

**REVISED with some extra background notes (revisions in italics)**  
**AGENDA FOR PEDALS MONTHLY MEETING 7.30pm on Monday 21 January 2019, at The**  
**Vat and Fiddle PH 12-14 Queensbridge Road, Nottingham NG2 1NB**

*(Matt Turner to be Meeting Chair and Emma Metcalfe to take the minutes)*

*\*Indicates suggested priority items for discussion, mainly ones requiring decisions on appropriate action, when and by whom*

**1. Apologies for absence, and including brief introductions**

**2. Minutes of the previous Pedals Business Meeting (19 November 2018) and including checking for accuracy, and matters arising / updates including review of progress with actions agreed**

- \*New ideas from Emma Metcalfe for the Pedals website / thoughts on Pedals identity
- \* Matt Turner's proposed email mailing list using the Google Groups platform to act as a discussion group for the Pedals membership
- \*Review of ideas for marking Pedals 40th anniversary in 2019, including possible visit to Derby and/or London.
- \*Proposed installation of barriers on the Wilford Lane-Ruddington Lane tramside path and possible use of K-frame Barriers to stop Motorcyclists using the path
- \*Proposed meeting with Kirstie Newell et al. (City Council) to discuss Pedals aspirations with regard to the Broadmarsh Redevelopment Plans
- Pedals response to HS2 Working draft Environmental Statement consultation, December 2018
- \*Cotgrave Greenway (including messages included in the December 2018 update notes)
- Arno Vale Cycle Link Planning Application FR3/3921: response of 18 Dec from Arthur Williams on behalf of Pedals to Notts County Council (Development Management)
- Trent Valley Recway - exchange of emails between Roland Backhouse and Edmund Hopkins (2 Jan)
- Riverside cycle route adjacent the Hook - message from Richard Mallender re 5 Jan deliberate blockage by the landowner
- Continuing lack of any 'Except Cycles' plate under the No Entry signs at the Maid Marian Way end of Castlegate: now just replaced!
- Chetwynd Barracks redevelopment: potential new and/or remodelled routes: email of 7 Jan from Iain Craik via David Rhead
- Aldi Planning application, Edwalton: message of 9 Jan from Jack Chisholm to Paul Hillier, Notts CC

- Highway Code and cyclists- message of 14 Jan from Paul Matthew of Nottinghamshire Police
- \*Progress with completion work of the new foot-cycle bridge over the railway between Thane Road and the Tennis Centre (University Boulevard): my message of 14 Sept to John Bann, City Council
- Implications of the approval on 16.1.19 of the City Council Planning Application 18/02277/POUT) HMRC Unity Square Office Development, Queen's Bridge Road) for the Southern Cycle Corridor
- \*Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Church Street, Basford (TMP 7288): message of 23 Nov 2018 from Aimi Ducker, City Council and lessons arising in submitting a coordinated Pedals response

### **3. Report on recent meetings / events by people who have attended on behalf of Pedals including**

- CDG (Greater Nottm Cycling Development Group) meeting minutes November 28<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (received from John Bann on 15 Jan 2019)
- 7 Jan: Proposed Trent Lane-Lady Bay foot-cycle bridge Steering Group meeting
- \*10 Jan: West Bridgford Local Traffic and Transport Group meeting, County Hall: Hugh to report including  
Update on Proposed tramside path barriers between Wilford Lane and Ruddington Lane tramstops:  
Riverside path between The Hook and Lady Bay; very poor surface,  
Suggestion from RBC Cllr (and Pedals member) Sue Mallender for a new toucan crossing on Loughborough Road south of Trent Bridge,  
Proposed foot-cycle bridge: *Paul Abel's views as a local resident*
- 14 Jan: My meeting with Richard Winter, Sustrans East Midlands re funding for workplace cycle parking improvements
- \*17 Jan: Liaison meeting with Highways England (and City and County Councils) to discuss local trunk road cycling issues, Loxley House (Hugh McClintock and Peter Briggs to report) – *see brief report under AOB*

### **4. Finance, Membership, Promotion and Publicity (Iain Lane & David Easley to report)**

- Including updates on membership renewals and new memberships

### **5. Forthcoming events / meetings**

**Pedals meetings including invitations to visiting speakers, review of the agenda layout, charring and taking minutes at future meetings and the need to contact The Vat and Fiddle for preparing (e.g. heating when necessary) the room as well as confirming the room booking**

