

AGENDA FOR PEDALS MEETING:

8.30 p.m. on

Monday 15 May 2006

in the upper room of the Globe PH, Rye Hill Street / 152 London Road, NG2 3BQ (between London Road and Meadows Way just north of north of Trent Bridge) (preceded by mini-ride at 7 p.m, lead by Lawrence Geary and Robin Wilson, departing from top of Queen's Bridge Road): "1845 a.d. –at 19.00 p.m"

AGENDA

1. Welcome, and apologies for absence

2. Discussion with Kevin Heathcote on Dealing with Highway Maintenance Defects in the City Council area. (item postponed from the April meeting). (PS: now cancelled!) (8.30-9 p.m)

3. Minutes of Pedals meeting of 24 April and matters arising

- disposal of Trailer
- Membership forms; making more copies and distribution

4. Finance

5. Spring/summer Newsletter

6. Events / meetings including:-

- Travelwatch East Midlands meeting, 19 May
- CCN / CTC Spring Campaigners Conference, Birmingham, and including CCN AGM
- Monday 15 June: Pedals meeting and mini-ride – second leader needed
- Cyclists' Breakfast, 21 June
- Stapleford Traffic and Transport Group, Friday 28 July: 10.00 at Stapleford Library

7. Report from East Midlands Cycling groups meeting, Derby, Saturday 6 May and proposed East Midlands cycling campaign and follow-up meeting

8. Cycle facility and traffic matters including:-

- Castle Boulevard; details of latest changes
- Riverside paths: improvement of surface and signing
- A453 dualling plans (Clifton to M1)
- New Notts CC Advance Stop Lines for

cyclists in Arnold and West Bridgford (Melton Road/Loughborough Road
- Nottingham Station: planning application for alterations
- Parish council ideas for cycle stands
- items for discussion at Notts CC Highways South Cycle Working Group meeting on 1 June

9. Miscellaneous items:

- 26 May -4 June: absence on a group cycling holiday in Norfolk.
- Cycling to work information
- DfT/ Cycling England In-house professional training on cycling for local authorities etc.

10. Any other business

BACKGROUND NOTES

*** means feedback especially wanted please**
**** means help please!**

1. Welcome, and apologies

Apologies for absence from Bill Istead, Mara Ozolins and John Wilson.

2. Highway Defects Reporting System: Discussion with Kevin Heathcote, Nottingham City Council.

This was postponed from last month. I understand that Kevin will soon be starting a similar job at the County Council so we may wish to bring up maintenance problems with both authorities, and suggest ways of improving responses to defects reported.

PS. Discussion now cancelled – c.f. email of 78 May from Kevin Heathcote:

"With reference to the meeting next Monday, I am afraid that I will not be able to attend as planned. I am set to leave the authority this Friday so will no longer be responsible for maintenance at the City. I apologise for the short notice but things have moved very quickly since handing in my notice. In the short term, Keith Thompson (keith.thompson@nottinghamcity.gov.uk) will be dealing with maintenance defects until my replacement is appointed.

message of 22 March from Kevin Heathcote, Nottingham City Council:

"Hugh,
I have been passed a copy of your email that was sent to Cllr Grocock regarding issues relating to reporting defects and the length of time taken to undertake repairs on some of the reports.

The defects that are recorded through the internet site are automatically sent to the Network Management team through the generic highways email address, at this point they are distributed to the

appropriate section, as you can appreciate the variety of issues raised through the internet site are not always maintenance related. Once a report has been received within the Network Maintenance team, we log the details onto a mail recording database and in the majority of cases an acknowledgement is sent identifying our intended action. At this point, if the issue cannot be dealt with by my team, the details are passed to the appropriate officer for action.

Therefore, I have asked a member of my team to check our records for all reports made by yourself over the last 12 months, and looking through our files we seem to have responded with an acknowledgement to the 16 reports received. Not all of the reports have been investigated by my team, and details have been provided when the issue has been passed to a different section.

However, you obviously have concerns regarding this reporting mechanism, and if you would like to report defects directly to this section, you can do so by e-mailing highway.repairs@nottinghamcity.gov.uk, or alternatively please feel free to e-mail me direct and I will ensure that you receive an appropriate response of intended action.

