



Chipping Barnet Area Committee 12 February 2015

UNITAS	
Title	Review of London Cycle Campaign proposed schemes for Chipping Barnet
Report of	Interim Commissioning Director for Environment
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Summary

This report contains additional background on cycling in wards in the Chipping Barnet area.

Recommendations

That the Committee note the additional information contained in this report.

General

According to the 2001 Census 0.9% of Barnet residents who were in employment travelled to work by cycle. In the 2011 census the equivalent figure was 1.4% (or 1.6% once people working at or from home are excluded). Cycling measured as mode share of trips by Londoners that start in the borough is 1%. The Local Plan and Local Implementation Plan include targets to increase this to 4.3% by 2026.

Local Plan policies state "We will seek to make cycling and walking more attractive for leisure, health and short trips." And the Local Implementation Plan includes a similar objective "Making cycling and walking more attractive for leisure, health and short trips"

Local Implementation Plan funding from TfL includes £400k for cycle routes in 2015/16 and LIP funding is also allocated for implementing improved cycle route signage, cycle training and on-street cycle parking. A separate TfL Borough Cycle Programme fund has provided funding to help develop a cycling strategy – work on this is on-going. The TfL Borough Cycle Programme also provides additional cycle training, cycle parking and cycle grants to schools.

The London Mayor's Vision for Cycling includes a programme for delivery of Quietways across London. The routes intended to appeal to new and less confident cyclists are envisaged to be mainly on quiet roads. Potential routes in Barnet have been identified for consideration.

Cycling provision / schemes in the Chipping Barnet area

There is a mainly-off-road cycle route along the Dollis Valley from Mays Lane / King George V playing fields southwards via Brook Farm Open Space to Totteridge Lane and south again via Riverside Walk to Laurel Way in Totteridge Ward. From here the route enters an on-road section, although work is in hand at present to make off road provision for further stretches. This route eventually leads to Brent Cross.

A signage audit of this route has been undertaken and proposals to improve signage on the on-road sections of this route are due to be implemented shortly. Improvements in conjunction with the regeneration of the Dollis Valley estate are also expected.

There is also a mainly-off-road route from East Barnet Village to Waterfall Road through Oakhill Park and Waterfall Walk and quiet road sections connect to the Dollis Valley Route. Both of these routes have been identified as potential candidates to form part of London Quietways.

The section of the Pymmes trail linking Barnet to Cockfosters referred to in the LCC proposals for East Barnet is a designated bridleway. Although some stretches are not suitable for all weather use, the route can be used by cyclists.

Additional cycle parking has been installed in High Barnet and in Whetstone last year and additional locations in High Barnet have been identified for the A1000 in High Barnet and Oakleigh wards for implementation imminently.