#### **Future Pedals meetings,**

including Charring and Minute-taking arrangements, and any possible speakers to invite

18 Feb 2019, e.g. Helen Hemstock from the Sustainable Transport Collective (Ridewise / Big Wheel): Hugh to Chair

18 March: Pedals AGM, including preparation arrangements and need to encourage nominations for elections particularly for Chair and Secretary, and Iain Lane's proposal to invite Carlton Reid at this or some other meeting (Andrew Martin to Chair AGM)

15 April, 20 May, 17 June and 15 July meetings and possible speakers including update on Close Pass campaign from Paul Matthews (Nottinghamshire Police) and Matt Easter to discuss the Sustrans National Cycle Network review

#### **Other meetings / events:**

- \*18-26 January: Highways England A52 Nottingham junctions (Nottingham Knight and Wheatcroft Junctions) Public Information Events, St. Peter's Rooms, Ruddington and Nottcutts Garden Centre Car Park, Edwalton: Hugh and Paul Abel to attend (*see brief report under AOB*)
- 23 Jan: Canal and River Trust Partnership Trustees meeting, Nottingham: Hugh to attend
- \*30 Jan Greater Nottingham Cycling Development Group (CDG) meeting: -: Hugh McClintock & Peter Briggs to attend: Pedals suggested agenda items
- Sat 22 June 2019 (tbc): East Midlands Cyclists' Forum Meeting, Derby, to be hosted by the Derby Cycling Group (details awaited via Dave Clasby)

#### **6. Cycle facility and traffic management matters including**

- \*Cycle maintenance budget 19/20: message of 15 Jan from John Bann, City Council
- proposal for a contraflow cycle lane on the QMC perimeter road: message of 14 Dec 2018 from Mara Ozolins and my reply of 14 Dec
- \*Ideas for further provision of cycle parking in the City Centre, including suggested locations
- Pedals response to Radcliffe on Trent Housing plans (RBC Application 18/02806/OUT: Residential development for up to 300 dwellings alongside approximately 1 ha employment land, formation of primary access, infrastructure, open space provision, surface water attenuation and formation of surface water storage ponds (outline application with all matters reserved except for access), Land North of Nottingham Road Radcliffe On Trent and potential developer contributions for improving the A52 cycle path: my message of 18 Dec to Dale Swain, Highways England
- \*Proposed next path claim by Steve Parkhouse - Trent Bridge to Wilford riverside path (and see attached map)
- \*Proposed double yellow lines on Humber Road (Beeston) shared path to help with enforcement (item in Nottm Post of 14 Jan 2019)
- \*Message of 14 Jan posted on Pedals Slack by Paul Abel re suggested independent review of costings for the proposed Trent Basin to Lady Bay foot cycle bridge

## **7. Miscellaneous items**

- Going Dutch: message of 2 January from Roland Backhouse
- Advance Notice; My absence from 19 Feb to 13 March

## **8. Update on progress with general review of Pedals organisation and handling of business and communications, especially:-**

- \*Reversing the declining membership of Pedals
- \*Getting more help with Pedals publicity and stalls

## **9. Any other business including EXTRA ITEMS ADDED from 17-20 Jan**

\*Brief report on 17 Jan Highway England liaison meeting to discuss local trunk road issues (Minutes to be circulated later)

\*Highway's England's proposals for the A52 Nottingham Knight and Wheatcroft Roundabout, as displayed on 18 and 19 Jan in Ruddington (and to be repeated on 26 Jan in an exhibition van at Nottcutts Car Park, West Bridgford), visited by Paul Abel and myself.

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## EXTRA ITEMS FROM 17 JAN

**\*Brief report on 17 Jan Highway England liaison meeting to discuss local trunk road issues (Minutes to be circulated later)**

**Derby Road Safety Scheme (Ring Road (QMC-Wollaton Vale):** Dale Swain said that the HE are still looking into details of this Safety scheme, mainly intended to address the pattern of accidents, mainly involving pedestrians crossing the road. He said that they are inclined to go for a shared path on the north side of Derby Road, with more crossing points, and that they do not have adequate space for 3m wide shared paths on both sides of Derby Road (but only for 2.5m subs-standard ones) There might however be some scope for short sections on the south side, e.g. towards the 2 roundabouts at both ends. They have not yet decided whether the paths will be segregated or unsegregated but I passed on the variety of comments from Pedals on this.