Regarding the specific defects that you have reported that have yet to be dealt with, the missing cycle route signs on Victoria Embankment and missing 'except cycles' supplementary plates were passed through to the Traffic Management section for them to investigate. In the first instance this is because Victoria Embankment does not form part of the adopted highway network and therefore is not under the maintenance of this section, and also supplementary plates are identified by Traffic Management in order for them to keep their inventories up to date, the role of the maintenance section being to maintain those signs that already exist on the network and not instigate new signs. However, as a customer I appreciate that once a defect has been reported the Council should seek to remedy the problem, so I will therefore investigate these matters and ask that the appropriate officer contacts you with a progress update.

The maintenance related issues that you have identified as being outstanding I will get investigated and respond to you accordingly. If I can be of any further assistance in this matter then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards, Kevin Heathcote
Team Leader
Network Maintenance
Highway Construction and Maintenance
0115 9152081"

...and my response to him of 23 March:

"Dear Kevin
Thank you for your message of 22nd March in response to my message to Cllr. Grocock.

I must say I do find it surprising that you say that, looking through your files, you seem to have responded with an acknowledgement to the 16 reports I have sent. I am quite certain that I did not receive any acknowledgement to several of my reports and can then only assume that they had indeed just vanished into the 'electronic ether' as I feared! However, I will in future, to reduce this risk, send you my further reports directly, as you suggest.

I appreciate that there are particular problems with Victoria Embankment not forming part of the adopted highway network. However, the fact remains that it forms part of a very important and designated cross-city cycle route, used by many cyclists, and that cyclists want to be sure of reliable arrangements for attending to defects, whatever its exact status.

It might be useful to make some time for a general discussion with you about this matter at a forthcoming Pedals meeting. Generally we have less time over the spring and summer for such special discussions as we allocate the first part of our meeting evenings to a short ride. However, it may be possible for us to allocate half an hour for such a discussion with you at our May meeting, on Monday 15th May, if you are willing to come and that would be a convenient time. We now meet in the upstairs room of The Globe PH on London Road, just north of Trent Bridge, and we could give you the first half of the meeting, from 8.30 to 9 p.m. before we move on to general business.
Hugh"

...and his to me:

"Hugh,
I am willing to attend the meeting to discuss any concerns that the group may have and would obviously welcome the opportunity to discuss our maintenance policy.

Perhaps you would be good enough to provide me with a gentle reminder nearer the time.
Regards, Kevin Heathcote"

PS. Kevin subsequently emailed me to say that he will by 15 May have moved to a job at the County Council so could he please come to an earlier meeting to discuss this.

3. Minutes of the Pedals meeting held on 24 April 2006 at the Globe PH

Present: Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, Peter Osborne, Gordon McGowan, Andrew Househan, Chris Gardner, David Miller, Lawrence Geary, John Bannister and John Park.

Apologies for absence: Bill Istead, Andrew Martin, and John Wilson.

Kevin Heathcote is giving his "pothole" talk in the May meeting.

Trailer. Nick Moss and a trailer dealer to be contacted to try and resolve this situation.

Pedals Marquee. Chris Gardner offered to store the Pedals marquee. (The insurance details will need changing).

Finance. Renewals are due in June. Otherwise nothing to report.

Membership Forms – A simple one black and white only form is being drafted. This will be suitable for downloading from the Pedals website.

Ben's Bikes – wants to place an advert (not an article) in the newsletter.

Pedal Pushers Guide – Chris offered to sell “shop soiled” copies at the cyclists’ breakfast on June 21st at the Waterfront.

City, County, Forest. – Chris offered to investigate the possibility of selling this at Attenborough Nature Reserve shop.

Hockley scheme. Steve Brewer will respond to Hugh’s emails about this. Work on Castle Boulevard has begun.

Newsletter is going to press 28th April. It will probably come out a few days after May’s meeting.

Hugh will approach Nelsons after the third issue of the newsletter for further funding.

Trent Basin to Colwick Park. The City Council is developing this on the north side of the river. Rushcliffe borough Council has put in a route from Compton Acres to the Nottingham Arena.

Gordon McGowan is attending the **Notts. Sports Partnership meeting** at Southwell.

East Midlands new rail franchise – there is a chance to lobby for cycling provision at this meeting at the Crown Plaza Hotel. John Bannister or Hugh may go.

