to the bridge.
 - A link from Stretford Rd along existing off highway routes including sections along the Trans Pennine Trial.
 - If bid successful consultations will take place with Technical group ASAP.

Sevenways

- Scheme to extend the central island of the Sevenways Roundabout. Splitter islands are also being reviewed and kerb alignments altered where necessary to ensure the geometry of the roundabout has sufficient entry deflection. Pedestrian islands are also to be introduced in two locations on Barton Road. The scheme reflects the measures and objectives outlined in the Collision Investigation Study dated October 2016.
- Suggestions made by Technical Group currently under consideration as part of detailed design. Technical Group will be consulted on final design.

Upper Chorlton Rd/Kings Road

- Feasibility study has been carried out as junction is as a collision hotspot. These works would see improvements made to the junction of Kings Road and Upper Chorlton Road and will include squaring up the junction and installation of a hedge or fence to reduce the visibility at the junction to ensure drivers look properly when exiting the junction.
- Detailed design ongoing – expected on site Jan 2018
- Suggestions made by Technical Group currently under consideration as part of detailed design. Technical Group will be consulted on final design.

Structural maintenance schemes briefing note

from Andy Mills (Highways & Bridges team) to Paul Bentley (Traffic & Transportation team)
in preparation for Trafford Cycle Forum on 25/07/17

1. Sorry I am unable to attend in person. I am happy to meet Jonathan Fingland and one or two other forum members another time if desired, so please contact me if you would like to arrange this.
2. With the exception of point 3 below, the proposed consultation process for the 2017-18 highways structural maintenance programme is as follows:
 - i. One Trafford to publish the programme (i.e. list of schemes). This is now published on the council website. <https://democratic.trafford.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=625>
 - ii. One Trafford to issue simple plan drawings (not scheme designs) showing site extents for preliminary consultation. The proposed consultation period is two weeks.
 - iii. The schemes will be designed, taking on board the above comments where feasible.
 - iv. As and when scheme designs are completed, the design drawing will be issued for final consultation. The proposed consultation period is two weeks.
 - v. Within two weeks of the end of the final consultation period, One Trafford will provide a response to the Cycle Forum confirming if / how the comments will be incorporated. All comments will be considered, and incorporated into the designs where feasible, but we can't guarantee that all comments will be incorporated and any decision will be final.
3. Due to programme constraints, we need to implement the first batch of 2017-18 schemes as soon as possible. These schemes are: Moss Vale Crescent, Stockport Road, Greenwood Street, Greenside Drive, and Westbourne Road. We are therefore not able to include these in the above consultation process, but are able to offer a shortened consultation process whereby the design drawings are issued to the Cycle Forum for a single consultation period of 1 week. These design drawings are expected to be ready for issue to the Cycle Forum in approximately 2 weeks' time.
4. We have submitted a bid to Highways England for funding to improve the cycle route approaching Jackson's Boat bridge and the bridge itself. If this bid is successful, we would appreciate any feedback from the Cycle Forum to inform our design, and would agree a separate consultation process for this.
5. There could be other future opportunities to bid for external funding to improve cycle routes in the borough. We would be keen to bid for any such funding, so any suggestions / nominations for schemes from the Cycle Forum would be much appreciated, as this would help us to ensure we identify the most beneficial schemes and strengthen any bid we make.
6. From 2018-19 onwards, the Department for Transport 'Needs' funding the council receives for highway maintenance will be based on the assumption that 9% will be allocated to Cycleways and Footways (0% is currently assumed). Whilst there is no requirement for the council to allocate the funding in the proportions assumed by the DfT, we will use these proportions as a guideline to be considered when we are formulating future works programmes. (Note that this is not an increase in funding received by the council; it is simply a revised assumption about how the existing level of funding will be spent).

Trafford Cycle Forum Crowdsourced Map Guide

Create an account at: <https://trafford.cyclestreets.net/signin/register/>

Then add photos of problems or opportunities to: <https://trafford.cyclestreets.net/photomap/>

On a mobile device you may prefer to use: <https://m.cyclestreets.net/photomap/>

Unfortunately this mobile version doesn't allow you to add tags, so you'd need to add tags later using the full version.

Every problem should include #BarriersToCycling then one of the tags below and #QuickWin if it would be.

For problematic barriers:

#AbsoluteBollards

#HorseStile

#KissingGate

#TightBarrier

#TightChicane

Also add: #MotorbikesCanBypass whenever they can easily circumvent the obstacle(s).

For places where new works are required:

#DropThatKerb

#CrossingRequired (raised table, toucan or zebra)

#CyclewayRequired (when a long section is required)

#MissingLink (when a short link can connect two existing routes)

If maintenance or upgrades are required:

#FixTheSurface for potholes and other poor surfaces - also report using fixmystreet (see below)

#CutItBack if vegetation needs to be cut back - also report using fixmystreet (see below)

If signs are obscured, pointing the wrong way, missing or incorrect:

#Signage - also report using fixmystreet (see below)

Examples: [cyclestreets.net/location/37879/](https://trafford.cyclestreets.net/location/37879/) [cyclestreets.net/location/89811/](https://trafford.cyclestreets.net/location/89811/) [cyclestreets.net/location/89847/](https://trafford.cyclestreets.net/location/89847/)

A map of all photos can then be viewed at: <https://trafford.cyclestreets.net/photomap/tags/BarriersToCycling/>

Or maps of specific hashtag(s), eg: <https://trafford.cyclestreets.net/photomap/tags/DropThatKerb,MissingLinks/>

In time, we can create discussion threads for the most important issues at: <https://www.cyclescape.org/>

Then these items could be viewed on their own map, similar to: <http://www.gmcc.org.uk/cyclescape-map/>

Problems to also be logged on other websites include:

Potholes, blocked gullies and general maintenance of the road surface use: fixmystreet.com

Requests for cycle parking: urbancycleparking.org.uk/suggest/ (type 'Manchester' into the map and away you go)

Other useful maps:

Rights of way: www.rowmaps.com/tweakmap.php?lat=53.42&lon=-2.35&width=800&height=800&zoom=13

Adopted highways: www.trafford.gov.uk/.../roads-highways-and-pavements/docs/TraffordAdoptedHighways.pdf