There was much discussion about **A52 trunk road issues in the Radcliffe on Trent area**, and the plans (still to be finalised) for extending the shared path from the RSPCA junction towards the Harlequin Junction. 3m high fencing is to be included alongside the path, which has delayed things, and there was some discussion about the best location for this and its design.

Proposals to upgrade the **A52 cycle path between Derby Road and the Dunkirk Island**. HE are still reviewing detailed options for this, with and without Nottingham City type cycle priority arrangements, for which they would need special HE approval!

HE and the City Council are still trying to sort out the awkward issue of the **intruding columns on the Abbey Street cycle path** by the QMC just east of the Dunkirk flyover signalled cycle crossing. Peter Briggs said there were still problems of car parking abuse on this path.

Further east, and beyond Pedals usual area of operation, HE are now, after more than 20-25 years, getting closer to building a **foot-cycle bridge at Bottesford to carry Sustrans NCN rout 64 over the A52!**

Towards the end of the meeting John Bann took the opportunity to stimulate some informal discussion about a rough map showing the City Council's suggested cycling priorities in relation to the **proposed Nottingham-Derby City Councils coordinated "Metro" bid for schemes related to improved cycle connections between the two cities and the HS2 Toton East Midlands Hub area**, for which they are preparing a joint bid for funding from the next round of the DfT's Transforming Cities Fund. Some of these ideas seem broadly in line with Pedals suggestions for that area in our comprehensive wish list with regard to 'missing links' submission last summer as part of the D2N2 Area LCWIP, which also needs to tie in with this bid. The only difference was a rough proposal for cycling improvements in the Trowell Road area west of Nottingham, which did not feature at all in the Pedals list. I expect that there will be more information about this bid at the CDG meeting on 30 January.

**Public Information Events for the Gamston and Silverdale roundabout** proposed changes in the A52 will follow this summer.

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**Some interim comments following the Public Information Event: feedback from other people very welcome please!**

- A good basis on which to begin, with some recognition at long last of the importance of including cycle and pedestrian facilities at these junctions
- At both roundabout the off-road shared path cum toucan crossings need to be extended, e.g. between the A606 (Edwalton side) and Flawforth Lane
- For most cyclists the provision of traffic signals on all arms of both junctions will do much to improve their feelings of safety, but all the more if these can be combined with Advance Stop Lines and good approach cycle lanes
- Less confident cyclists may be more inclined to take the traffic-free path, along with pedestrians, even if this involves a substantial time penalty
- There seems to be have been no thought given to some important cycle movements through the junctions, e.g. how westbound cyclists from Tollerton can most safely continue towards Edwalton and West Bridgford on the NW side of the Wheatcroft Junction.

- Very important to include the very long-standing Pedals wish to see the upgrading of the existing subway under the A52 south of Sharp Hill as part of the 'active travel' provision in this area and, with improved connections, especially through the major new housing areas to the north (Edwalton side) providing further safe options for cyclists and pedestrians between Ruddington and West Bridgford, including those in the east side of WB in the Gamston area and planned new housing areas between Tollerton and Bassingfield, etc.
- It would be very useful in due course to have a special meeting with HE (and the County Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council) to discuss cycling and pedestrian provision in more detail, based on the further feedback we now get and HE's comments on constraints and possible funding.

**..comments from Alan Wilson (Notts Ramblers) on Cyclists and Walkers working together:**

Hi Hugh,

It was good to meet with you today at Ruddington. I would value continued contact/involvement if there is any progress on improvements to north/south links for walkers and cyclists near the Wheatcroft's junction. Also, on matters of mutual interest to cyclists and walkers in Notts generally, I think your best point of contact within Ramblers is Steve Parkhouse, RoW Secretary at Notts Area Ramblers - [stephen.parkhouse@nottsarearamblers.org.uk](mailto:stephen.parkhouse@nottsarearamblers.org.uk). Although I am a member of the Area Council, my main Ramblers role is as chair of Rushcliffe Ramblers.