CTC/CCN 20th May – Spring Campaigners conference, Birmingham. Hugh may go.

Hemlock Happening – No response.

Great Notts Bike ride. There is an additional 10 mile ride this year.

Hedge clippings on the Grantham Canal towpath. Hugh to contact Pete Jarman about this. John Bannister to contact various people too.

A453 widening and cycling provision. Sustrans wants to work closely with Pedals on this. The Highways Agency is not in favour of Pedals/ Sustrans proposals who want a direct (not tortuous) route. There was a public enquiry on this ten years ago.

The kerb on **Ruddington cycle track** has now been installed.

Update:

Proposed revision to Highway Code:

Comments from Margaret Tuck (8 May)

“I have done my two bits on the Highway Code. Also, I invited my MP to borrow my bike and cycle the Sainsbury’s cycle path where you weave around pedestrians and bus shelters, go up through Arnot Hill Park, round the back of B&Q, down a steep, narrow path into another park and come out at The Vale/Ring Road chaos. My cycle shop is on the ring road. To be honest I have never ridden more than the first bit of that cycle path. I am sorry to say that Vernon Coaker ignored my offer and merely sent me the Stephen Ladyman standard response. I have sent him a copy of my stage 2 response and repeated the offer. Perhaps I should buy a bell and go to his office and ring it until he takes some notice. What other use can you think of for a bicycle bell?”

Comments from John Bannister (8 May): (as sent to the Driving Standards Agency)

“Hi All.

Attached is the document from the CTC which I am sure you have seen.

Cycling should be safe, but when cyclists are injured they should be able to gain recompense. Many of the revisions indicate that practices not restricted by law may be inadvisable, and therefore in a civil case the cyclist may be held partly responsible for the severity of their injury which was wholly caused by another party.

I find this particularly true with regard to wearing helmets (I wear one) and use of off road cycle provision.

Cycle paths are often ill kept and a slow alternative, I applaud the provision of these facilities and know that they do much for less confident cyclists, however it is wrong that anyone should be penalised when it comes for compensation for being in the wrong case at the wrong time, for instance, on the main road in the path of a motorist coming out of a side road or petrol station, where the adjacent cycle path would require the cyclist to give way. (see JET Station on A52 east of Bingham, Notts., Colwick Loop road, Castle Boulevard, Nottingham)

I hope you adopt the CTC suggestions

Yours sincerely
John Bannister
24 Albert Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham
NG2 5GS

Spring/summer newsletter

I am hoping that to have this ready in time for a stuffing session on the evening Thursday 18 May, if all goes according to plan.

Matching the text and images to the available space has proved that much harder since we had to confine the length to 20 pages and this means that some of the material I hoped to include has had to be dropped after all.

This includes Dave Morris’ feature about the Kona bike scheme which I hope we can still use in the next (autumn issue).

Events and requests for stalls/Pedals publicity materials etc.

Roundhill Primary School Beeston Summer School Fair, Sat. 10 June: message via Peter Osborne from Judy Barraclough

“Hi Hugh - I had a call about this tonight. The organisers of this fair want to promote cycling. I don't think Dr Bike is relevant to this. Ideally we should do a stall, but I guess it is unlikely we could find any volunteers. I suggested that we could send some literature to promote cycling. Does Pedals have anything to send (leaflets, brochures etc). I've got

some Sustrans stuff I could send.
Peter.

----- Original Message -----

From: CLAIGAN@aol.com
To: peter.osborne@ouvip.com
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2006 4:56 PM
Subject: school summer fair

Dear Dr Bike!!
I wonder if you can help??

I am writing as the chair of the PTA at Round Hill
Primary school in Beeston.

We have been promoting healthy living/fitness for the
children through out the year - including raising funds
to re-develop the playground areas.

We are holding our summer fair on Saturday 10th
June from 11am to 2pm. amongst other things we will
be running slow bike race competitions. I wondered
if there is any chance Dr Bike could attend the
fair??? we want to encourage the children to take up
activities - and this might be a way forward.

Please could you contact me to discuss??
my mobile is 07836 298550
Thank you
Judy Barraclough

**Lenton Community Festival, Recreation Ground,
Lenton, Sat. 10 June: 12-6 p.m.**

Cath from the organising committee rang to invite
Pedals to have a display again. The theme this year
is 'Health and well-being'. Her number is (07949)
877589

**Sunday 2 July: Stalls at Chill in the Park 2006,
Arboretum.**

We have also been invited to have a stall at this
event, organised by Chilled Produce in association
with APNA Arts supported by Nottingham City
Council and working with the organisers of The
Nottingham Green Festival (including John Truscott!)

