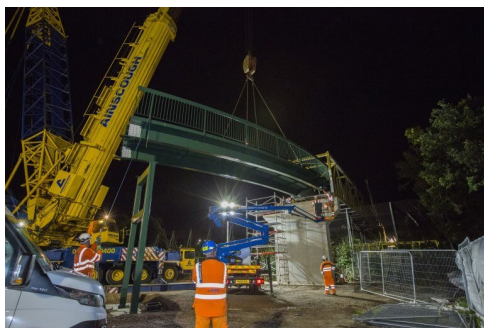


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## New foot-cycle bridge over the Midland Main Line lifted into place!

The new foot-cycle bridge over the Midland Main Line was lifted into place early in the morning of the August Bank Holiday weekend. It forms part of the new cycle route connecting University Boulevard near the Tennis Centre with Thane Road (and the Big Track) near the new bridge over the canal into the Boots Enterprise Zone and by the Thane Road entrance to Boots.

The whole route, connecting to the Western Cycle Corridor between Beeston and the City Centre, should be complete by the end of February 2019, we understand.

- ***For a map of this welcome new route visit***

<http://pedals.org.uk/proposed-cycle-route-between-university-boulevard-and-thane-road/>

## A new major challenge: ensuring the cycle-friendliness of the future HS2 East Midlands Hub and Toton Growth Zone proposals

An increasing topic of interest for Pedals in recent months has been how best to ensure good cycle access to and from the new East Midlands Hub station to be built at Toton as part of the HS2 Birmingham to Leeds extension plans, and also the cycle-friendliness of the large scale development planned in the associated growth zone.

At the July CDG (Greater Nottingham Cycling Development Group) meeting we raised with HS2 Ltd representatives some of these issues and also our particular wish to see a shared path including as an integral part of their plans for a new rail bridge over the Trent between Thrumpton / Redhill on the south bank and Cranfleet Lock and the East side of Long Eaton on the north bank, with links to many walking and cycling routes on both sides of the Trent.



However, it soon became clear that this aspiration is just part of a much wider challenge for us to tackle in this area, in cooperation with other groups including Sustrans and the Derby Cycling Group. Thanks to David Rhead who is already well on the case in pursuing this emerging challenge!

## **Pedals petition shows strong local support for the proposed Trent Basin-Lady Bay foot-cycle bridge**

Despite damp and uncertain weather we had a very encouraging response to the petition in favour of the bridge which Paul Abel organised close to the start of the Tour of Britain, on Central Avenue, West Bridgford on Saturday 8 September

We got 124 signatures: 85 from south of the river, 23 from elsewhere in Nottingham/Notts; and 16 from elsewhere in the country (mainly DE or LE postcodes) in favour of building a foot cycle bridge over the Trent to the east of Lady Bay bridge, connecting Lady Bay with Trent Basin etc.

Its great potential value a route for leisure purposes in particular was clearly widely appreciated both in the signatures to the petition and in the many conversations we had with people who came along.

As we continue to progress the plans further we will certainly need to extend and reinforce the various efforts that we have already made to get extensive support from both organisations and individuals from both sides of the Trent but this is further

very useful encouragement for our efforts!



Having got the backing in principle for our proposed bridge last year from the Leader of Nottingham City Council, Cllr. Jon Collins, we are now seeking similar support from the Leaders of Nottinghamshire County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council.



To increase our chances, in due course, of obtaining funding for the bridge, we have made a strong case for the bridge as part of the current LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) for the D2N2 (Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Area) being prepared by a DfT-funded team led by Sustrans and PJA (Phil Jones & Associates). We have said that this should be regarded as the key missing link in the local cycling and walking network.

The prioritisation process for the draft LCWIP proposals are to be discussed with Stakeholders at a meeting on 24 October.

(Pedals comprehensive LCWIP response is available at [http://pedals.org.uk/pedals\\_policy\\_documents/](http://pedals.org.uk/pedals_policy_documents/) )

We are working on this with several other groups, particularly the Riverside Residents' Association, the Nottingham Civic Society, the Nottingham Local Access Forum and Blueprint Regeneration who are developing the major new Trent Basin housing site north of the river, west of Trent Lane and east of Lady Bridge, the first phase of which was completed last year. The second phase is now nearing completion.

The most important leisure destinations to which the bridge would provide a much safer, more direct and attractive link are Colwick Park on the north bank and Holme Pierrepont Country Park and Water Sports Centre on the south bank, as shown in these photos.



