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For the attention of businesses located
along the A105

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My Ref : Business A105

Your Ref :

Date : April 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

CYCLE ENFIELD – A105 SCHEME

This is to update you about the Cycle Enfield proposals for the A105 and explain how you can help influence the design.

Local businesses are an essential part of our community. Creating thriving and accessible high streets and town centres across the borough is a key priority for both Cycle Enfield and Enfield Council more broadly.

What is Cycle Enfield?

Cycle Enfield has the potential to significantly change the look and feel of the borough, increasing transport choices and enhancing our high streets. Whilst increasing the number of bicycle trips can bring individual health and financial benefits, it can also generate wider benefits for the community. We understand that cycling is not for everyone and that not every journey is practical by bike. However, an increase in cycling can lead to a reduction in air pollution and ease congestion. This can lead to quicker journey times and reduce demand on car parking for those that choose to drive.

We have produced a short video which aims to explain more about Cycle Enfield, which you can watch on the homepage of our website: www.cycleenfield.co.uk.

We have also created a 'Frequently Asked Questions' page on our website which provides further information: www.cycleenfield.co.uk/faqs.

Cycle Enfield Exhibitions

We recently held a series of exhibitions at local venues to show how road space could be reallocated to incorporate cycle lanes, and to generate some early feedback from local residents

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and businesses. For those local business owners and managers who were unable to attend the Cycle Enfield exhibitions, we have included copies of the following diagrams with this letter:

- A105 opportunities plan; - A105 Town Centre cross sections; - A105 Residential cross sections.

These diagrams are also available to download on our website¹, along with a short film about the exhibition and additional documents that illustrate the range of comments that were received. You can still provide comment on these diagrams, on the exhibition pages of our website you will find a form to enable you to provide any feedback that you may have – the opportunity to comment will remain open until Friday 15th May.

Local business owners concerns

Cycle Enfield has heard some understandable concerns from some of the business community about the artist's impressions/concept designs contained within the original bid. However, we would like to reassure you that we are still investigating multiple options for each route.

We understand that the ability to park is an important component in generating successful high streets and town centres. Therefore, within these environments, our guiding principle is to try and retain as much of the existing provision as possible, only reducing this where it is absolutely necessary. Where appropriate, we will review the charging regime of Council owned car parks along the proposed routes and make improvements to signage, lighting and CCTV.

As well as those that travel by private car, we also need to cater for people that choose to travel by bus, those that choose to walk, and enable more people to choose to cycle. The challenge of sustaining successful high streets and town centres of the future will include balancing the needs of all these forms of transport.

In addition to car parking, it is understood that loading is critical for businesses to function. Therefore, the guiding design principle is to try and maintain the loading provision that currently exists. Linked to this, is the continued need for both elderly and disabled residents to be able to access local businesses. All of these requirements will need to be considered during the design phase.

Why put a cycle route through high streets & town centres?

The proposed Cycle Enfield upgrades are aimed at better connecting the different parts of our community, forming a coherent network, linking up our high streets and town centres and all the key amenities that they offer. Whilst routes on quiet roads are part of the proposals, we also want to create safe, direct and convenient cycle lanes along some of our main road routes. New routes should be designed to enable the future residents of Enfield, of all ages, to be able to choose to cycle some of their journeys should they wish to do so.

Cycle Enfield presents a significant opportunity to improve the public realm within Enfield's town centres and high streets. This will be to the benefit of the whole community, irrespective of how people get there. However, it should be noted that Transport for London will only approve enhancements to our public realm which includes transformational improvements for cycling. If the cycle routes keep to quieter roads, we would miss the opportunity to deliver public realm improvements at town centres.

¹ <http://cycleenfield.co.uk/about-cycle-enfield/cycle-enfield-exhibitions/>

What happens next?

There will be further opportunity to comment on more detailed designs as the Cycle Enfield programme develops:

- Over the summer, we will hold a further series of public events that will show more detailed designs along the entire routes.
- We will also hold a business specific event, enabling local business owners and landlords to look at these second stage designs. This will enable you to see what the design could look like in your specific location and discuss proposals direct with the designers and Council Officers. At this event, we will offer a number of one to one appointments that can be booked, should there be specific issues that you would like to discuss.
- Following the public events, the formal consultation process will begin on the final design proposals. As part of this formal consultation process, we will write again to all businesses (and residents) that are located along the main road routes, explaining the process and how you can participate.

Where do I find out more?

More information on Cycle Enfield is available online and information and updates will continue to be added to the website, including specific dates of future events as they are finalised.

If you're interested in keeping up-to-date with developments and wish to be notified about future information and events, where you can have a say about Cycle Enfield proposals, please sign-up online (www.cycleenfield.co.uk) to receive our Cycle Enfield e-newsletter.

If you have a specific issue that you would like to raise at this stage, please either write to us at the above address, e-mail us, or use our website contact form (<http://cycleenfield.co.uk/contact/>) to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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