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Re: Trumpington Road Consultation

Dear Cycling Projects Team,

Cambridge Cycling Campaign works for better, safer and more cycling in and around Cambridge and has over 1,100 members.

Summary

- We agree that changes to Trumpington Road are necessary to increase cycling journeys, through the provision of safe dedicated space and to remove the risk of dooring in the cycle lanes.
- These changes should be considered in the overall context of providing high-quality cycle routes along the whole of Trumpington Road, which is an important strategic route into the city.
- We strongly support the proposed changes to Trumpington Road to remove car parking on the East side to provide space for a 2m wide south-bound cycle lane.
- We prefer option 2 and strongly recommend that the additional space freed up be used to widen the existing north-bound cycle lane as well.
- We support moving the existing pedestrian crossing to just south of the Bateman street junction and the bus-stop to just north of the junction.
- We support the proposed changes to the Chaucer Road exit.
- We support replacing the two-stage pedestrian crossing near the Fen Causeway roundabout with a one-stage crossing.

Cycleway Improvement

We would prefer to see option 2 implemented. This will provide space for the proposed south-bound cycle lane but equally important will free up road space to be allocated to the existing north-bound cycle lane. Both lanes should be a minimum of 2m in width. As proposed, the south-bound cycle lane should be a slightly raised on-road cycle lane.

The resulting changes would provide better provision for both north-bound and south-bound cycling on Trumpington Road in the consultation area and also integrate with future provision of quality cycle lanes on Trumpington Road from the Fen Causeway to Trumpington and the new developments south of Trumpington.

We do not support option 1 as we have concerns about the proposed bi-directional path. In particular 2m is narrow for two streams of cyclists going in opposite directions and the path caters for a limited number of journeys.

Bateman Street Pedestrian Crossing

We support replacing the existing pedestrian crossing north of Bateman Street with a toucan crossing to the south side of Bateman Street as this better satisfies the desired movement for pedestrians and cyclists entering and exiting Bateman Street from and to the south. We would like to see it as close to Bateman Street as possible to satisfy the desired movement for pedestrians heading north on Trumpington Road.

We note that there will need to be a shared use section of pavement between the east side of the new crossing and the end of Bateman Street to allow cyclists to access the moved crossing from Bateman Street.

On the west side of Trumpington Road across from Bateman Street, we recommend the removal of the guard rails as these unnecessarily narrow the existing shared use pavement.

We recommend that there should be a table crossing at the exit of Bateman Street to enable cyclists, especially children, to access Bateman Street after crossing Trumpington Road at the new crossing point

Chaucer Road Junction

We support the signalling changes at the end of Chaucer Road to provide new signals for pedestrian and cycle crossing at the end of Chaucer Road. These should be repeater signals, similar to the existing signals at the other arms of the junction. However they should not require pedestrians or cyclists to have to press a push button, but rather should show green when the Chaucer Road exit light is red and vice versa.

We also support the reduction of the exit from Chaucer Road to one traffic lane in order to create a cycle lane alongside the traffic lane.

New Crossing near Fen Causeway

We support the replacement of the existing two-stage crossing near Fen Causeway with a one-stage crossing. The central island should be removed, as crossing will be possible in one phase without waiting in the middle. The island creates a pinch point which endangers people on bikes through close passes by motor vehicles.

Closing Comments

Trumpington Road is an important strategic route for accessing the city from the south. Changes to the road should seek to enable and encourage increased cycle use in order to relieve congestion in the city. Though the area under consultation here is small, it should be seen in the context of the need to upgrade the entire route to and from Trumpington.

Yours faithfully,

Hester Wells

On behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign