

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Thursday 13TH January 2022

ITEM 5 – PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Note

At the meeting a total of 30 minutes is available for public questions and comments. The questioner may ask one supplementary question at the meeting which will be answered without discussion. The supplementary question must be relevant to the original question put to the Chairman.

Agenda Item No	Comment	
Agenda Item 9 – Social Distancing Measures	<p>Stephen de Souza</p> <p>I believe this will be discussed on Thursday night. As a resident, who drives and cycles along the A1000 I would like to express my strong support for the retention of the cycle lane which I am sure can be improved. I hope the Council will build on this, both extending the current lane to Chipping Barnet and by putting in further segregated cycle lanes.</p>	
Agenda Item 9 – Social Distancing Measures	<p>Rachel Coleman on behalf of Better Streets for Barnet</p> <p>In response to Barnet Council Social Distancing Report, Environment Committee, 13th January 2022</p> <p>Better Streets for Barnet welcomes the positive report on the A1000 cycle lane. The report shows emerging benefits to Barnet following government guidelines on implementing infrastructure supporting and increasing active travel in the Borough. These important and positive first steps are also in line with boroughs own Long-Term Transport Strategy.</p>	

	We would welcome the opportunity to work with the council to continue to develop and improve the lane to the benefit of all residents and businesses, and to facilitate a positive outcome of a commitment by the Council to ensure the long-term future of the lane. 'Improve not Remove'.	
Agenda Item No	Question	Response
Agenda Item 9 – Social Distancing Measures	<p>John Smedley</p> <p>I would like to know if statistics have been collected, in particular</p> <p>Numbers of cyclists and motorists using the road where there are the restrictions since the start of the plan.</p> <p>Similar numbers for an equal time period before the plan, to see whether road usage has changed.</p> <p>Accident figures for current and previous periods both for cyclist and motor if available.</p>	<p>Paragraph 4.6 of the report references the ongoing collection of cycle volume data. Data has been and continues to be collected. We do not have data prior to the impact of covid. The data we do have currently shows volumes in line with seasonal variations. However, the evolving approach to covid mitigation over the last 2 years, including lockdowns and flexible working, currently makes it difficult to interpret changing travel habits and current and future demand. For that reason we are looking to continue data collection as we begin to come out of covid and begin to see a new stability in travel habits.</p>