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Dear Mr Clarke

Freedom of Information Request: Green Lanes 'Mini Holland' Drawings

You will find attached 5 drawings - the most up-to-date that Enfield Council has - showing cycle route proposals along Green Lanes associated with the 'Mini Holland' programme.

These drawings were produced by Enfield Council's consultant and appended to the bid that was submitted to Transport for London in late 2013. They are outline drawings, only, not detailed proposals. Their purpose was merely to indicate the possibility of providing continuous cycle lanes along either side of the A105 Green Lanes, in support of the proposals in the bid.

You will be aware that Enfield Council has since been chosen as one of the three 'Mini Holland' boroughs. Over the coming months design work and consultation will begin in earnest for the various measures proposed across the borough. In this period outline designs such as these will be developed into more detailed proposals or options that can then be taken to the public and other stakeholders for comment, revision and review.

I note your four points of particular interest, and respond to each as follows:

- 1) Provision of car parking space in Green Lanes
It may be possible to infer from the drawings, with some degree of accuracy, the approximate length of existing parking bays and unrestricted kerbside parking that would be affected by the proposals shown.

However, this is not an exercise that Enfield Council has completed, and may not yield any useful figures given that the designs are soon to be superseded by more detailed versions and do not take account of any new or alternative parking space that might be worked into the final layouts. Also the drawings alone do not indicate how much of the unrestricted kerbside is currently used as parking space or not. In summary, the exercise of establishing what impact the proposals will have on parking is work that is still to follow.

2) Pedestrian crossing arrangements

At key junctions crossing arrangements are indicated on the drawings, as part of traffic signal installations. Elsewhere crossing facilities may be omitted from the drawing or shown as 'existing' rather than proposed. In summary, the design work to date is not yet sufficiently developed to provide much useful information on this topic. The provision of suitable crossing facilities will be a key component of the detailed design work to follow.

3) Changes to bus lanes

The drawings imply that the bus lane on the southbound approach to the Broomfield Lane junction would be removed. However, this has not been considered in any degree of detail to date. The drawings indicate the position of bus stops.

4) Changes to the Triangle Junction in Palmers Green

The drawings show this location only with regard to their primary purpose, which was to indicate the possibility of providing continuous cycle lanes along either side of the A105 Green Lanes. They do not attempt to indicate what treatments or options might be proposed for areas where the character of the public realm is of particular importance. Enfield Council recognises the significance of The Triangle as a well-loved public space and, going forward, this will be reflected in the degree of attention paid to the design of this area, and the level of public engagement included within the consultation exercises.

I trust this answers your questions. Please see the additional text on the following page.

Yours sincerely



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