**Newham Cyclists Issues of Interest: February 2022**

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|  | **Specific issue** | **Commentary** |
| **1** | **Cycle Strategy**  Newham cycle strategy runs to 2018 2025.  Depends heavily on creation of 33 cycle and improving CLOS scores. | Newham Cyclists originally commented on   * lack of areas with no through traffic. * Inadequately addressing identified strategic corridors.   No comprehensive CLOS review now planned.  Still in use and not superseded by LBN Local transport Plan supplemented by a comprehensive map of potential LTN’s throughout the borough |
| **2** | **Funding** Cabinet Decision of June 2020 included use of some of the Keep Newham Moving facility and a review of this facility to make it more use to active travel.  LIP funding bid being prepared for submission November 2021.  Application for levelling Up funding from for East of Borough  LB Newham successful with bids from central government’s ***Levelling Up Fund*** with two bids in October 2021 including for [The ***15 Minute Neighbourhoods*** programme](https://www.newham.gov.uk/downloads/file/3925/newham-15-min-neighbourhoods-appendix-1-delivery-plan-redacted-) (**LBN 15MNP**) which includes :  **01.** Delivery of **four** Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.  **02.** Delivery of **three** healthy school streets.  **03.** Delivery of cycleway and bus priority measures along the length of the **Romford Road**. | Newham Recorder 16 Feb 2022 £15m pound investment into road improvement scheme Keep Newham Moving. This fund ends 2023  Newham may fund some sustainable transport schemes from capital funding capital funding.  LIP application approved at November Cabinet meeting:  [https://www.newham.gov.uk/news/article/736/newham-approves-sustainable-local-transport-plan-to-improve-road-safety-and-reduce-air-pollution](https://www.newham.gov.uk/news/article/736/newham-approves-sustainable-local-transport-plan-to-improve-road-safety-and-reduce-air-pollution%20%20)  Awaiting TfL. |
| **3** | **Strategic Corridors**  Those identified in TfL Strategic Cycling Analysis (TfL SCA) of 2017 in LB Newham as top potential connections are:   1. Romford Rd (CF6) 2. Barking Road (CFR 8) 3. Manor Park to North Woolwich (CFS9 route) 4. Leyton to Barking Rd (CFS7 top priority route)   High potential connection is extension of CFR 7 and medium potential connection is Forest Gate to Barking Rd and Silvertown Way.  Medium priority is Forest Gate to Barking Rd.  CFRs are now “Area Investment Pipelines” | 1. Newham Council have now employed a Project Manager in light of levelling up levelling up funding which includes significant sums for HSN and Upton Lane junctions. NC to provide previous suggestions.   Need to ensure desire line of Romford Rd improved and not replaced by low quality substitute routes.  Notices have appeared about the Ilford Gardens scheme.   Not clear where Redbridge scheme stands on a bridge over the Roding to York Rd. Improvement to path south of City of London Cemetery could be included in this scheme and any parallel to busy section of Romford Rd.  NC asked to be involved at design stage   1. Subject to very poor Bus Priority Schemes like Greengate St junction driven by TfL. Plans for East ham junction and surrounding areas being drafted. Issues include cycle access to High St North pedestrianised area. Discussions for comprehensive scheme started with TfL.      1. Subject to poor Bus Priority Schemes driven by TfL e.g. Clegg St. Money available and designs in hand for Stratford to Leyton improvements which are less affected by bus priority schemes. 2. Improvements to Canning Town junction part of Royal Docks Corridor Scheme. |
