

TEDDINGTON SOCIETY ROADS AND TRANSPORT GROUP REPORT FOR TEDDINGTON SOCIETY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON 19th MARCH 2003

1. Unitary Development Plan – sale of North Lane car park – Proposal D17

The last administration decided to sell off both North lane (east) (26 spaces) and Station Road (over 50 spaces) car parks on the assumption that residents would be voting for CPZs. The councillors have ignored the UDP Inspector's recommendation that additional short term parking was required in Teddington. They have also completely failed to understand that CPZs substantially reduce the number of parking spaces for residents during the hours of operation – and prevent shoppers parking. The new administration has compounded this error of judgement by proposing to reclassify the North Lane car park as land for building private housing, claiming that there is ample spare parking in the surrounding area –an untrue statement.

We would like all of you to do two things:-

- (i) write to object to this proposal; and
- (ii) always use the small car park when shopping in Broad Street to keep it full.

2. Teddington Consultation Exercise – Parking Report.

Teddington Councillors are keen to put the Study Group's Report on the back burner in the hope that residents will vote for a CPZ – they sold off the Station Road car park lease for £150,000 without any form of consultation – believing incorrectly, that that a CPZ will somehow compensate for the loss of 60 free shoppers' parking spaces. The Councillors' actions are delaying the consultation procedure which could be well under way had the Report's recommendations been acted on. A new parking Consultant, Davina Millichip has been appointed, who has designed CPZs in Islington and Ealing. She has no knowledge of Teddington.

3. Teddington Consultation Exercise – cycling

Cyclists are unhappy about cycle lane design on the Broad Street approach to the railway bridge – I have met Colin Tether, James Geeson and Lisa Fenn to see whether a safe cycle lane can be installed on the uphill stretch from Broad Street – this should be possible – they will look at other aspects of the design as well.

4. Teddington Consultation Exercise – bus stops

Proposals to shift both bus stops in Broad Street to remove the overlap were turned down at the last Transport Consultative Group meeting. Engineers have been instructed to produce new plans. We have suggested that serious consideration should be given to closing off the end of the Causeway to create a continuous pavement, a mini town centre with bus stops and seating, and the removal of the Causeway traffic lights. This will significantly reduce queues and delays for through traffic, and give passengers a more pleasant environment in which to wait.

5. Sandy Lane – Pelican Crossing and speed cameras

The Pelican crossing is currently being installed at Bushy Park Road (part of a recommended cycle route) – this section of road has been the subject of several accidents. The new speed cameras have substantially reduced traffic speeds. Accidents are still occurring however.