**Report of meeting of East Midlands Cycling
groups, Derby, Saturday 6 May**

Andrew Martin, Susan Young and I attended this
meeting, along with about 28 other folk, about half of
whom came from the organisers, the Derby Cycling
Group. The aim of the meeting was both to promote
the new 3-years Cycling Demonstration Project in
Derby (being promoted by Cycling England alongside
ones in Aylesbury, Darlington, Lancaster, Exeter and
Brighton) and to discuss proposals for an East
Midlands Cycling Campaign, as well as take us a tour
of some of the cycle facilities developed in Derby
including their extensive riverside paths.

John Stubbs, Chair of DCG, outline his proposals for
an East Midlands Group, to help spread ideas from
what Derby is doing in its project, to learn from other
places in the region and to collaborate more closely

on areas of common interest, e.g. against major
road-building projects in the region.

In the discussion that followed there seemed to be
general support for closer working, though not
necessarily a specific campaign group, but relying
more on email, e-newsletters and occasional
meetings. It was suggested that there might be a
follow-up meeting in about 6 months and I said that
Pedals might consider hosting this in Nottingham, if
people agree. Andrew and Susan thought it a good
idea and that we could run it either at the Sumac
Centre or at the Queen's Walk Community Centre in
The Meadows, where we ran a couple of CCN/CTC
national conferences in the early 1990s (when we
had far more volunteers!). The East Midlands event
would be much smaller and therefore less
demanding in person power, I should emphasise.*

Andrew and I came home towards the end of the
afternoon ride but Susan Young stayed on for the
round-up discussion in The Flowerpot pub. Here are
her comments:-

"Hi

Went back to the Flowerpot where we summed up
the day. I'm pleased I did as there were quite a lot of
Derby and Northants people. John will send out
minutes but we seem to be calling ourselves (at least
initially) the East Midlands Cycling Forum. We
discussed keeping each other informed of any issues
we are involved in, found successful (or not); or
passing information on others ought to know about,
and ensuring each group nominates a contact for this
who will cascade the information to relevant
members of their own group. We all thought it would
be useful to meet a couple of times a year, not
necessarily for a formal presentation but to discuss
relevant issues, have a ride around each
others locality, chat and be social as a way of
ensuring we keep in touch, be supportive of each
other and to speak with the same voice.

We also thought that we must back Derby to ensure
the extra money brings success. Hopefully that will
help to bring more resources into cycling.

I found the day useful as I do get very disheartened
as it seems to be one step forward and two back at
the moment. My ride to the station and seeing the
mess already made of the (ex) Castle Boulevard
cycle track (canal side) merely confirmed this.
Susan"

PS. I gather that the Derby Cycling Group have
suffered badly in recent years from a decline in active
members, as Pedals have. However, one of their
members told me that this has now changed with an
increase from 3 to 16 people being active. They
started about the same time as Pedals but have
always had more members and now have about 500.
Getting someone to edit a newsletter has provided
impossible, however, and they now just rely on an e-
newsletter, with 90% of their members having access
to email.

**CCN/CTC Spring Conference, Birmingham, Sat.
20 May**

Andrew Martin and I are both going to this event.

**Safer cycling = more cycling = safer cycling
CTC / CCN Spring Cycle Campaigns Conference
2006**

On Saturday 20 May 2006 Birmingham's cycling campaign group, Push Bikes is hosting a national conference on cycling safety. With the Road Safety Bill passing through Parliament at the moment it is a good time to examine the public perception that cycling is too dangerous.

Participants from cycle user groups, local authorities and consultancies will hear speakers talk about the causes and consequences of cycling accidents, the Road Safety Bill itself and other current cycling safety issues. The highlight of the afternoon will be a debate in which experts will champion their own favourite solutions: cycle training, traffic calming, speed cameras, cycle paths, helmets and many other initiatives. It will be up to the audience to decide which of the arguments is the most persuasive!

