

FDPC

Proposal for meeting January 2015

Proposal on Horningsea Road/Ditton Lane Cycle lane extension from A14 to Cycle Route 51

Background

The 2.5m wide cycleway from Horningsea to the Fen Ditton boundary was opened in February 2011 and new traffic lights completing this part of the link over the A14 access route became operational in 2014. www.camcycle.org.uk/newsletters/95/article7.html

However funding at the time prevented the completion of this route. The current cycle route south from the A14 junction becomes difficult from around the Primary School down to Fen Ditton High Street and positively hazardous on Ditton Lane to Fison Road. An alternative route into the city down the High Street and Wadloes footpath while safer and pleasant is not suitable for commuter or the faster cyclists as Wadloes is too narrow for cyclists and pedestrian to mix safely. Wadloes also becomes dark and slippery during the winter months being tree lined. This route is also likely to become more popular without a viable alternative when Wing is occupied or the new rail station operational.

The cycle plan below indicates the gap and the location of the proposed work.

In addition to an extension of the cycle route there is considerable safety benefit to school children walking between the Fen Ditton Primary school south towards Fison Road. Previous reports have identified this stretch of footpath on Ditton Lane as too narrow, putting pedestrians at risk from wing mirrors of wide vehicles etc. Some minor work has been undertaken to widen this stretch of the footpath but funding has prevented a more permanent solution to date.

Proposal

The FDPC understand that funding for more cycle routes has or is becoming available and is therefore proposing to submit a proposal to the CCC cycle team that this section of Horningsea Road/Ditton Lane be upgraded to a full cycleway.

This proposal, whilst detailed, has not had any input from a Traffic Expert and therefore may not all be viable or what gets delivered may be subject to changes that requires further approval by the parish council. This proposal is just designed to get the process of cycleway upgrades underway.



- 1 Widen and improve standard of current cycle path from A14 to school. Cut back bushes.



- 2 Traffic light crossing just north of school.



- 3 Widen and improve standard of current cycle path from the primary school to the bus stop at the High Ditch Road crossroads. Cut back bushes.



- 4 Move telephone pole back and/or remove small brick wall if possible.



- 5 Redesign layout to dual use in front of bus stop.



6 Redesign layout of High Ditch Road and Horningsea Road to included cycle friendly crossing.



7 Cut back bank for cycle path on Ditton Lane between High Ditch Road and Fison Road. May need to move two street lamps and a tree. This work may result in the loss of several trees, but the trees are not in good condition and the following advice the parish council has decided to seek an alternative site to re-plant lost trees from this area.





- 8 Cut back overgrown trees and widen path for cycle traffic. A conversation with a local resident suggests the boundary with local houses is at their fence, well back from the path.



- 9 Improve cycle path on Ditton Lane down to the crossing at the Fison Road junction.



10 Joins up to Route51 by crossing on west side of Ditton Lane.