To help inspire our vision the photos also include 2 similar destinations in Amsterdam, the very popular Vondel Park and, on the south-west fringes of the city, the Amsterdamse Bos. This includes a 2000m rowing course as at the WSC at Holme Pierrepont. Our proposed bridge would perhaps help to encourage similar numbers of cyclists to use Colwick Park and Holme Pierrepont!



***For more information on the background to the bridge project see:***

***<http://pedals.org.uk/trent-basin-lady-bay-foot-cycle-bridge-plans/>***

PS. We very much welcome the latest local group to give their support in principle to the bridge; the Trent Basin Residents' Association, following a presentation at their meeting on 25 September and meaning that we now have 20 groups on this list. We will be seeking to add to this number in due course.



## **Keeping up the pressure for safer cycling through the redeveloped Broadmarsh Area**

We are pleased to report a broadly positive response from the City Council to many of the detail points we put to them earlier this

year about improvements we would like to see in the redeveloped Broadmarsh area, particularly as general through traffic is diverted from Collin Street and Canal Street to Queen's Road etc. on the south side of the Station.

We are now seeking a meeting to discuss our remaining concerns in more detail

- **For more information see:**  
<http://pedals.org.uk/nottingham-city-council-respond-to-pedals-comments-on-broadmarsh-regeneration-plans/>



## New Island site path provides useful link to the Eastern Cycle Corridor Improvements

The Eastern Cycle Corridor is now complete from Manvers Street (west end of Sneinton Greenway) through to Colwick Park (Racecourse Road junction) and now includes the Manvers Street toucan crossing, by the west end of the Sneinton Greenway, completed this spring and now also the (temporary) route across the Island Site connecting via a new path to the Greater Northern Close.



This gives a much better connection to the north side of Nottingham Station including the Secure Bike Compound on Station Street.

This whole route will be of even more value later, when there are much better permanent links across the Island site and London Road.



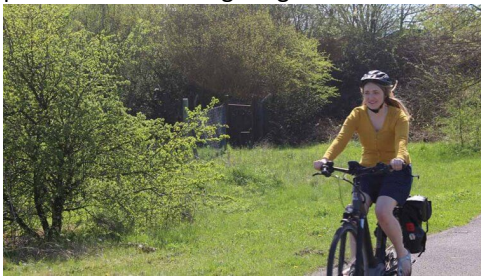
These are planned as part of the Island Site regeneration over the next few years by Conygar and we have recently made broadly positive comments on the proposals in their outline planning application, emphasising the need for a series of good wider connections, including to and from the canal towpath by London Road, Nottingham Station and the redeveloped Broadmarsh area.

- **For details of this response visit**  
[http://pedals.org.uk/pedals\\_policy\\_documents/](http://pedals.org.uk/pedals_policy_documents/)



## River Leen path improvements well underway

Since late August the City Council have been busy on a series of improvements to several sections of the River Leen path, including resurfacing, path widening, and the provision of a new lighting.



These are near the QMC between Derby Road and Abbey Street, on Birdcage Walk between Gregory Street and Crossgate Drive, and on Riverside Way just west of Wilford Toll Bridge.

## Proposed Clifton Boulevard cycle path improvements between Derby Road and Dunkirk

We had a lively discussion earlier this year with Mark Roxburgh and Dale Swain from Highways England about the details of their plans for upgrading the cycle path on the west side of Clifton Boulevard Derby Road and Dunkirk. The improvements on this very well-used path are badly needed and should go ahead sometime in 2019.

## West Bridgford Cycle Network improvements update

Since the completion last year of the cycle lanes on Melton Road (A606), between Devonshire Road and Village Street Edwalton, there have been a series of useful further developments in the Compton Acres / Wilford Fields / Rushcliffe Arena area, with a few more soon to be completed.

These include:-

- Upgrading the route between the Compton Acres tram stop (and tramside path) and Rushcliffe Arena across Compton Acres
- the completion of a 'Cycle Zebra' crossing' on Rugby Road, connecting to the north-south shared path between Rugby Road and Wilford Lane etc.
- Upgrading of the north-south path south of Wilford Lane (at Bede Ling) in connection with the new housing development well underway at Wilford Fields
- Installing a new section of shared path, just north of the Rushcliffe Arena, connecting the north-south path with the existing shared path between David Lloyd and

Collington Way, which connects via Northwold Avenue to the toucan crossing on Loughborough Road (A60), between Northwold Avenue and Chaworth Road, opened in March 2017.

