

# SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

## CYCLE FORUM

**Draft Notes** of the meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

at 5.00 p.m. online

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/ATTENDANCE**

Apologies: Tom Collister Simon Geller Cllr Ben Miskell Cllr Richard Shaw

In attendance: Cllr Ruth Mersereau, Paul Sullivan, David Whitley, Angela Walker, David Holmes, Colin McCulloch, Anna Butler, Simon Ogden, Liz Glover, Evan Ingold, Ben McGarry, Ella Wright, John Chapman, John Armitage, Ian Carey, Nick Blaney

### **2. NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

#### **Accuracy**

Agreed as accurate.

Outstanding Actions

#### **Forum letter to ATE**

Sent replied received, shared with the Forum.

#### **Highway Maintenance**

Someone from Highways Maintenance Division to be invited.

**ACTION Paul** to invite for February

#### **Living Streets Summit – Doncaster presentation**

**ACTION Paul** to invite Kerry Perruzza for February

#### **Rail Station parking signs**

Awaiting response from East Midlands Rail

#### **West Bar Roundabout**

**ACTION David** To investigate options for vehicle activated signing and then possibly speed cameras.

Now that the roundabout is open interested to hear views.

If Vehicle Activated Signing is still required we could also lay down some loops to

undertake speed surveys, need to understand if one arm is more problematic than others.

User experience in the first couple of weeks suggest it is working well with the occasional driver not understanding what is required or they are going too quickly It would be useful to capture some speed data comparing off peak and peak as it appears at quiet time speed could be an issue especially downhill along Tenter Street.

We are using different media to get the message out about how to use the roundabout including radio and fixed signs.

There is potential to install a raised hump.

Exploring some technology that monitors near misses.

It appears to calmer than it was before, and it seems to be working.

We need to raise awareness of its onward connectivity to other existing routes, extension of the grey to green scheme for example  
We will tackle this once its fully open and planted.

**ACTION David** to speak to City Ward councillors regarding the placement of a Speed Activated Sign.

Materials to be used have been agreed, currently having difficulty sourcing them, we have identified a manufacturer but there appear to be delays at their end.

### **Weedon Street works and crossing**

Some changes have been made to make the crossing a little better, but visibility is still poor, it could be improved by removing a couple of car parking spaces, and some additional signing. Could we have some sort of temporary signalised crossing?

The permanent arrangement for the crossing is with planning committee to decide.

**ACTION Paul** to engage with SCC network management on options.

### **Local Access Forum**

Lack of cycle forum rep on the Local Access Forum. The forum has not met in some time but should be resurrected in the new year.

**Action Paul** to discuss with Nick Blaney about forum attendance.

### 3. WAYFINDING PROJECT - INTRODUCTION

Introduction and update on the wayfinding project, would welcome comments but we are proposing something more detailed by way of a workshop at some point in the new year.

The long-standing Issue is the inconsistency of signing of the current routes, which can be in design, or lack of/spacing of signing, information on the signs. We need a consistent approach for new routes that we can then apply retrospectively.

Investigated best practice examples from around the country (Liverpool, London. Manchester)

Following Liverpool's example, we aim to name longer distance routes with a numbering system. It would look something like this

We are currently using the same green, its highly visible, found on the Connecting Sheffield city centre bus, and links to outdoor city branding.

The key with this piece of work is to have guidelines for all aspects of the signing, colour, font placement use of abbreviations, destinations etc.

We have mocked up some ideas for Kelham Island/Neepsend scheme.

Example below



This work will tie in proposed online map.

For the time being we will number routes as opposed to naming them, one reason being sign size, especially on the smaller confirmation signs.

SYMCA also undertaking work on a wayfinding on a county level, and that may help to determine some of the style etc.

There is no intention to replace existing well used routes (5WW, NCN etc) with numbered signing. That will be factored in when developing the new guidelines.

Next step is to audit some routes and determine what is signed, where and what other routes are signed from it. We will be looking to audit the Kelham/Neepsend route in the new year.

Please can you consult with residents of the community re the trial. It is tricky to determine where the route should be going while work is in progress, it seems strange to end the route on Neepsend Lane where it does.

The future of Neepsend Lane will be determined by the proposals at Rutland Road/Penistone Road. that whole area around the end point has development proposals which will be served by this route and will enable the route to continue as short sections are developed in conjunction with those developments -the old ski village being an example.