The conference will held from 10.00 to 17.00 on Saturday 20 May in Carrs Lane Church Centre in the heart of Birmingham, opposite Birmingham Moor Street station and 400 metres from Birmingham New Street Station.

To see the full programme and download a booking form please visit:
<http://www.pushbikes.freemove.co.uk/CTCCCN/index.htm>

Cycle facility and traffic matters:

Castle Boulevard changes

Any comments please on how these are coming on, bearing in mind that the whole scheme is not due for completion until late June?

**riverside path extension and upgrading plans:
copy of my message of 25 April to John Lee, City
Council Rights of Way Officer.**

"John

Your reference, in our phone call this morning about upgrading the rough cycle/ped link around Comet off Rennie Hogg Road / Longwall Avenue path etc., to your intention to use a similar surface to that recently used in upgrading the north bank riverside path west of Clifton Bridge reminds me to ask you what further plans you have for that and other riverside paths.

The upgrading you have done recently is certainly welcome but I note that it does not extend very far. Do you plan to extend this further, e.g. to the City/Broxtowe boundary? The rest of that path is not exactly ideal for cycling now, if just about manageable, and certainly not safe for shared use in its current rather neglected and overgrown form. We would very much like to see a good standard path, of the standard now to be seen in your recent scheme, extending all the way to Beeston Lock, to link with the improved canal side path etc.

Although Pedals appreciates the reasons for using crushed stone surfaces rather than tarmac on such path we do consider very important that they are maintained properly. That has often not been the case, as for example on the riverside path past Clifton west of Clifton Bridge.

Signing on that path is also still very poor more than 20 years after it was first built. Since it was developed in the early 1980s soon after the City Council had agreed as a matter of policy that all new paths in the city would in future be developed for shared use rather than just as footpaths, Pedals from the start emphasised the importance of good signing to make this clear. However, no signing was in fact installed for several years and, when it was, to our great disappointment, the signs showed only a pedestrian symbol and no cycle symbol! Moreover the signs were not integrated with nearby ones for other cycle paths, e.g. in the vicinity of the Clifton Lane toucan crossing or to and from the A453. In recent years even the signs that were erected have started to look very degraded, adding to the much neglected appearance and state of the route.

This is a great shame because it is basically a very attractive leisure route, giving users the impression they are in the heart of the country, when they are in fact only a couple of miles from the city centre!

In view of this neglect (which, I might say, is even worse south of the City/Rushcliffe boundary, past Holme Pit and towards Barton Fabis) where the path is even very muddy and hard even to walk on) Pedals considers it very important that maintenance is given much more attention please, with particular reference to installing a much more comprehensive and reliable system of shared path signs, and including local place direction signs, with links to the wider cycle network. This will of course need to be done in coordination with the County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.

The need for this upgrading will be all the more important when work is completed next year on upgrading the riverside path between Wilford and Rivermead Flats as part of the Environment Agency's flood prevention measures and this is likely to encourage more use of other stretches of riverside path and connecting links.
Hugh

A453 dualling

In close coordination with Patrick Davies of Sustrans East Midlands, and Mary Carswell of Thrumpton Parish meeting, I have now sent in a detailed Pedals submission to the Nottingham East Midlands Airport Draft Master Plan on the importance of improving cycle access to the growing employment areas at a near NEMA and emphasising the importance to this of good on-line cycling provision on the A453 between Clifton and the M1.

I intend soon to follow this with a letter to the new Secretary of State for Transport, Douglas Alexander MP, hopefully accompanied by written evidence of the commitment on this made in 1996 at the Public Inquiry into a previous A453 scheme by the Inspector to Nick Moss, who appeared on behalf of the CTC with the support of Pedals.

New Notts CC Advance Stop Lines for cyclists in Arnold and West Bridgford (Melton Road/Loughborough Road)

Comments from Margaret Tuck on the Arnold ASLs: (8 May)

"As promised, Gedling gave us some ASLs in Arnold. One, on Coppice Road lights has ASLs at three of the lights. The missing one is on the uphill section. I can see why. After all a turn right lane for traffic takes priority.... The ASLs at the Cross Street, High Street T junction are all in place and usable. Daybrook Square is the council's piece de resistance. There is an ASL on the Mansfield Road at Morley's factory going south. It covers the inside lane and is only reachable if you are first to the lights. Getting to the Ring Road is as difficult as ever. Grrr..

