

Cycle path, A4 Hounslow (1)

Question No: 62 / 2009

[Caroline Pidgeon](#)

Despite the answer given to then AM Geoff Pope by the previous Mayor (2299/2007) there appears to have been no substantial work to improve the cycle path as promised. As a cyclist has recently been killed on this section of the A4, will you ask TfL to expedite this work?

Answer from the Mayor:

TfL has two schemes in progress on the A4 in Hounslow. The first will improve the continuity and condition of the existing cycle ways on the A4 between Boston Manor Road and Chiswick Roundabout. Works are due to start next month and be completed in the Spring. The second scheme concerns the A4 junction with Syon Lane where a Toucan crossing is proposed for installation on the west side of this junction in the new financial year.

In addition to this, TfL will investigate improved cycling conditions on the A4 between Syon Lane and Boston Manor Road in the new financial year.

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Will TfL investigate the potential with London Borough of Hounslow of piloting the safety benefits of giving the cycle route the right of way over roads joining the A4 between Chiswick and Hounslow?

Answer from the Mayor:

As part of the Cycle Highways initiative TfL will investigate the potential to trial new traffic arrangements and priorities – such as those you suggest - which go beyond what is permitted within the current regulations. This will, of course, require the agreement and support of the Department for Transport.

Motorcycles in bus lanes

Question No: 108 / 2009

[Valerie Shawcross](#)

Will you listen to results of the consultation on allowing motorcycles in bus lanes or have you already made up your mind on this issue?

Answer from the Mayor:

I will carefully review the assessment undertaken by TfL and responses received during the trial period before making any decision on making the changes permanent.

London Cycling Campaign

Question No: 113 / 2009

[Joanne McCartney](#)

The London Cycling Campaign estimates 100,000 new cycle parking spaces will be needed if the Mayor's plans to increase cycling trips to 5% of total journeys in London. Does the Mayor agree with the estimate of the LCC and how will the Mayor fund new cycle parking spaces?

Answer from the Mayor:

I have asked TfL to look at the measures and investment necessary to support the growth in cycling to 5% share of total journeys. There are a number of funding opportunities and work streams through which cycle parking is provided and we must ensure that every opportunity is fully exploited. I will ask TfL to ensure that they, the Boroughs and property owners and developers all play their part in providing cycle parking and that this is reflected in the London Plan, the revised Mayor's Transport Strategy and other strategic and operational practice guidance.

Cycle Parking Standards

Question No: 114 / 2009

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Does the Mayor plan to finalise the draft Cycle Parking Standards document from 2004 or will you wait until 2012 to incorporate them into the supplementary planning guidance of the London Plan?

Answer from the Mayor:

There will be work to develop a separate TfL document on cycle parking (and possibly other cycling issues) as part of the work on Mayor's Transport Strategy 2. The issue of cycle parking will also be considered as part of the London Plan review which is happening in parallel. The public consultation drafts for both MTS 2 and the London Plan are likely to be issued in the Autumn of 2009.

Cycle Parking Spaces

Question No: 115 / 2009

[Joanne McCartney](#)

How many cycle parking spaces will be created on the Olympic site?

Answer from the Mayor:

During the Games temporary cycling parking will be available for spectators and workforce attending the event at the following locations/numbers:

Victoria Park: c5,000 spaces

Northern Spectator Transport Mall: 2000 spaces

Southern Spectator Transport Mall: c500 spaces

Stratford Regional Station: 300 spaces

After the Olympics all permanent venues within the Olympic Park will have cycle parking including the Main Stadium, Velopark, Aquatics Centre and IBC/MPC. Locations have been identified for cycle parking at each of the venues, but the numbers of detailed specifications have yet to be determined.

Velib Cycle Hire

Question No: 116 / 2009

[Joanne McCartney](#)

Will docking stations for the Velib cycle hire scheme replace current cycle parking spaces?

Answer from the Mayor:

It is not the intention to remove existing cycle parking spaces in order to site cycle hire docking stations. However in some locations it may be necessary to re-site existing cycle parking facilities to make better use of the available space. This will not lead to a reduction in the parking spaces available and any re-sited parking will be close to its original location.

Pan London Cycling Scheme

Question No: 162 / 2009

Andrew Boff

Has Islington Borough Council agreed to participate in the Pan London Cycling Scheme?

Answer from the Mayor:

Yes. The Leader of Islington Council, Councillor James Kempton, wrote to me on 11 August 2008 outlining the Council's support for the scheme. Since that time, Islington Council officers have been working with TfL to identify suitable sites for cycle hire stations. Good progress is being made on finalising the 25 sites required in the borough. TfL expects the first phase of the scheme to deliver around 6,000 bikes, located at around 400 sites within Central London by May 2010.

Cyclist Safety

Question No: 173 / 2009

Roger Evans

What is TfL doing to improve cyclists safety and, in particular, to protect cyclists from lorries turning left?

Answer from the Mayor:

TfL is undertaking a wide range of actions to improve cyclist safety and protect cyclists from left-turning lorries. Their work includes:

- Distributing another 10,000 'Fresnel' lenses to Freight operators in London (last year TfL also distributed 10,000 of these lenses). These are attached to the inside of a lorry's passenger-side window and improve the driver's vision of cyclists when they cycle down the nearside.
- Rolling out the Freight Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) which is a unique, industry-led Freight operator membership scheme with the aim to transform freight delivery in London. FORS can assist in highlighting safety issues such as this to operators.
- Providing funding for 'Bikeability' training courses, delivered locally to cyclists. More than 35,000 children and adults are trained annually to this nationally recognised standard.
- Continuing with publicity campaigns, including on the TfL website and in other media, that are designed to highlight the dangers to cyclists, further improving safety.
- Contributing to a consultation by the Department for Transport which proposed the retrofitting of improved wide angle and close proximity mirrors to HGVs that have come into operation since January 2000. TfL's response made clear that they believed that all heavy vehicles over 3.5 tonnes should be retrofitted with these additional mirrors.