The route is still a couple of months from completion, signals need commissioning for example.

#### **4. MY JOURNEY TO WORK**

##### **Liz Glover presented on her journey to work, her challenges, issues, and thoughts**

The journey is between Oughtibridge and Sheffield Hallam University

The issues covered

1. Speed limits on Middlewood Road
2. Lack of controlled crossings in various locations
3. Concern over the proposed redevelopment of the brownfield site known as the Tesco triangle bordered by Penistone Road/Herries Road/Herries Road South
4. Changes to traffic flow on Green Lane
5. The works at the junction of Green Lane and Old Penistone Road (now open)

6. The route through Neepsend especially the newly introduced right turn at Boyland street.
7. Crossing of the ring road
8. The positives around grey to green, Ball Street bridge, West Bar roundabout
9. Narrow pavements around Pond Street including the advertising panel.

The scheme through Neepsend is not complete but we expect the bus gate (once introduced) to reduce the volume of traffic in that area so that it is safe to cycle both ways along Neepsend Lane. The Burton/ Rutland Road junction will be signalised with controlled crossings on each arm. One way outbound will be easier than inbound. The signals at the ring road crossing need commissioning and this should take place in February so that the crossing can open.

We will go back to the project team regarding the right turn at Boyland, in addition this should get picked up at the road safety audit.

We have a scheme and bid for funding in with the central government to remodel the Rutland/Penistone Road junction, this will enable a right turn for traffic out of Rutland Road and include controlled crossings for cyclists and pedestrians.

If this goes ahead then we can start to look at options for Hillfoot Bridge and Neepsend Lane to further reduce through traffic in the Neepsend area.

In terms of Penistone Road, we have funding to develop preliminary designs to upgrade the existing route from Rutland Road through to Claywheels Lane, and the develop a new route beyond that toward Southey and Foxhill.

The artists impression of the proposed crossing point at the development site are not correct and the proposal is better for active travel than that what is currently drawn is - the planning condition is more robust that what is shown there.

Some concern about parking and enforcement particularly on match days, it is a problem here and elsewhere and we will investigate options.

The advertising panel on Sheaf Street is to be removed. Alternate locations are being explored.

The reversal of the one way on Old Penistone Road was a necessary measure to help with the Clean Air Zone and enable vehicles to move around Kelham without the need to enter the zone.

At Bower Spring concerns around the dog leg and low wall – project team do not feel it is a concern and helps to control speed on approach to the ring road and merging onto Bower Spring.

Appreciate concerns about clipping the wall and will be monitored especially as numbers increase. Forum members thoughts will be taken back to the project team.

**ACTION Paul** to raise with Project team.

## **5. RESIDENTIAL CYCLE PARKING**

The Interactive request map for residential cycle storage is now live - with the existing requests and those on the map we currently have circa 120 requests Please spread the word regarding the request map [Request a space in a cycle hangar | Have Your Say Sheffield](#), as it helps in discussions with funders to increase funding, we currently have funding for 14 more hangars. do not be worried about doubling up on requests the more for one street the better.

The current occupancy rate for the existing eight hangars is 64% they have been in pace for a year. We are pleased to report there have been no thefts for the hangars, two acts of vandalism which were dealt with promptly by the supplier.

## **6. CYCLE MATTERS/AOB**

Proposal for a future agenda item - Can we make more use of wands, orcas, and bollards to create routes?

**Action:** Paul to organise.

### **Update on Stocksbridge Towns Fund (STF)**

Only remaining active travel proposal is a loop around Underbank reservoir which is just a loop and does not take you anywhere. They have dropped the more useful elements.

Upper Don Trail reps have recently met the new chair of the board, the South Yorkshire Woodland Partnership, and the Wildlife Trust to discuss in further detail and explore other options and have asked STF for funding toward a feasibility study.

### **Five Weirs Walk**

Proposal to repair is still being discussed between Sustrans and the Environment Agency.

### **City Centre Cycle Hub**

City Centre Cycle Hub is now open, those that registered for the Meadowhall hub can now use the city centre hub and vice versa - promotion to follow in Feb/March.

### **Post meeting note**

Request from the chair to move the meeting to a Tuesday or Wednesday

Feedback thus far -Limited responses but Wednesday has proved to be more popular.

**Date of next meeting: To be confirmed (issues with half term clash)**

**provisionally 5pm Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

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