Any other comments, please?

West Bridgford town centre cycling issues: message of 11 May to Paul Hillier, Notts CC (copied to Ed Ducker)

"Paul

Thanks for coming along to the West Bridgford Local Transport Forum last night and for your explanation of the possible changes in West Bridgford town centre between Millicent Road and Gordon Square.

We look forward to a chance before long to give a proper Pedals response to the official consultation but meanwhile, off the top of my head, are a few cycling issues to consider:-

- The complex junction at the south end of Central Avenue on the whole works better for cyclists than it did before the pedestrianisation scheme 6 years ago, with the cycle lanes helping to highlight to drivers the possible presence of cyclists but there is still a particular problem for cyclists exiting Central Avenue, where the give way line is set rather far back, making it harder for them to be seen by drivers coming from Rectory Road.

- there are some problems of continuity of the cycle lanes, e.g. with the (rather narrow) cycle lane on Rectory Road, as you leave the Bridgford Road junction, suddenly giving out and giving way to parked cars. The surface of that cycle lane has also now become rather degraded.

- the width of the cycle lane going from the roundabout towards Gordon Road seems to fluctuate rather erratically!

- cyclists still have not been exempted from the ban on right turns on the top of Exchange Road, overlooked when the TROs for the pedestrianisation scheme were drawn up, and still not rectified, despite many reminders and agreement in principle that this should be done.

- Any changes in layout that effectively encouraged through traffic between Rectory Road and Albert Road and Davies Road etc. would make it more difficult for cyclists riding between Central Avenue and Gordon Road etc, quite apart from encouraging more cars into the centre.

- Any changes in surface to make the area more pedestrian-friendly, e.g. on Gordon Road, could help cyclists by slowing traffic but the details are important, e.g. not squeezing cyclists by adding more pinch points. Changes in the surface near Millicent Road could be used to help highlight the connecting cycle route from there towards Loughborough Road and the Suspension Bridge etc.

- introducing charges for all car parking near the town centre, on-street and off-street, could help to encourage cycling and walking for shorter trips to it but would then require more cycle parking to be provided. This should be anticipated.

Hugh

PS. Any comments, please?

Notts. CC Highways South Cycle Working group meeting, 9.30 on Thursday 1 June at Trent Bridge House

As I shall be away that week Lawrence has agreed to represent us.

We need to discuss now what issues we might want to raise, including in particular, I suggest, the improvement of the surface and signing of riverside paths, and the A453 dualling issue. What else, please?*

Parish council ideas for cycle stands

The County Council are currently running an initiative to find preferred sites for cycle stands to be erected. Parish Councils are encouraged to put forward suggestions for suitable locations such as shopping areas, libraries, village halls where such facilities would be useful and usage is likely to be high.

Preferred sites are on Highways, County Council or District Council owned land. If a site is privately owned and another, more suitable authority owned site cannot be found, then any information that the Parish Council could provide as the land owners would be most helpful.

All requests for these facilities will be considered. Please contact Jarek Bien at the County Council on (0115) 878 6030 for more details.

Miscellaneous items:

26 May -4 June: absence

I shall be away from 26 May to 4 June on a group cycling holiday in Norfolk.

Cycling to work information

Together with Gary Smerdon-White, "Mister Big Wheel" (officially Adviser to the Greater Nottingham Transport Partnership and Director of Ridewise) I attended the conference in Bristol on 4 May organised by Lifecycle UK (who have helped train Ridewise instructors) on promoting cycling to work. They have started an excellent website: Cycle Friendly Employers <http://www.cyclefriendlyemployers.org.uk> Take a look!

DfT/ Cycling England In-house professional training on cycling for local authorities etc.

A year or so after the 'training the trainers' sessions at the Department for Transport in London, a team of 12 people (including myself and Jo Cleary), recruited by the DfT and Cycling England, is now to begin work on running a flexible package of modules on the promotion of cycling for local authorities and other interested parties. We had a planning meeting in London a few weeks ago.

Management of the 'Mainstreaming Cycling' programme is the responsibility of PTRC, a London-based firm of planning and transport conference and training organisers, who at last have been given a licence to go ahead with the programme. This will now be publicised via a series of regional road shows, covering England and Wales. There is to be a similar series covering Scotland and Northern Ireland.

HMcC, 11.5.06