| **4** | **TfL Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) plan**s  In train   1. Maryland 2. Odessa 3. Manbey 4. Atherton 5. Woodgrange 6. Capel 7. Stratford Park     As yet unfunded   1. Custom House north of Crossrail station. Freemasons Rd to be improved. No through routes east but west to Silvertown Way presents a problem of future developments. 2. Manor Park/High St North (west) 3. Manor Park /High St North (east) claimed to be a LTN in cabinet paper      1. Forest Gate South/West Ham Park 2. Corporation St  Potential new LTNs in pipeline might be East Beckton and Prince Regent Lane eastside. | On whole reaction from residents to temporary schemes has been positive. Some increase in traffic on boundary roads, most significantly Crownfield Rd. Reduction in traffic in LTN and improvements in air quality.  NC relaxed on use of ANPR cameras.  1 & 2 made permanent Feb 2022. Now looking at complementary measures e.g. pocket parks, removal of one way, crossing of Water Lane – Manbey Grove to Louise Rd..  4 & 7 implemented under temporary orders. De to be considered for permanency around July 2022. Must be done by September 2022. Dames Rd lights to be done when permanent.  5&6 Project Centre appointed as consultants to implement. NC asked to be involved at design stage. Poss start in September as Westminster University asking for more time to complete their work on a study.   Connection from Earlham Grove to Sebert Rd needs improving (should have been done as part of Crossrail improvements).  (a) Custom house large LTN now a distant prospect and no resident demand. Likely to focus on Cumberland Rd/Holborn Rd area between A13 and Barking Rd (“Plaistow South”). Some resident demand. Finance for asked for in LIP application. The greater LTN might be pursued as part of Royal Docks and Beckton Opportunity Area – see Framework Planning Document.  (b) Traffic counts show that one way changes have not impeded rat running. Potentially part of Romford Rd scheme.  (c) Need to make MP/HSN (east) effective to fulfil claim to be a LTN.  Work proceeding on (funded) no right turn northbound into Church Rd.  At 27 Jan meeting Edwina Nolan – a resident- complained about the Browning Rd scheme not working because it displaces traffic,  Shakespeare Crescent proposed one way with no contraflow.  (d) Resident demand for an LTN in this area. Potentially part of Romford Rd scheme or LIP funding.  (e) ANPR cameras now installed   Important as this could be the catalyst for a possible 'quietway ' Link to the potential Forest Gate South/West Ham Park LTN to the north via a Church Street/Dirleton Road (which has an existing gate filter)/crossing Portway/western edge of West Ham Park via Amity Road/Edward Temme Avenue (existing filter or path)/Devenary Road/Ham Park Road alignment.  NC asked for an audit of existing LTNs to assess effectiveness. |
| **5** | **Bus Priority Schemes**   1. Barking Rd/Green St 2. Barking Rd/ High St North and South 3. Barking Rd/Hermit Rd 4. Plaistow High St/Clegg St | NC previously made detailed suggestions on Barking Rd/Green St in response to NC initial plans.  All poor schemes but being driven by TfL. Newham Cyclists indicated that better nothing than these schemes.  Critical response to Prince Regent Lane Bus Priority Scheme |
| **6** | **Safe and Healthy Streets/School Streets**  Phase 1  Goodwin/Woodgrange  Chobham Acadamy  West Ham  Lathom  Phase 2  Sheringham Primary/Nursery  Park Primary  Hartley Primary  Kay Rowe Nursery  Brampton Community Schools  Lister Academy  Plaistow Primary  Southern Rd Primary | Phase 1 & 2 rolled out.  Phase 2 in progress.  Discussions with 11 heads on phase 3.  Councillor Jihan taking the lead.  Exemption for staff an emerging issue.  Earlham “egregious” but not demand from school and not on phase 3 shortlist; but see LTN.  School 21 discharges pupils into cycle lane. |
| 7 | **QE Olympic Park and Westfield.**  Mountfichet Rd  Westfield Ave  Southern entrance at Bridge Rd blockage appears unnecessary.  MSG development  Stratford Waterfront development  Carpenters Local Plan  Cycle parking and hire at Stratford International | Preliminary design development almost complete on Westfield Ave – on the whole positive as include cycle tracks and junction improvements.  Point closure at International Way?  Inadequate proposals in MSG development scheme re cycle parking and surrounding infrastructure.  In respect of Carpenters Local Plan NC have responded to consultation by emphasising the importance of improving the cycle access to the QEOP. Preliminary design work in prospect for Carpenters Rd, Pool St and Monfichet.  NC suggest some QEOP “Quick wins” especially at Abercrombie Rd, Waterden Rd crossing at Here East, light phasing at Honourlea Ave. LLDC now have a sustainable transport officer.  Bernard has pointed out no drop kerbs on newham approach to Gainsborough Bridge. |