We much welcome all these developments which in turn connect to several other local cycle routes and will be pressing the County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council to ensure that they are all clearly signed, to help promote their usage.

Connectivity of this cluster of routes should also be improved by the improvements to the layout of the tramside path by the Wilford Lane tram stop, discussed at a site meeting early last year with representatives of both the County and City Councils, and due to go ahead, at last, in the next few months, along with modification of the barriers across the path just north of the tram stop.



### **Cotgrave Greenway nearly complete**

The 3km Cotgrave Greenway multi-user path between Holme Lane (Radcliffe on Trent) and Cotgrave Country Park is at last nearly complete, after several long delays. This route will connect both to Route 15 of the Sustrans National Cycle Network near Holme Pierrepont, and the Skylarks Nature

Reserve, and also to the Grantham Canal towpath.

Also in **Radcliffe on Trent** a Highways England scheme to provide a proper **cycle path along the north side of the A52** trunk road between the RSPCA and Harlequin junctions has been put back to next year, and new fencing will now be included.

### **Carlton-Gedling Cycling Strategy consultation: Pedals responds**

We submitted a detailed response in July to the County Council and Via-EM's consultation on plans for new and upgraded routes in the Carlton-Gedling area, which we generally welcomed, appreciating the constraints on achieving good cycling provision in this very hilly and built-up area.

This response followed the general public consultation and also a meeting in February involving Tom Boylan (Via-EM), Nick Hynes and Arthur Williams from Pedals.

- ***For details of this response (and other Pedals consultation responses and Policy documents) visit***  
[http://pedals.org.uk/pedals\\_policy\\_documents/](http://pedals.org.uk/pedals_policy_documents/)

### **Fighting the threat to continued cyclist use of the riverside path between The Hook and the NWSC -**

In close cooperation with other groups, especially the Lady Bay Community Association, we have been working to fight the threat by Mr. Knibb, the new landowner of the land by the river between The Hook and the Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierrepont, to restrict cycle access on the very well-used riverside path.

He also has been threatening to restrict general access to the neighbouring field, so there has been a big outcry from many people, not just those living locally.

The LBCA, of which local Borough Councillor Sue Mallender is Secretary, arranged a very well-attended drop-in meeting in July to help to get evidence of cyclist usage for the period between 1978-1998, as 1998 was the year when permissive access on this public footpath was first allowed.

Another key player in these efforts has been Steve Parkhouse of the Notts Ramblers, who has much experience of fighting path claims, and he is now following up the very encouraging response.



**Local Police 'Close Pass' plans to be discussed at the 15 October Pedals meeting.**

Close passes by overtaking drivers can be among the worst experiences for cyclists and local Police actions to tackle this

**menace will be top of the agenda at our 15 October meeting, in a discussion with Paul Matthews from Nottinghamshire Police.**

For other forthcoming meeting details, including the discussion planned at our 19 November meeting with Cllr. Dave Liversidge, who took over in May as the new City Council Portfolio Holder for Local Transport, visit

<http://pedals.org.uk/meetings/>

## **Pedals website revamp**

We recently agreed on the need for a comprehensive review of the Pedals website, along the lines of a series of recommendations from Emma Metcalfe, based on her earlier experience with Cycle Sheffield.

The main idea is to make the site less wordy and more inclusive and generally appealing, with more drastic pruning or archiving of past or redundant items, and a clearer focus on current issues. David Rhead is also assisting with this big review which we also help will help to reverse our recent decline in membership.

- ***For more information contact Emma at [craftybikegirl@gmail.com](mailto:craftybikegirl@gmail.com)***

This forms part of a wider review by Emma of Pedals communications including Facebook and Twitter, and also our recent use of Slack to facilitate quick communications on specific issues

- ***For more information on Pedals use of Slack contact Iain Lane ([iain@orangesquash.org.uk](mailto:iain@orangesquash.org.uk))***

## Preparing to mark Pedals 40<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2019

Next spring will mark Pedals 40<sup>th</sup> birthday and we have begun to consider running a series of events to mark this anniversary. These include a trip to see good examples of cycle infrastructure in Derby and in London, a local “star ride” cum picnic, and a special meal.

- **For more information on these plans contact Paul Abel,**  
[paulabel@ntlworld.com](mailto:paulabel@ntlworld.com)

## Pothole or other problem reporting

See the ‘Report a road, path or cycleway problem or fault’ info on the Pedals website for appropriate contact details:

<http://www.pedals.org.uk/>

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