

NORWICH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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Campaign News

Update on Station Cycle Parking campaign (see Newsletter 59)

I'm pleased to say that on 24th November 2005 (after the last newsletter had gone to press), the City Council Planning Applications Committee today approved in full the revised scheme to include the improved cycle parking, together with a planning condition to ensure there is adequate temporary cycle parking at all times during the course of construction.

Once again, many thanks if you supported our campaign. We had a real impact that was noted by the planners. I'm told construction of the bus interchange will start sometime in the Spring.



DON'T STOP....

...but you may like to know that the 'bus interchange' plan that was going to lead to loss of half of these bike stands has been changed!

Thanks to the many objections received from people who park their bikes here, we will not only keep the same number of bike parking spaces, but also gain extra ones under cover!

This hard-won positive outcome has been negotiated by Norwich Cycling Campaign. It led to the substantial revision of the submitted planning application which has now been approved.

Construction work is expected to start in the Spring, and we have insisted on adequate temporary bike parking being provided.

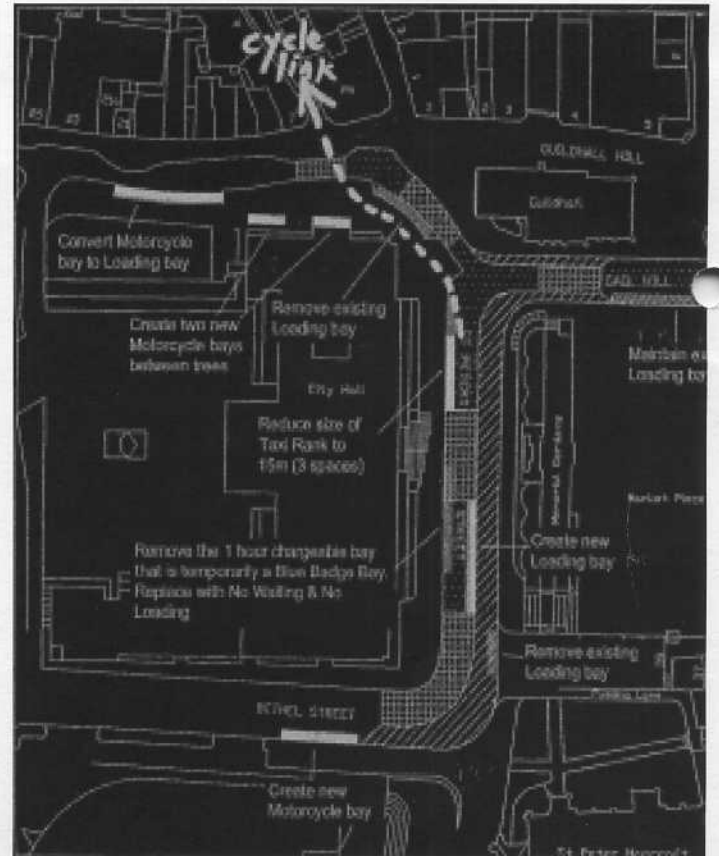
MANY THANKS IF YOU WERE ONE OF THOSE WHO OBJECTED TO THE ORIGINAL PLANNING APPLICATION!

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St Peter's Street preliminary proposals

Here is a copy of a drawing showing some intended changes to the area outside City Hall. This will include turning the war memorial around and extending the pavement out. We will hopefully get a cycle link to allow bikes to get from the front of City Hall across St Giles Street to the top of Upper Goat Lane, and thence to the increasingly useful West Pottergate route out of the city centre.

ILLUSTRATION – CITY COUNCIL PLAN



New Website address

By the time this newsletter goes to press, the Campaign's website and email addresses would have changed to

www.norwichcyclingcampaign.org.uk

And

Info@norwichcyclingcampaign.org.uk

Please contact Oliver Stretton-Downes on 01603 483353 or send an email to: oliver@s-downes.freeserve.co.uk

Newsletter

Hopefully there will be an online version of the newsletter on the Campaign's website within the next few months. However the content and format have to be decided upon. It is also possible that an expanded edition of the newsletter will be available upon request via email or CD.

It would be useful if the editor could build up a library of original images for the newsletter from members living in the area as he is not able to get to Norwich as often as he would like. The images could be anything from street scenes to abstract pictures of bicycles and street furniture to posed photos from a bike ride.



Grapes Hill Roundabout

Since implementation of the changes (see Newsletter 58) we've had some reports of near misses for bike users exiting the roundabout, especially when in the left hand lane. If you've experienced a similar incident, please let us know so we can compile a dossier.



Annual General Meeting

15th December 2005

1. **Introduction**

All members present introduced themselves.

2. **Attendance**

Michael Dale, Fraser Tomsett, Richard Bearman, Janet Higgins, Ian Smith, Nigel Howard, Mike Savage, Martin Badham, Mathew Williams, Sarah Elsegood, Jeff Jordan, Christine Wilson, Phyll Hardie, Jane Saunders, Bee Springwood, Margherita Colombo, Tim Mellors (City Council Cycling Officer), Hereward Cooke (Deputy Leader Norwich City Council (NCC Member)).

There were others in attendance that did not sign list

3. **Apologies**

Ian Maunders, Nicola Maunders.

4. **2004 AGM Minutes & Matters Arising**

2004 minutes were read and agreed as a true record by those present. It was noted that the meeting under minute 7a did not happen due to the demise of the Cycle Forum.

Chairs Report.

Jeff Jordan presented his chairs report. A discussion followed on a proposed "compact" with the City Council under which the Norwich Cycle Campaign would have regular meetings with councillors, city and county cycling officers to raise issues and input ideas from cyclist about cycling issues. Meetings would be short, informal with no minutes.

The discussion involved looking at the pros and cons of this and whether the NCC should take part. There was concern that the "compact" would restrict the NCC campaigns. After discussion it was agreed that the NCC should participate in the meetings and see how it worked for a period of 3 months before deciding on whether or not to continue with the meetings.

A vote of thanks was given at the meeting for the work Jeff had done in the past year.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Richard Brearman presented a copy of the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November 2005. The accounts showed that at the 30th November 2005 the campaign had £3718.27 in the bank.

A vote of thanks was given at the meeting for the work Richard had done in the past year.

7. **Membership.**

Sarah Elsegood reported that NCC now has 156 Members as at the 1.12.2005. A lot of members had renewed membership in the last year and many donations had also been received.

A vote of thanks was given at the meeting for the work Sarah had done since taking up the work as membership secretary.

Consultation Officers Report.

Mathew Williams presented his Consultations officers report dealing with the issues faced by the campaign in 2005 notably the Chapelfield Roundabout and the Railway Station Bus Interchange. Following the presentation of the report a brief discussion and question and answer session took place about aspects of the report.

Due to the work Mathew had done on behalf of the campaign it was noted that although we had been unsuccessful in stopping the changes to the Chapelfield Roundabout we had got significant changes to the original proposals to mitigate some of the negative effects for cyclists.

The issue of the changes to Cycle Parking at the railway station had been much more successful with the end result of an increased cycle provision at the station.

A vote of thanks was given to Mathew for all the work he had done on behalf of the campaign in a very difficult year.