| **8** | **CS2/Stratford High Street**  Poor infrastructure at  (a)Warton Rd v dangerous left hook.  (b) Carpenter’s Road junction a danger.  (c) Bus island, sight lines and better warning for cyclist (also applies to STC)  (d)Long Term Works to strengthen Greenway Sewage Bridge involves diversion of heavy goods vehicles via QEOP A12 and Stratford  (e) Marshgate Lane | 1. Signs of Stratford High St inconsistent with Highway Code. 2. Carpenters Rd little used due to Stratford Waterfront closure   (d) Wrote to Thames Water by e-mail 9 August 2021 highlighting left hooks at Marshgate Lane, Penny Brook St and need to ensure heavy goods vehicles use the diversions and not unsuitable short cuts.  (e) D Blaney correspondence on state of this junction has made little progress.  . |
| **9** | **Stratford Gyratory/Stratford Town Centre**   1. Pilot 20mph to be made permanent 2. Conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians 3. Cycle parking. 4. Rat running in surrounding area. 5. Clash with pedestrians at junction of Grove and Romford Rd 6. Enforcement | Scheme finished – on the whole successful. |
| **10** | **Royal Docks Corridor and area**   1. Silvertown Way and North Woolwich Rd.   Alternative cycle friendly Initial plans drawn up for Canning Town to Connaught Bridge. Would be a lengthy section of segregated cycle track.   1. Other Royal Dock developments. 2. Royal Docks Walking and Cycling Strategy and Royal Docks and Beckton Riverside Opportunity Area Planning Framework | 1. Consultation response highlighted left hooks at major roads, side streets and Canning Town Bus Station.   Temporary wands on Silvertown Way being replaced.  Dock Street to be closed and realigned for Silvertown Tunnel. No safe alternative for cyclists. 2. Possible “Walking and Cycling Improvements” connecting former railway line (“Mitchel Way” – parallel to Jake Russell Walk) and in long term extend the walking and cycling path westwards   (c) Newham Cyclists met with Royal Docks Team Oct 2021 for in connection with a future walking and cycling Strategy for the area. Formal Response submitted.   1. Consultation deadline for RD&BOAPF 21 March 2022 |
| **11** | **Newham Greenway (QW 22)**   1. Ramps 2. Antisocial behaviour 3. North of Stratford High St. 4. Light sequencing on A13. | Hospital Ramp open  Fewer reports of antisocial behaviour winter 2020/21 following earlier prosecution.  Funding now for removal of 5 restrictive gates (Barking Rd and Prince Regent Lane).  Funding obtained (including from developers to test feasibility of a link from Plaistow Place development site over the District Line to an improved Whitelegg Rd ramp to Greenway.  Objection submitted to Plaistow Place development on ground of no connection to the Greenway (and other matters)  Long term: Rail underpass left of Warton Rd - s 106 funding? |
| **12** | **Crossrail Schemes Retrofitting**:   * Manor Park – almost finished * Forest Gate – finished * Maryland - finished. | Little chance for improvement in near term.  All are unsatisfactory from cycling perspective. Each brings hardly any CLOS improvement.  Manor Park needs completion – Copenhagen pavement at junction with Manor Park Road.  Woodgrange Rd is a barrier east-west between LTNs and north south especially in view of Redbridge plans for Centre Rd. No plans at present for Central Rd in Newham.  Prospect of upgrade of modal filter in Manor Park in conjunction with the Community Garden.  Removal of Covid barriers in Woodgrange Rd give opportunity for cycle track. |
| **13** | **QW6 (now C16)**  Leyton Rd and Major Rd | Major danger leading to serious injury at Temple Mills Lane and Leyton Rd junction. Waltham Forest Council engaged on this.  CFR 7 Stratford to Leyton plans would lead to by-passing of poor junction at Chobham Rd. |