Regards,

Alan Wilson

Secretary

Notts Footpaths Preservation Society

**....my response to Alan of 19 Jan:**

Alan

Thanks for this message. It was indeed very good to meet you today and I am sure that Pedals would also value continued contact as we gather feedback and bring our view together to send on to the HE, as well as taking further my encouragement to them this morning in due course to have a special meeting with us (and the County Council and RBC) to discuss in more detail the various cycling and pedestrian issues. Feedback from myself and Paul Abel on our discussions at the Public Exhibition today is on the agenda for our next Pedals meeting, on Monday, so that will also form part of the process of drafting our considered comments. As I mentioned this morning to the Project Manager, Angela Sandhu, this will certainly include our very longstanding aspiration to see the subway under the A52, south of Sharp Hill, upgraded with good approaches (especially through the major new housing areas being developed to the north east, as well as at the 2 roundabouts themselves.

As it happens I have had a lot of contact with Steve Parkhouse in recent months, particular with regard to various paths claims, including now the new claim he is pursuing for the riverside path between Trent Bridge and Wilford so I will certainly make sure that he too is kept in touch.

Best wishes

Hugh

**...comments of 19 Jan from RBC Cllr. Rod Jones:**

Hi Hugh and Ramblers

Further to your email exchange which Hugh copied me into, I want to share in summary the views expressed at the Consultation which were mainly about pedestrian and cycling connectivity.

**Nottm Knight Island.**

The bulk of Ruddington population is to the west of the A60 and their residents, including secondary school children who attend Schools in WB should be able to cycle/walk a straightforward route as should WB residents going the other way.

From Rudd, people are unlikely to cross the A60 (where vehicles travel at speed) to access the cycle/pedestrian link (shown in blue) to the East of the Roundabout between Landmere Lane and the east side of the A60 north of the roundabout– useful though that is.

What would greatly assist more healthy means of travel would be a pavement along the west of the A60 (most would need to be provided by NCC except the lead to the island) and the upgrading of the pedestrian route (shown in black) round the west of the roundabout.

**Wheatcroft Island.**

I pointed out that there needed to be better connectivity between the rights of way to which the A52 presents a barrier. There are rights of way joining further south along Flawforth Lane connection to Bradmore Lane then Plumtree. There are many rights of way to the north of the Island. One goes across Wheatcroft Garden Centre car park joining to the new estate. There is another right of way further west across the A52 marked by a wooden fence sanctuary in the middle of the road. Also there are those which I got established: one running inside the field alongside the A52 and connecting with the rights of way within and from Sharphill Wood and connecting to the Spinney/Old Road and Peveril Drive.

So it would make sense to have a pedestrian route which circles to the west of the Island.

**Rod Jones, Liberal Democrat Cllr for Musters Ward**

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**....my reply to Rod Jones of 20 Jan:**

Rod

Thanks for your comments with regard to local rights of way and pedestrian needs which I very much understand.

I would only add, from the point of view of cyclists and, in particular, and Pedals longstanding wish to see a route between Ruddington and Sharp Hill / Melton Road (Edwalton etc) via the subway under the A52 that we have always seen the provision of a toucan crossing of the A60 as a vital part of this, to connect Ashworth Avenue / Rufford Road / Easthorpe Street to the quiet bits of road between the A60 and the subway, including Old Loughborough Road and Landmere Lane. Rachel Sandhu (HE Project Officer) at the public information event yesterday did assure me that they are well aware of the importance of the subway (though it is not mentioned in the currently displayed plans) and are looking into the possibility of finding funding for its upgrade, connecting through the new housing to the north, etc.

Best wishes

Hugh

**Excellent response from Pedals website: message of 20 Jan from Graham Lansdell**

Hi Hugh

I'm keen to let you know that, since Pedals posted information on its website that I take donated bikes to renovate and sell in aid of The Friary Drop-In, I have had several people getting in touch, especially since the New Year: perhaps folk are clearing out as part of their New Year resolutions.

As a result, I have been quite busy accepting donations, repairing them, and selling them on Gumtree's website, raising useful sums of money for The Friary. Thank you to Pedals for enabling people to find out about my little project.

Best wishes, Graham