

CYCLING ENGLAND DEMONSTRATION TOWN PROJECT BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2008

PETER LOKER'S OFFICE, LANCASTER TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Councillor E Blamire (EB)
Councillor J Fletcher (JF)
County Councillor J Yates (JY)
Ged McAllister (GM)
Peter Loker (PSL)

		ACTION
1.	FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT Board noted the good news and resolved to accept the funding.	
2.	CAPITAL SUPPORT TO ASSIST MATCH FUNDING GM outlined that Denny Beck Bridge on the cycleway required repair work to bring it up to a County Council adoptable standard. Without that work it remained a City Council liability along with an associated length of cycle track of about 4km. Estimated repair costs in the region of £140K and featured in Council Capital Programme but some years away. Board resolved that a Business Case be developed to bring forward the funding and that it be submitted to the City Council as a bid into its capital programme for 2009/10.	GM
3.	FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME Noted that both the proposed infrastructure programme and the 'softer' promotional work had now been agreed on a project by project basis with Cycling England – which is why the funding contract had been offered. There was now little flexibility to vary that programme, but the Board could decide not to proceed with some parts of it. However, the programme agreed with Cycling England had been worked up through the Steering Group. The Board resolved to support the work programme submitted and allocate the funding offered into those projects.	

It was noted:

- That Cycling England were offering support to adopt a more 'social marketing' approach to encourage the take up of cycling so that may require some amendments to the current 'soft' programme.
- GM to send Councillor Fletcher details of negotiations with Haverbreaks Residents Association in her role as Ward Councillor. Also check on position with Hi Viz vest giveaways and advise.

GM

4. PROJECT EVALUATION

Cycling England were satisfied with programme delivery to-date as being on schedule. Two longer term difficulties now being addressed:

- **Access to RLI** - Hospitals Trust has now agreed a route into grounds from Canal and a deal brokered with British Waterways Board linked to development of their site.
- **Delays with TRO Approvals** - County moving to recruit into more posts following major restructuring exercise and this should support TRO situation.

Progress noted.

5. CENTROS DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Blamire advised she was still receiving a number of direct enquiries about what cycle access had been agreed into the site. GM to clarify with Planners and send information direct to Councillor Blamire and other Board Members.

GM

6. CYCLING SAFETY

Noted general information on accident statistics and specific concern about the seriously injured cyclists near the University on A6. Rachel Scott still trying to obtain details. In meantime, a safety audit was being commissioned for the A6 from Lancaster to Galgate.

R Scott

7. NEXT MEETING

9.15 am, Tuesday 10 March 2009 – Peter Loker's Office