| **14** | **Permeability and other Minor Infrastructure**  2014 audit list of 500 minor improvements (drop kerbs, contraflows etc) | Newham Council focussing on LTNs but willing to look at individual suggestions for minor wins.  Question over maintenance of lights on Channelsea path (Anita Andersen)  Issue over state of Marshgate Lane (Daniel Blaney)  NC have asked for an audit of ‘parallel crossings’ (i.e. pedestrian and cycling traffic crossings) in the borough?  Concern about unsatisfactory ‘up to date’ repainting of them regularly on the carriageway. |
| **15** | **Leaway Connection**   1. Site of scrap yard 2. Adjacent developments – Stephenson St and Canning Rd, Strand East. 3. Connections to Leaway including poor lighting on Channelsea Path 4. Leaway/City Island to Canning Town connection. 5. Dock Street closure | 1. Real progress in obtaining land to complete connection from Cody Dock to Canning Town which will link with new ramp. 2. No news on these developments. 3. Possible LIP funding for route from Channelsea Path to Twelve Trees Crescent. 4. City Island developers obliged to provide a connection. Ideas include a new crossing over DLR direct to existing bridge from City Island or refurbishing and remodelling current disused bridge (“Rubens Bridge”) 5. No plans to alleviate.   See RD & BROA Framework Plan |
| **16** | **Roding Way and Connections**  Roding way a long term aspiration and some protection for development in Cycle Strategy. However difficult issues of land ownership.  Short term alternatives to be sought. | Redbridge has won funding for a bridge over the Roding to York Way/Wanstead Park Ave. Is this still planned?  Long term vision is ped/cycle crossing at Millais Ave.  See also Stratford to Ilford corridor.  Feb 2021 Stephen Timms provided a paper to support this route. NC provided comments including alternative and interim routes and offered any further assistance. Meetings taking place since then.  Possible to use part of LIP cycle network funding for this.  See RD & BROA Framework Plan and letter from Stephen Timms.  Velor park East Planning application an opportunity to leverage some development funding to improve path south of A13. |
| **17** | **Borough Wide 20mph** | On LIP bid to consider. |
| **18** | **CS3x to Barking (Jenkins Lane)** | Cycle provision blanked out. Funding obtained to finish the last 90m to CS3. Council actively working on plans.  Planning application for Velor park East site submitted Feb 22. Shows improvement to Jenkins Lane |
| **19** | **Enforcement of parking and speed limits** | In particular see Julian Burke complaint about East Village to Newham Councillors May 2021  Newham Recorder front page 11 August 2021.  Enforcement being brought in house. |
| **20** | **Upton Corridor** | Poor scheme implemented some years ago. Need retro-improvement. Alan Cooper has written to Councillors.  Falls within A114 corridor (Forest Gate to Barking Rd) |
| **21** | **Centre Rd Forest Gate** | Redbridge proposing improvements (poor quality) but left hanging in Newham section. |
| **22** | **Road Works** | What to do about quick default to “Cyclists Dismount” |
| **23** | **Brampton Academy Community Highways scheme** | This ‘**Community highway**’ scheme main aim is to achieve air quality improvements, soil permeability, speed reduction, pedestrian increased footway, safer and shorter crossing points and other Healthy Street outcomes.  In short, improve the highways around this educational facility to make it safer for ‘Active Travel’ modes in particular pedestrian movements.  The schemed focused on the [**Boundary Road/Boundary Lane/Tunmarsh Lane junctions [Plaistow/East Ham]**](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.5242932,0.0396011,173m/data=!3m1!1e3)and [**Glen Road/Boundary Lane/A13 path link roundabout junction**](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.5221084,0.0402981,101m/data=!3m1!1e3)  NC have submitted detailed suggestions |
| **24** | **Lister Community School Highways scheme** | This ‘**Community highway**’ scheme main aim is to achieve speed reduction, road safety, pedestrian increased footway, safer crossing points and to accommodate two new entrances to the school.  The schemed focused on the [**Green Street West/Upton Park area**](https://www.google.co.uk/maps/@51.5325137,0.0285709,695m/data=!3m1!1e3) ***[Estate roads around Lister Community School]***  NC have submitted detailed suggestions. |