

Histon Cycleway Improvements. CTC Comments and Recommendations

The details of the County Council Plans can be found at:

<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/projects/south/Histon+Cycleway+Improvements.htm>

Comments are listed starting from A14 going north.

This development is really in two parts. The first part from the A14 to Histon is about improvements to the existing cycle facilities. As I am not a local person I find it very difficult to provide comments. As far as I can see it is a good approach but a local user might be able to add considerable comments.

1. There is one section where there is no cycle facility on the east side of the road due to lack of space. Provided there is adequate indication to vehicle drivers that cyclists are to be expected on this section of road this should be satisfactory. I have seen realistic signs in California saying "Share the road with cyclists".
The idea of mandatory cycle lanes was considered but considered too restrictive with the space available. Advisory cycle lanes were also rejected as sending out the wrong signals to cycle users.
2. The partial use of the road at Impington Lane Traffic Lights is probably the best that can be provided. We will need to consider the detailed drawings for such items as dropped Kerbs and road marking at the ends of Cycleways.
3. There are several places where the cycleway appears to lose its priority. We accept that this is inevitable but ask that give way markings be placed on the side roads with suitable warning signs of "cyclists crossing".
4. There is a short section of 2M wide Shared use path north of Parlour close (where there is a crossing to the cycleway on the east side of the road) but it is unlikely to get much cycle use so it is acceptable.
5. We recommend that there should be a crossing point at the Cottenham/Glebe Road Junction for southbound cyclists.
6. The section from Histon to Cottenham is a rebuild of the existing very poor standard facility.
7. The new path will be 2.5M wide for the route. There is a case for a 3M wide path as it is bound to be used by Commuters and School children. There is some potential for conflict between pedestrians and cyclists especially close to Histon.
8. There appears to be no loss of priority at any point though there are some access points into houses which may produce blind spots.
9. We think there is a realistic crossing point for northbound cyclists at the northern end of the path. There is also indication that the access for southbound cyclists will be a smooth access so they will be able to continue to ride at a normal speed. We recommend that there should be clear signage warning vehicles of the 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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