

Fen Ditton to Horningsea Cycleway CTC Comments and Recommendations.

See Cambs County Council Web site for

maps. <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/projects/south/Fen+Ditton+to+Horningsea+Cycleway+Improvements.htm>

Comments are listed starting from High Ditch Road going north.

1. The cycleway needs to go straight across the Pub Car Park entrance rather than bend into it with resulting discontinuity and poor sight lines.
2. The crossing outside the school has poor access on the western side of the road. There appears to be no problem with space at this point and we recommend that a Jug Handle Approach be used to overcome this problem. The problem is made worse because the traffic island in the road at this point is too small to use as a refuge.
3. The route up to the A14 is up hill for a considerable part of its route which we consider as a good reason for increasing the width to 3M. This is supported by DfT 02/08 8.5.2.
4. Careful consideration be given to the junction where traffic turns left onto the A14W. There is a real danger that cyclists going straight on will be hit by turning traffic. Cyclists cannot see traffic coming up from behind. We know that the Council is very concerned about this potential hazard and propose to alter the geometry of the junction to make fast left turns more difficult. We suggest that taking the cyclepath out a few feet and bending it back across the junction might help. We appreciate that this may be a very expensive option due to the bank on which it would be located.
5. At the Junction to the A14E we request that repeater lights be provided for cyclists at low level
6. We consider that the Cyclepath north to Horningsea should be 3M as firstly it is down hill and secondly it is a potentially a busy Commuter and Children's school route.
7. The end of the path just after the Gate feature needs to be designed so cyclists can rejoin road. Some paint on the road just past the gate feature might achieve the desired safe exit area. Some consideration should be given to cyclists who wish to visit the Horningsea Garden Centre and Cycle Shop just north of this point.
8. There needs to be some provision for cyclists going south to cross the road to the cycleway. This could take two forms Firstly indications for cyclists to move out and turn right onto the path and secondly a refuge on the east side of the road so cyclists can stop and make a safe crossing. Some consideration should be given to cyclists who wish to visit the Horningsea Garden Centre and Cycle Shop just north of this point which would be at the same location. The path on the West side may need to be widened to accommodate cyclists crossing.

I invite comments which I will attempt to co-ordinate for submission to Cambs C.C. Users are welcome to make their own comments direct to the Council see their web site for details.

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